



## Art History - Education Abroad Advising Guide

### Art History

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### Why study Art History abroad?

- Invest in your future and add value to your degree
- Improve your chances of getting a job and expand career options
- Earn credits towards your degree
- Become more independent and self-confident
- Gain intercultural communication skills and expand your problem-solving skills
- Stand out to employers and prepare you to work in an increasingly diverse world
- Gain new perspective on your field
- Improve your language skills
- Develop a global network of faculty, students, friends, and locals

### What courses should I take?

Study abroad is a wonderful opportunity for students to take classes to fulfill a variety of requirements including:

- Upper level art history electives
- Renaissance and Baroque
- Modern and Contemporary
- Non Western
- Internship (3 credit, 144 hour minimum)
- Fine Arts studio
- Foreign Language

### How can I afford to study abroad?

Studying abroad does not have to be expensive! VCU offers a variety of program options to fit most students' budgets and the Education Abroad office assists students with identifying and applying for funding. Consider the following:

- **Use what you already have!** Most financial aid and scholarships that you already receive can be used toward study abroad. Other sources of funding may also help: pre-paid tuition plans, veteran's benefits, etc.
- **Scholarships:** There are VCU scholarships to study abroad as well as nationally competitive scholarships. Begin your search on our site and at [StudyAbroadFunding.org](http://StudyAbroadFunding.org) and [DiversityAbroad.com](http://DiversityAbroad.com)
- **Program length:** Per day expenses are often less expensive on semester programs than on summer programs and airfare may cost the same regardless of the length of your stay

- **Program type:** Programs with more structure that include group activities or excursions may be more expensive than exchange programs which include tuition, room, and board.
- **Cost of living:** If you're looking to save money on studying abroad, avoid destinations with a high cost of living like capital cities and popular tourist destinations.
- **What's included?** When considering the cost of a program, determine what the program fee includes...and what it doesn't. Some are almost all-inclusive and will cover the cost of a cell phone, insurance, group excursions and welcome/farewell receptions whereas other programs cover only the basics.

## Notable Funding Opportunities for Art History Majors

**Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship:** For US undergraduates with Pell Grants; for programs at least 28 days in length; diversity of student and destination is a priority; scholarships up to \$5,000 available; additional \$3,000 available to study critical need languages such as Arabic, Chinese, Turkish, Indic, Korean, Russian, etc.

**Boren Awards for International Study:** For US undergraduates to study in areas critical to US interests including Africa, Asia, Central & Eastern Europe, Eurasia, Latin America, and the Middle East; scholarships up to \$20,000; preference is given to study less commonly taught languages such as Arabic, Chinese, Korean, Portuguese, Russian, and Swahili.

**Phi Kappa Phi:** For undergraduates with at least a cumulative GPA of at least 3.75

**Fund for Education Abroad:** General scholarships up to \$10,000 for US undergraduates planning to spend a minimum of 30 days abroad; Hilary Echo Douglas scholarship for study in Vietnam; Rainbow Scholarship for LGBTQI students

## What are my next steps?

1. **Attend a First Advising Session.** These group advising sessions are held Monday-Friday at 12:30 in the Education Abroad office.
2. **Investigate Programs.** Explore [VCU Study Abroad Programs](#) and talk to advisors and past participants for guidance
3. **Inform your academic advisor** of your interest in studying abroad
4. **Explore the approved course database** to view pre-approved courses; talk with your academic advisor for approval on other courses
5. **Explore your funding options.** Speak with a Financial Aid counselor, investigate and apply for scholarships

## **Featured Education Abroad Programs**

The following are a list of programs recommended for Art History majors. The sections below are organized by program type and include many different program models including group and individual programs, study abroad, service-learning abroad, research abroad, and internship abroad programs. While these are featured programs for Art History majors, students are by no means limited to these opportunities. For all available programs, please visit [VCU Study Abroad Programs](#) or contact an Education Abroad advisor.

### **GEO Short-Term Programs**

VCU faculty members lead groups of VCU students for short-term programs during the summer, spring break and winter intersession. Participants earn VCU credit. New programs are created every year, and most are open to students from any major. See our [website](#) for the most current list of faculty-led programs.

#### **Direct-Enroll at Santa Reparata International School of Art**

The Global Education Office and [Santa Reparata International School of Art](#) are pleased to announce a new summer direct-enroll program in Florence, Italy. This program gives students the opportunity to take a variety of arts, language, and culture courses in the home of the Renaissance, all taught in English. SRISA coursework offers highly personalized instruction and experiential learning, enhanced with an internship program and a range of extracurricular activities, including art exhibits, cultural seminars, beyond-the-classroom learning, guest lecturers, and museum visits.

### [Direct-Enroll at Sant'Anna Institute](#)

The Global Education Office and the Sant'Anna Institute are pleased to offer VCU students a new summer study abroad program in Sorrento, Italy. The program offers an exceptional opportunity to take classes in a wide range of academic disciplines, all taught in English or Italian, while living in historic Sorrento, Italy. Sant'Anna's academic building overlooks the picturesque Bay of Naples on Italy's Amalfi Coast, allowing to experience the unique culture and customs of southern Italy in a walkable, cosmopolitan setting.

## **VCU Semester Programs**

VCU's relationship with the universities below allows students to study at the institutions for a semester or an academic year while paying standard tuition and fees to VCU. Other expenses – such as room, board, airfare, insurance and spending money – are the responsibility of the student.

### [VCUQ](#)

The exchange program at VCUQatar is a unique opportunity to earn VCU credits while studying design in a fascinating location. You will have an insider's view of life in the gulf region and the rich culture that suffuses the area. The turquoise-blue waters of the Persian Gulf provide a picturesque backdrop for the constantly changing landscape of Doha. Each year, students from the School of the Arts apply for this very competitive program.

## **International Student Exchange Program (ISEP)**

Choose from over 300 universities around the world offering summer, semester and year-long programs. Apply to up to 10 institutions on a single application. ISEP offers two types of placements: ISEP-Exchange (program fee based on VCU's in-state tuition, room and board) and ISEP-Direct (program fee based on host university's tuition, room and board). For best chance of exchange placement, apply by August 15 for spring programs and January 15 for fall/full-year programs.

### ISEP institutions offering Art History courses taught in **English**:

**ARGENTINA:** Universidad del Salvador

**AUSTRALIA:** Western Sydney University

**AUSTRIA:** Karl-Franzens-Universität Graz

**BULGARIA:** American University in Bulgaria

**CANADA:** University of Regina

**FINLAND:** Abo Akademi University

**FINLAND:** University of Helsinki

**FRANCE:** Université Grenoble Alpes

**FRANCE:** Université du Maine

**GERMANY:** Technische Universität Dortmund

**GERMANY:** Katholische Universität Eichstätt-Ingolstadt

**GERMANY:** Universität Trier

**GHANA:** University of Ghana

**HONG KONG:** The Chinese University of Hong Kong

**ITALY:** Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore

**ITALY:** Università degli Studi di Pavia

**ITALY:** Università degli Studi di Trieste

**ITALY:** Università degli Studi di Urbino "Carlo Bo"

**MALAYSIA:** Universiti Pendidikan Sultan Idris

**MALTA:** University of Malta

**NETHERLANDS:** Leiden University

**NEW ZEALAND:** Massey University

**SOUTH AFRICA:** University of Johannesburg

**SPAIN:** Universitat Rovira I Virgili

**SWITZERLAND:** Universität Bern

**SWITZERLAND:** Université de Fribourg

**SWITZERLAND:** Université de Lausanne

**UNITED ARAB EMIRATES:** American University of Sharjah

**UNITED KINGDOM:** University of Bristol

**UNITED KINGDOM:** University of Roehampton

**UNITED KINGDOM:** Plymouth University

## **Affiliate and Alternative Programs**

The following programs are sponsored by 1) study abroad organizations/providers, 2) other US institutions, or 3) foreign universities who accept visiting international students. There are many other programs available aside from the ones listed below.

**CZECH REPUBLIC:** [Charles University](#) (available through ISA)

**Terms:** Fall and Spring **Courses include:** Art and Architecture of Prague: The City Throughout Centuries

**ITALY:** [Florence University of the Arts](#) (available through SAI)

**Terms:** Fall and **Spring Courses include:** Introduction to Art History, Cultural Introduction to Italy, Renaissance Art in Florence, Survey of Italian Art, and Symbols and Symbolism in Western Art

**ITALY:** [Lorenzo de Medici in Florence](#) (available through API or direct enroll)

**Terms:** Fall and Spring **Courses include:** History of Architecture, Art History I: Antiquity to Early Renaissance, Art History II: High Renaissance to the Present, The Built Environment of Florence, The World of Museums: Museology, and Palaces of Florence and many others

**ITALY:** [SRISA](#)

**Terms:** Fall and Spring **Courses include:** Art History: The Italian Renaissance, Michelangelo, Caravaggio, and Bernini, Florentine Mannerism, Feminism in Art, History of Contemporary Art, and Art in the Public Sphere

**ITALY:** [University of Torino](#) (available through USAC)

**Terms:** Fall and Spring **Courses include:** Twentieth-Century Art and Urban History of the City: from Ancient to Modern

**NETHERLANDS:** [Maastricht University](#) (available through USAC)

**Terms:** Fall and Spring **Courses include:** Dutch Art History

**SOUTH KOREA:** [Kookmin University](#) (available through USAC)

**Terms:** Fall and Spring **Courses include:** History of Modern Art

**SPAIN:** [CEA Seville Center/Pablo de Olavide University/University of Seville](#) (available through CEA)

**Terms:** Fall and Spring **Courses include:** Architecture and Painting in Seville, History of Spanish Art, and Seville: The Expression of a City through its Art