



Biology

Education Abroad Advising Guide

Your [Academic Advisor](#) and an [Education Abroad Advisor](#) are the best way to get started!

We offer First Advising Sessions every day (M-F) during the semester in our office at 12:30, no appointment necessary. If you're just getting started, this is the best place to learn about the different types of study abroad programs and get answers to your questions about funding, credits, and everything else!

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What courses should I take?

This can be different for every student, but Biology advisors agree that study abroad is a wonderful opportunity for students to take classes that fulfill a variety of requirements including both major and non-major requirements. If you are looking to take biology coursework abroad, the department encourages taking biology electives. However, there are programs that offer lower level and required courses for the major if you plan accordingly.

The Department of Biology works closely with the Education Abroad office to ensure that classes taken abroad will fulfill requirements in your degree.

Be sure to check out our [pre-approved courses database](#) where you can search for courses in your major.

Where should I go?

The reverse side features a list of programs recommended for Biology majors. While these are featured programs, students are not limited to these opportunities.

Want to see more?

Visit our [website](#), use our search feature, and contact an Education Abroad Advisor.

Funding 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.

Most financial aid and scholarships that you already receive can be used toward study abroad.

Scholarships:

There are [VCU scholarships](#) to study abroad as well as nationally competitive scholarships, like the [Benjamin A Gilman Scholarship](#) for Pell-grant recipients. Begin your search on our site and at StudyAbroadFunding.org and DiversityAbroad.com



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Recommended Study Abroad Programs: Biology Majors

VCU Programs

VCU in Costa Rica: Tropical Biology in Costa Rica

Terms: Summer

This innovative summer study abroad program sponsored by the VCU Department of Biology offers an exceptional opportunity to visit and recognize the vast diversity of species in the Tropics. Students will visit three biological stations, which represent examples of two distinct biomes, tropical rain forest, tropical dry forest, and an example of a botanical garden with one of the most diverse species of palm trees.

VCU in South Africa: Paleoanthropology and the Legacy of Human Evolution

Terms: Summer

This summer study abroad program offers a unique opportunity for students to engage with South African natural, evolutionary, and social history experientially. Students will gain unprecedented access and experience working to excavate an actual paleoanthropological site in the Cradle of Humankind.

VCU in England: University of the West of England

Terms: Fall, Spring, Academic Year

Located two hours west of London in South West England, UWE is a large, public university spread across the city of Bristol on various campuses. A large range of BIOL courses are available to students.

VCU in Australia: Macquarie University

Terms: Fall, Spring, Academic Year

Macquarie University offers an incredibly exciting and global experience for VCU students to study for a semester or a year. Located less than 10 miles outside Sydney's city center, Macquarie's expansive 300-acre campus is situated in the heart of Australia's largest high-tech precinct which means students will be surrounded by more than 300 leading companies located on or around the campus.

International Student Exchange Program

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 the host university's tuition, room and board).

Where have VCU students studied Biology with ISEP?

- NEW ZEALAND: [Massey University](#)
- AFRICA: [University of Botswana](#)
- ITALY: [Università degli Studi di Urbino Carlo Bo](#)

...and many more across the globe!

Featured External Programs

GHANA: [University of Ghana](#)

(available through USAC)

Terms: Fall, Spring, Summer, Academic Year

Courses have included: Ghanaian Culture and Natural Resources Field Study and more

COSTA RICA: [Universidad Veritas](#)

(available through CIS)

Terms: Semester, Quarter, Year, or Summer

Courses have included: Tropical Marine Biology, Land Vertebrates of Costa Rica, Tropical Ecology, Costa Rica Health Care System and Tropical Medicine

KENYA & TANZANIA: [Wildlife Management Studies and Public Health](#)

(available through School for Field Studies)

Terms: Fall, Spring, Summer

Courses have included: Techniques in Wildlife Management, Wildlife Ecology, Environmental Policy and Socioeconomic Values, Directed Research

SPAIN: [Paolo de Olavide University in Seville](#)

(available through API)

Terms: Fall, Spring, Summer

Courses have included: Anatomy & Physiology II, Microbiology, Biochemistry, Ecological Systems

SOUTH KOREA: [Chonnam National University](#)

(available through USAC)

Terms: Academic Year, Fall, Spring, Summer

Courses have included: Metabolic Engineering, Molecular Biology, Trends in Medical Sciences,