Study Abroad Options for Roski Majors

Art majors may earn degree credit degree in Canberra, Cortona, Florence-Syracuse, Florence SACI, Cape Town and London. Art minors may apply to Canberra and Florence-Syracuse.

CANBERRA, AUSTRALIA
Coursework offered through Australian National University, School of Art. This program is better for junior or senior-level students with more art experience, as the coursework is independent in nature. Students live in a residential hall with Australian students. No language requirement.

Sample Art Major Fall or Spring Semester Course Schedule: 3 courses for 16 units total
Australian course - 4 units Australian Art History, Aboriginal Culture, or other approved Australian-related course
Studio Art A - 8 units “major”
Studio Art B - 4 units “complementary studies”

Media available for credit toward art major or minor: Drawing, Painting, Sculpture, Photography, Printmaking, Ceramics, and select Intermedia courses at the National Institute of the Arts. These courses count towards FA major additional lower or upper division studio units, depending on the course. Your application portfolio will determine course sequence placement.

Departmental approval must be obtained in advance to assure credit. All other art media courses do not count for any USC credit.

CAPE TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA
Coursework offered through University of Cape Town. This program is better for junior or senior-level students with more art experience, as the coursework is independent in nature. Art studio coursework available for full-year study only, from February through November. No language requirement.

Courses in Painting, Sculpture, Photo, Printmaking, and Intermedia are available. The maximum credit transfer toward your Art major is 8 units per semester / 16 units total for the year.

Departmental approval must be obtained in advance to assure credit. Course transfer credits are determined by USC Roski Vice Deans.

CORTONA, ITALY
Coursework offered through University of Georgia, exclusively for art majors from American universities. This program provides an intensive period of studio and classroom work while immersing students in the lifestyle and culture of a typical Italian community. Students live in a renovated 15th century monastery and take field trips to artistic centers in Italy.

Program participants must complete the following courses before departure: FADW 101 drawing, FADN 102 design, FASC 106 sculpture, FACS 150 Visual Culture and Literacy, and one semester of Italian language equivalent to ITAL 120.

Sample Art Major Fall or Spring Semester Course Schedule: 4 courses for 12 units total
Process and Principals: Italian Art and Architecture (required) – 3 units; recommended prep: one AHIS survey course.
Studio Art A - 3 units
Studio Art B - 3 units
Studio Art C - 3 units or intermediate Italian language course (elective only, not equivalent to USC ITAL)

Media available for credit towards art major: Drawing (FADW 201 & 301 only), Painting (FAPT 105 & 205 only), Beginning Photography (FAPH 209 only), Printmaking (First level counts towards lower division studio. Second level course counts towards upper division studio.), Ceramics (FACE 112, 312, & 412), and Sculpture (FASC 236 metal only). These courses will count towards the additional lower or upper studio units required for FA majors, depending on the course. Your application portfolio will determine course sequence placement.

Departmental approval must be obtained in advance to assure credit. All other art media courses do not count for any USC credit.
FLORENCE, ITALY - SYRACUSE
Coursework offered through Syracuse University, exclusively for students from American universities. This program is appropriate for sophomore-level students. Students live in private Italian homes with Florentine families. This program requires two semesters of Italian language taken for a letter grade “B” average or better.

Sample Art Major Fall or Spring Semester Course Schedule: 5 courses for 15 units total
- Italian Language Course: Level 3: ITA 201 or higher required - 4 units (transfers to USC towards third semester language)
- Italian Cultures & Community Course (required; comes back as elective units) - 2 units
- Studio Art A - 3 units
- Studio Art B - 3 units
- Studio Art C - 3 units

Media available for credit towards art major or minor: Drawing, Painting, and Printmaking. Selected courses in these media will count towards the additional lower or upper studio units required for FA majors, depending on the course. Your application portfolio will determine course sequence placement.

Departmental approval must be obtained in advance to assure credit. All other art media courses do not count for any USC credit.

FLORENCE, ITALY - SACI
Coursework offered through Studio Art Centers International, exclusively for art majors from American universities. It is offered in Fall and Spring semester. Students live in shared apartments with other students from the program. This program requires 1 semester of college-level Italian (Italian 1).

Sample Art major Fall or Spring Semester Course Schedule: 5 courses for 15 units total
- Course A – Studio Art or elective - 3 units
- Course B – Studio Art or elective - 3 units
- Course C – Studio Art or elective - 3 units
- Course D – Studio Art or elective - 3 units
- Course E – Studio Art or elective - 3 units

Courses available for credit towards art major: Design (FADN 102 & 202 &302; please note: two SACI courses equal one USC design course), Critical Studies (FACS 250), Ceramics (FACE 112 & 312), Drawing (FADW 101 & 201 & 301), Painting (FAPT 105 & 205 & 305), Printmaking (lower div. studio credit or upper division, if FAPR 311 is completed in advance of departure). Other select courses are available for elective credit to USC (not all). Ask Roski advisors for full list of approved course options. Departmental approval must be obtained in advance to assure credit.

LONDON, UNITED KINGDOM
Coursework offered through the Arts London, London College of Communication. This program is appropriate for junior and senior-level students and is available to Roski majors during Spring terms only. Off-campus apartments are shared with other study abroad students. Deadline to apply for London Spring 2016: Friday Sept. 4, 2015.

Media available for credit toward art major: Design, Photography, and Intermedia. Course schedules for USC Roski students are pre-determined, as noted below. No language requirement.

UAL LCC COURSES FOR DESIGN FOCUS: Three courses for 16 units
1. Language, Audience and Environment (Transfers as 8 USC units, similar to FADN-402 Advanced Design Projects)
2. Collaborative Project (Transfers as 4 USC units, similar to FADN-433 Special Projects in Design)
3. Contextual and Theoretical Studies (Transfers as 4 USC units, similar to FADN-323 Design Theory, not repeatable for credit)

Interested students must apply for Design focus at UAL LCC. The following courses must be completed with grades of straight “B” or better prior to applying: FACS 150, FADN-102, FADN-202, and FADN-203. The following course must be completed with a grade of straight “B” or better prior to departure: FADN-302. Additional recommended preparation: FADN-332A and FADN-303.

UAL LCC COURSES FOR PHOTOGRAPHY FOCUS: Four courses for 16 units
1. Practice 5: The Digital Image in Contemporary Experience (Transfers as 4 USC units, similar to FAPH-309B Intermediate Photo, not repeatable for credit)
2. Practice 6: The Symposium (Transfers as 4 USC units, similar to FAIN-315 Internet Studio: Online Experimentation and Expression, not repeatable for credit)
3. Contextual and Theoretical Studies (Transfers as 4 USC units, similar to FAIN-330 Ideas in Intermedia)
4. Collaborative Unit (Transfers as 4 USC units, counts towards upper division studio for Roski Art majors)

Interested students apply for Photography focus at UAL LCC. The following courses must be completed with grades of straight “B” or better prior to applying: FACS 150, and FAPH-209A or FAIN-210. The following course must be completed with a grade of straight “B” or better prior to departure: FAPH-309A.
Are you interested?

1. Roski Art majors are encouraged to meet with their USC Roski advisor Christina Aumann (last names A-K) or Nancy Trinh (last names L-Z) as early as possible to discuss how overseas coursework might fit with your major and university degree requirements.

2. If you are interested in one of the programs offered through USC Dornsife Office of Overseas Studies, please contact them for more information:
   3501 Trousdale Pkwy, THH 341
   Telephone: 213.740.3636, Email: overseas@usc.edu, http://dornsife.usc.edu/overseas-studies

3. Declared Roski Art minors need to meet with Penelope Jones or the current Roski minor advisor to discuss how overseas coursework might fit with their minor requirements.

STUDY ABROAD FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Why should I study overseas? There are numerous benefits to studying overseas. The benefits include the opportunity to learn about another culture, to improve foreign language skills, to fulfill major coursework requirements, to experience self-reliance abroad, to develop new intellectual pursuits, skills, and perspectives on one's education, as well as opportunities to travel.

Is there a minimum GPA required? Yes. The USC Office of Overseas Studies requires a minimum GPA of 3.0 for all programs.

Is it possible to study abroad through other programs not offered by the University? It is possible, but very rarely approved. Students must file a “Request for Exception to Residency” through their major advisor to the Office of Degree Progress. Such exceptions are not readily granted. A student must have a strong academic rationale and support from his or her major department. Personal reasons and avoidance of GPA or language requirements are not sufficient rationale for an exception. Keep in mind, USC financial aid will not apply to programs not sponsored by USC, and units are not guaranteed to be transferable. Also, units from non-USC programs are considered regular transfer units and do not count toward the 64 units required to be taken while in residency at USC.

How much does it cost? Programs vary in cost, and range from significantly less than a semester on campus at USC to around the same price of USC tuition.

Can I use financial aid to go overseas? Yes. All USC financial aid, including loans, grants, and scholarships, is applicable to USC-sponsored overseas studies programs. Financial aid packages are reevaluated in consideration of the cost of a specific program, and aid packages are adjusted according to the modified cost of attendance. In cases where the semester overseas is projected to be less expensive than an on-campus semester, the estimated family contribution (EFC) will be maintained and the aid package will be reduced. If a program is projected to be more than an on-campus semester, the student and family may be eligible for additional loans in the amount of the price differential. Also, scholarships are available for certain overseas programs. Detailed financial aid and scholarship information is available on the USC Office of Overseas Studies Financial Aid page. Generally, there are many more scholarships available for study in non-Western or developing countries. Scholarships for study in Europe and Australia are quite limited.

When should I go? Students can choose to study overseas for a single semester or for a full academic year. Spring term of Sophomore year and Fall or Spring of Junior year seem to be the best times for Roski Art majors to go abroad, considering which courses may be transferred towards major requirements, and which courses must be taken at USC.

What about my housing at USC? Students accepted to a USC Overseas Studies program will be released from their University housing contract. However, there is no guarantee that students will be able to reenter university housing upon return from an overseas program. For students in non-university housing, it is their responsibility to make housing arrangements both before and after studying overseas.

When can I apply? Applications are due at the beginning of the semester prior to studying abroad. Deadlines are listed on the Overseas Studies website at http://dornsife.usc.edu/overseas Not all courses are available every semester. Student encounter time/day conflicts with their preferred courses.

Where can I apply? Apply through the USC Dornsife Overseas Studies for all programs except London. For University of the Arts London, apply through USC Roski. USC Financial Aid can be applied to this program.

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