Why should Design students study abroad?

- You can fulfill GEP, major, and minor courses that may count toward your degree and study abroad fulfills the Global Knowledge co-requisite.
- Global awareness is fundamental to the practice of Design.
- Become sensitive to increasingly diverse client groups and able to work productively with multinational user groups.
- Study abroad can help distinguish you in the competitive workplace and can lead to greater income potential.
- Foster your cross-cultural competency, problem solving techniques, self-confidence, and gain increased maturity.
- NC State students who study abroad graduate on time!

Can I afford it?

- Yes! Students pay NC State tuition and fees on semester exchange programs.
- Financial aid and scholarships travel with you.
- The NC State Study Abroad Office awards about $240,000 in scholarships annually. This is in addition to national and international scholarships available for study abroad.

“International design study challenges a designer to envision a wider range of design options and gain insight into biases and preconceptions that hamper the creative process. The College of Design requires an international experience for undergraduate students, so that students can build needed global awareness with regard to the practice of their design discipline, expose students to a diversity of cultures and environments, and develop their ability to observe, perceive and reflect on design as an expression of both environment and culture.”

Art Rice, Associate Dean of International Studies, College of Design

First Steps:

- Check out the best-fit programs featured on the back of this flyer.
- Talk to your academic adviser
- Attend the Study Abroad Fair (early October)
- Start your planning about a year in advance to ensure plenty of time for preparation.
- Visit studyabroad.ncsu.edu to sign up for a general advising session and to learn more!
The following programs have been identified as best-fit programs for Design students; however, students are welcome to participate in other programs. Also note that some exchange programs may be competitive.

**NC State Prague Institute**

The Prague Institute offers the opportunity for any student to study for a summer, semester or year in Prague through a variety of design studios and general education courses. The Institute offers specially designed semester programs in architecture, glass studio, fashion and costume design, digital photography, design and multimedia. Summer offerings include many more!

“I think study abroad is a great opportunity and the Czech cultures is so unique. I was really lucky to be immersed in the city and culture of Prague and would urge anyone else to do so as well.”

“Studying abroad has changed me as a person... the way I think and how I interact with life on a whole new level.”  Prague Institute Participants

**Alternative Semester Opportunities**

**University of Adelaide, Australia**

A cultural hub for arts, food, entertainment, beautiful landscapes, and friendly people. The university offers programs in architecture, urban design, landscape architecture, design studies, media, computing, & fine art - in additional to many humanities course options.

**Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology, Australia**

Study in Melbourne, a thriving business and cultural center, with a busy student scene. Emphasizing theory and practical education, RMIT offers a wealth of industrial, interior, textile, architecture, urban, and graphic design programs.

**Hong Kong Polytechnic University, China**

Located in the heart of one of the world's largest cultural and economic centers, HKPU offers courses in design, textiles and clothing, and multimedia technologies. All courses are English-taught with many other general education (GEP) and cultural studies offerings.

**Semester in Costa Rica - Universidad de Costa Rica**

Spanish language background required. Located in San Jose, the center of political and economic activity and the nations capitol, UCR is a large university in this small country. Courses are available in visual arts, design, and architecture, in addition to GEP courses.

**Lund University, Sweden**

Home to Sweden’s largest science park, one of the world's top locations for science and engineering innovation - Scandaniva is an ideal place to study industrial design. Many previously approved courses available - many courses offered in English.

**University of Leeds, United Kingdom**

Situated in the heart of a vibrant and multicultural city, participants can study in the University of Leeds Schools of Design, Computing, and Fine Art - in additional to many humanities course options.

**Faculty-Led Summer Programs**

**Ghana: Culture + Community + Design**

Participants study international design studio through an immersive learning experience in West Africa. Renowned for its art, craft, and design traditions, Ghana offers a unique opportunity to learn about art, design, and culture while interacting with the “makers” and keepers of the cultural legacy through design projects. All students will participate in the Ghanaian Culture and Society Workshop, delivered jointly by NC State faculty and Ghanaian colleagues.

*Ghana to be offered again in Summer 2016

**South Africa: Water Woes, People, Parks & Pollution**

Spend the summer in Kruger national park, one of the largest conservation areas in the world! Together participants with local African citizens will explore the complex social and ecological challenges facing communities as they aspire for clean water. College of Design participants will complete 6 credits of ADN 490 Documentary Digital Film or LAR 582 International Landscape Architecture Design Studio. Students will be introduced to the major production aspects of documentary filmmaking.

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