



Education Abroad

"There are certainly many good reasons to study abroad... the experience will provide you with a whole new outlook on the world and America... it will broaden your horizons... it will spark a lifelong desire to travel... it will introduce you to new friends... it will give you the kind of greater insight into another culture that ordinary tourists will never achieve. These are all true and terrific reasons. However, for me, it's much simpler. Studying abroad is just plain fun. In fact, you'll enjoy it so much that you'll forget that you're learning. In nearly twenty years of working with study abroad programs, I can say honestly and without exaggeration that every student who accompanied me abroad returned home expressing the same thought, "It was the best thing I did in college." For me also, it's the best thing I do as a teacher. So, don't think twice. Give study abroad a try and dare to have the time of your life."

—Dr. Howard Smith, lecturer, Criminology

"Traveling abroad has given me the opportunity to learn more about myself and the world around me in a way that goes beyond what any classroom could give me. The experience of being socially and academically independent in a foreign country has provided me with the confidence and knowledge that I need to continue traveling and experiencing all that the world has to offer. Being submerged in a culture so different from my own challenged me to explore new ways of learning and invited me to expand and enjoy my cultural experience. I ended my abroad experience as a changed person with a new sense of awareness towards different cultures and a new feeling of openness towards new experiences."

—Sarah Klinikowski, CLJBA Undergraduate student

Study Abroad in Criminology

Imagine yourself touring the Port of Rotterdam to see how organizations are trying to prevent drugs and other illicit goods from being smuggled into Europe, visiting an archeological site in Delphi, Greece, or participating in a tea ceremony in Japan. All these opportunities are available to any student in Criminology.

General Study Abroad Information

By their nature, issues of crime, law, and justice place great emphasis on cultural context. There is much to be gained from understanding the history and traditions of other cultures. Study abroad is one exciting way to discover new approaches and build your professional skills.

Criminology students can study abroad at any time during their four years. However, keep in mind that studying abroad your last semester could result in delaying your graduation since many courses may not be accredited at Penn State until the following semester.

Discuss studying abroad with one of the CRIM advisers to determine which kinds of courses would best fit your academic program. A list of courses that have already been accredited showing the Penn State equivalencies can be consulted on the Education Abroad Web site and a listing of CRIM courses accredited at Penn State can be found on the Sociology Web site at www.sociology.la.psu.edu.

Think about applying study abroad credits to the University's General Education and Bachelor of Arts requirements. It is a good idea to save some of these requirements which you may be able to satisfy with courses taken abroad. You may apply up to 15 study abroad credits in criminal justice towards the major as long as you receive prior approval from the department. Courses may be used to meet general 400 level requirements.

You may not take CRIM 012, 100, or 250W abroad. CRIM 100 (Introduction to the Criminal Justice System) and CRIM 012 (Criminology) cover American criminal justice and crime problems and students will not receive the same level of coverage in a course offered abroad. CRIM 250W is a required research methods course that students must take at the University Park campus. If you are interested in pursuing internships abroad, remember that CRIM 250W is a required course for any internship approved by the department.

Studying abroad will automatically fulfill the International Cultures (IL) requirement. Studying abroad will NOT fulfill the BA Other Cultures requirement, unless you take a course abroad that fits the definition of the requirement.

Once you choose a program, you will next need to decide which courses you want to take. You should choose more than you intend to take since some courses may not be available. If you do not receive pre-approval for your major course selections from your adviser, there are no guarantees they will be used toward the major. To find out more about study abroad opportunities, go to the following Web site: www.sociology.la.psu.edu

Departmental-Sponsored Programs

Amsterdam, The Netherlands-Dutch Criminal Justice
(http://gpglobalea.gp.psu.edu/index.cfm?FuseAction=Programs.ViewProgram&Program_ID=10134)

CRIM J 499A European Criminal Justice (6 credits)-required
CRIM J 499B Independent Study in Europe (3 credits)-optional

The program is designed to introduce students to concepts of crime and punishment in The Netherlands and to provide an opportunity for direct exposure to a system very different from our own. Students will observe Dutch ideology and practice in the design, rationale, and implementation of criminal justice.

The students will be accompanied to Amsterdam by **Dr. Howard Smith**, Lecturer of Crime, Law, and Justice, in the College of the Liberal Arts at Penn State. The class will be taught primarily by various professors in The Netherlands and by several guest lecturers. All are authorities on crime and the Dutch justice system.

Three credits of CRIM J 499A may be applied to major requirements, the remaining credits can be used towards meeting electives.

<http://gpglobalea.gp.psu.edu/>

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Other Study Abroad Programs Offering Courses in Criminology

Listed below are several programs that are recommended for CRIM students. We have provided here only a partial list of the programs endorsed by the Penn State Education Abroad office that might be right for you.

University of Westminster, London, England (www.westminster.ac.uk; www.ciee.org)

The University of Westminster is one of the largest universities in the United Kingdom and is very involved with international education. The university has three campuses in central London and one in Harrow and offers more than 300 courses, including classes in Crime, Law, and Justice. Westminster has state-of-the-art labs, classrooms, libraries and computing networks, as well as cafés, bars and sporting facilities. Limited housing is available on campus.

Victoria University of Wellington, Wellington, New Zealand (<http://www.studyabroadnz.com/>)

Wellington is the capital and geographical center of New Zealand and is located on the southern tip of the North Island of New Zealand. It's the second largest city in New Zealand and the university is located within walking distance of the city. A large selection of courses is available including English, Maori studies, philosophy, political science, religious studies, and criminology. Students live in a residential or student apartment.

The University of New South Wales, Sydney, AU (www.international.unsw.edu.au/study/study-options-unsw/)

The University of New South Wales is one of Australia's top research institutes and offers a large number of courses including business, arts, architecture, and criminology. Sydney is the capital of New South Wales and is the largest and oldest city in Australia. Students generally live in student apartments or rental houses.

Gain Valuable Field Experience

Criminology students may find internships abroad attractive. Most internships offered via study abroad are extremely competitive and often cannot be guaranteed in advance. Many times, internships are combined with courses at the host institution. You are required to complete the requirements of the internship program at the host institution AND those of the Criminology program.

University of Adelaide, Adelaide, Australia (www.adelaide.edu.au)

Internships are available in legal policy and criminal justice. Students are required to complete a seminar and write a research paper. They must also have previously taken twelve credits of related course work. Internship applications will be mailed to students. These internships are quite competitive and cannot be guaranteed in advance. Internships are only available during the summer (beginning July 1) and have an application deadline of April 1.

Accelerate Your Language Learning

Almost all study abroad programs in non-English speaking countries offer language courses in the host language, but some programs are specifically designed to offer extremely intensive language study. You might be able to complete an entire year of language study in a summer or complete more than one course in one semester's study. The following is an example:

Besançon, France (summer only)

(http://gpglobalea.gp.psu.edu/index.cfm?FuseAction=Programs.ViewProgram&Program_ID=10070)

French Language Studies

The French language program at Besançon was established to provide this ideal environment for intermediate-level students of French who want to improve their oral language proficiency. Program participants enroll in the intensive French program at the Centre de Linguistique Appliquée, which is part of the University of Franche-Comté. Proficiency is developed through classroom work related to French civilization, with an emphasis on the culture of the region, French culture both high and popular, and life in contemporary France and within the European community. Small classes meet five days a week and students live either at

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