Study Abroad as a Philosophy Major!

It's not just about gaining intercultural skills, or developing self-confidence and independence by travelling the world...

It's more than improving your resume portfolio with international experience, or gaining skills that will help you compete in a global workforce...

Study Abroad can allow for experiential learning within your academic plan as a Philosophy Major.

Study Abroad can increase your own self-awareness and contribute to your personal growth as a world citizen.

Study Abroad can foster civic engagement, broaden your horizons, and help you see the world through a different lens.

Make Study Abroad the best part of your UCSD experience!

During the winter of 2012 I studied at University College Utrecht in the Netherlands. As a philosophy major, studying in central Europe really helped me get a more global understanding of my major. The philosophy courses there helped me differentiate between the analytical and continental traditions, a distinction I was a bit clueless about before. Moreover, the professors and the people I met were amazing, not to mention the traveling around Europe. Overall it was great experience, and great for developing a personal philosophy of life.

-- Victor Fabian Guerra
A Smart Investment…

Finance your trip of a lifetime by using your campus financial aid package and applying for grants & scholarships through our scholarship database (pao.ucsd.edu)

Financial Aid
Students often apply their financial aid packages toward study abroad, and over half of UCSD’s study abroad participants receive financial aid.

Scholarships
UCSD students were awarded about $500,000 in study abroad scholarships last year, and the Programs Abroad Office offers workshops to help students prepare competitive scholarship essays.

Studying abroad is an amazing opportunity for UCSD philosophy students. As you might guess, the study of philosophy is not standardized across the globe, and the ways that people approach it can vary in interesting ways from country to country. Experiencing this variety first-hand can be wonderfully illuminating and add richness and depth to one’s educational experience. It also makes the planning process especially important. In order to help interested students make the most of their experience abroad, we strongly encourage you to see us while you are planning your trip. We are happy to assist in any of a variety of ways--from helping to select destinations and courses to passing on impressions and suggestions from returning students.

--Dana Kay Nelkin, Director of Undergraduate Studies, Philosophy

The Journey Continues…

…and when you get back, the Programs Abroad Office can help you with:

The process of petitioning your courses for satisfying Philosophy & other academic requirements

Marketing your global experiences for resumes, applications, and interviews

Connecting you to a network of other Study Abroad returnees and prospective students at UCSD and throughout the world

Study Abroad: If not now, when?