



Study Abroad for English Majors

Where will *you* GO?

Why English Majors Should Study Abroad

The English Department promotes study abroad because we believe that the experience gives students an opportunity to study literature in its national context, an experience that makes the literary work come alive in remarkable ways that differ considerably from the more passive experience of being an armchair traveler. Students not only read about Wordsworth's celebration of the play of light and shadow on the Lake Country mountaintops in his *Lyrical Ballads*, they actually get to see the chiaroscuro effect in action. Similarly, the leap of imagination students are asked to make when reading say, *Wuthering Heights*, is not nearly so far when they read it while hiking the Yorkshire Moors: Cathy and Heathcliff's ghosts seem very near, indeed. We also promote study abroad because we believe that one of the impulses behind the discipline of English lies in the cultivation of our capacity to empathize with others. Our day-to-day experience may be limited in terms of exposure to different cultures, different practices, but reading, thinking, and writing about texts enlarges our worlds. Study abroad complements this process beautifully. We may not have grown up in a South African township under apartheid but reading about the life of a person whose life is utterly determined by the color of her skin, as in Sindiwe Magona's *Mother to Mother* extends our capacity to identify with others.



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Can I Afford To Study Abroad?

What you do in college is an investment in your future. Surveys indicate that graduates who have studied abroad secure more job offers, better job offers, and higher starting salaries in their fields. With findings like this, how can you afford NOT to study abroad? Moreover...

- You can use financial aid to study abroad, and to even pay for your airfare!
- There are lots of scholarships for study abroad, from EIU and beyond.
- In some cases, it costs less to go abroad than it would to stay on campus!

Getting Started - Plan Early, Plan Now

The best opportunities for scholarships and popular programs are available to those who plan ahead. So, start TODAY by:

- Reviewing options on the back of this sheet
- Visiting the study abroad website: www.eiu.edu/~edabroad
- Signing up for an Info Session from the online Calendar
- Visiting the Study Abroad Office in 1207 Blair Hall
- Calling 581-7267 to schedule an appointment with an advisor



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oh, the places YOU can go...



Australia

Griffith University

Brisbane *Semester or Year*
Study in one of the most desirable cities to live. Experience the culture and diversity of Australia's third largest city.

United Kingdom

University of Glamorgan

Treforest, Wales *Year*
Study near the historical Welsh capital of Cardiff on a campus that has its own nightclub.

Harlaxton College

Grantham *Semester or Year*
Harlaxton College is an extension campus for the University of Evansville. Harlaxton Manor is a 100-room Victorian manor house located in the English midlands.

English Literary Landscapes (faculty-led)

Grantham *Summer*
This month-long 6-credit course is an opportunity for students of all majors to read and discuss some of England's most admired writers while residing in the British Midlands at Harlaxton Manor.

Ireland

National University of Ireland

Maynooth *Academic Year*
Study at Ireland's 2nd oldest university. Maynooth has a classic, Irish feel with many historical sites and quaint country roads to visit and explore.

New Zealand

Massey University

Auckland *Semester or Year*
At Massey University, you can choose to study at one of three university campuses: Albany (in Auckland), Palmerston North, and Wellington. Each campus has a distinctive feel and offers different opportunities.

South Africa

Nation-Building in South Africa (faculty-led)

Cape Town *Semester or Year*
This month-long 6-credit course introduces students to the historical, literary, geographical, political, economic, educational and environmental issues involved in the process of building a non-racial society in the new South Africa.

South Korea

Sogang University

Seoul *Semester or Year*
Sogang University strives to promote academic exchanges with institutions around the world. There are 22 departments in the undergraduate school with 7,000 students and 350 full time professors.



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