Why Study ENG Abroad?

"To learn about literature from a different culture’s perspective is truly rewarding. After studying abroad, I not only see the world differently, I see literature differently. To see where authors like Robert Louis Stevenson and Jane Austen spent their time writing is an amazing experience. Whether or not you should study abroad isn’t really the question—the question is where do you want to go and how do you want it to change you forever?"

-Kady Turner
English Major
Studied abroad at Plymouth University, England

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English Major Specifics:

When is the best time to study abroad?
English majors typically study abroad during their junior year, but anytime after freshman year is possible. Finding the most appropriate time to go abroad may depend on academic background and certain prerequisites. Speak with IPC and departmental advisors and begin planning your study abroad experience early!

What courses should I take abroad vs. at UNCG?
English composition courses (ENG 101 and ENG 102) should be taken at UNCG. In addition, ENG 303 and ENG 305 should also be taken at UNCG. Literature course requirements transfer more flexibly, so with careful planning and preapproval of courses, students have many options for coursework taken abroad. WI and SI courses should be completed at UNCG and will not transfer from abroad. The English department recommends that students take a variety of elective and GEC courses abroad. In addition, the department recommends that students take foreign language and culture courses while abroad. This will benefit students personally and professionally. Speak with departmental study abroad advisors to start planning course sequencing and transferable coursework.

Other benefits...
Simply studying abroad in any country waives a Global marker, and depending on the program, a Global Non-Western marker. Speak with ENG and IPC advisors for more details.

Do I need to know a foreign language?
While studying abroad is an ideal time to complete foreign language requirements or learn a new language, most international programs offer extensive coursework in English available to exchange students.

Can I Afford It?
Yes! On semester or year-long exchange programs, students pay regular UNCG tuition and fees. Housing and meal costs are typically equivalent to a semester in residence at UNCG. Any financial aid received at UNCG can be applied to the program costs. In addition, students are eligible to receive travel grants to help offset the costs of airfare.

Getting Started!
IPC is dedicated to finding the right program for each student, and our huge array of partner universities allows us to do just that. Call (336) 334-5404 or stop by 207 Foust to schedule an appointment with a study abroad advisor. This will provide you with more information on appropriate programs, finances, application procedures, and more.
English
Featured Exchange Programs*

AUSTRALIA
Edith Cowan University
ECU offers an extensive English program that offers a wide range of literature and writing courses. In addition, students can take courses in creative writing, scriptwriting, and journalism.
www.ecu.edu.au

Australian Catholic University
At ACU, students have a wide range of course options including creative writing, written communication, literature, writing the news, and more.
www.acu.edu.au

James Cook University
At JCU, students can take courses in the areas of British literature, children's literature, Australian and American literature, creative writing, short stories, cinema, postcolonialism, and literary theory.
www.jcu.edu.au

University of Southern Queensland
USQ offers an English literature major in which students take courses that examine both the great texts and innovative and contemporary works of poetry, prose, drama, film, new media, and critical essays.
www.usq.edu.au

SOUTH AFRICA
University of Cape Town
In UCT's English language and literature program, students can take courses in the areas of English literary studies, African literature and language, contemporary literature, modernism, and more. Students can also take courses in linguistics.
http://web.uct.ac.za/depts/english

University of Stellenbosch
US offers a variety of English courses in its English studies program. Coursework includes English language and literature; language, culture and literature in African, postcolonial, and modern contexts, and more. www.sun.ac.za/university/jaarboek

UNITED KINGDOM
Keele University
KU offers extensive programs in the areas of creative writing, English and American literature, and film studies.
www.keele.ac.uk

Plymouth University
The English and creative writing program at PU emphasizes both traditional English studies and creative writing. Students are exposed to literatures of different periods and cultures and take courses in everything from poetry, fiction, and life writing to travel writing and dramatic writing (stage and screen).
www.plymouth.ac.uk

University of Hull
HU offers extensive programs in creative writing, English literature, American studies, English and American literature, and media and film studies.
www.hull.ac.uk

University of Trinity Saint David
The English program at UTSD offers courses in English and creative writing that explore the areas of English literature, storytelling and narrative, rewriting, editing, drafting and self-criticism, writing and gender, and more. Courses are centered on workshops and seminars.
www.trinitysaintdavid.ac.uk

University of Leicester
At UL, students take courses in English literature, history of the English language, history of art and film studies, critical theory, modern masters, poetry, and many more.
www.le.ac.uk/english

CANADA
Brock University
BU offers one program in English language and literature and one program in applied linguistics. BU’s programs offers challenging academic study combined with practical experience in critical thinking and in writing.
www.brocku.ca/humanities

OTHER LANGUAGE AND CULTURE STUDIES (selected programs)
The programs below have been selected as options for students wishing to study other languages and cultures.

SPAIN: University of Castilla La Mancha - Cuenca
UCLM-Cuenca offers a wide range of Spanish language courses for exchange students. Coursework is available for various proficiency levels. In addition to coursework, students have the opportunity to pay an extra fee and join multiple excursions exploring culture, history, and recreation in the area. Students who have a minimum of SPA: 301 can take courses in a wide range of academic programs.
www.uclm.es/english/studies.asp?op=4&caso4=3

FRANCE: Jean Moulin - Lyon 3 University
Lyon 3 offers two programs for exchange students: the SELF (Study in English in Lyon France) program and the DEUF program. The SELF program is an upper-division undergraduate level program taught entirely in English. The DEUF program is a French language program for students wishing to learn or improve their French. It is taken over one semester or a whole academic year.
www.univ-lyon3.fr/en/programmes

GERMANY: University of Mannheim
UM offers courses for exchange students throughout the semester, which include language and cultural studies courses. The cultural studies courses are also available in English. Language classes are offered at different language proficiency levels.
www.uni-mannheim.de/1/english/startpage/index.html

GENERAL EDUCATION CORE REQUIREMENT OPTIONS (selected programs)
The programs below have been selected as great options for students wishing to fulfill GEC requirements while abroad. In addition, several of the English programs listed above also offer GEC courses. Please visit studyabroad.uncg.edu for more info about these and other programs.

FINLAND, University of Oulu
www.oulu.fi/english/studentexchange/studying

ESTONIA, University of Tartu

CHINA, Chinese University of Hong Kong
www.cuhk.edu

*While these are featured programs for the Department of English, students are by no means limited to these opportunities. For all available programs, please visit http://studyabroad.uncg.edu.