

USC Roski School of Fine Arts - Information on Study Abroad

Students are eligible to earn credit towards their USC FA major degree requirements in Canberra, Cortona, Florence, and Cape Town. Application required. **Minimum USC GPA required: 3.0 cumulative.** *Programs best for FA minors are Canberra and Florence.*

CANBERRA, AUSTRALIA

Coursework offered directly through Australian National University, School of Art. This program is better for junior-level students with more art experience. Courses are somewhat independent in nature, requiring self-discipline and self-motivation. Students live in a residential hall with Australian students. No language requirement.

Usual FA major Fall or Spring Semester Course Schedule: 2-3 courses for 12-16 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" – optional*

Media available for credit towards Fine Arts major or minor Requirements: Drawing, Painting, Sculpture, Photography, Printmaking, Ceramics, and selected 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 you enroll in. Your placement into their course sequence is determined through your application portfolio. *Departmental approval must be obtained to assure credit towards any major or minor requirements. All other art media courses do NOT count for ANY credit to USC.*

CORTONA, ITALY

*Coursework offered through University of Georgia, exclusively for American art students. This program provides an intensive period of studio and classroom work while merging with the normal lifestyle and culture of a typical Italian community. Time is spent taking field trips to artistic centers in Italy. Students live in a residential hall. **ALL program participants MUST complete the following courses before departure: FA 101a drawing, FA 102 design, FA 106 sculpture, FA 150 Visual Culture and Literacy, and one semester of Italian language.***

Usual FA 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 Fine Arts major Requirements: Drawing (101b & 301 only), Painting (105 & 205A only), Beginning Photography (209A only), Printmaking (311 & 411), Ceramics (112, 312, & 412), and Sculpture (236 metal only). *Please note: not all courses are available every semester.* These courses will count towards the additional lower or upper studio units required for FA majors, depending on what you enroll in. Your placement into their course sequence is determined through your application portfolio. *Departmental approval must be obtained to assure credit towards any major or minor requirements. All other art media courses do NOT count for ANY credit to USC.*

FLORENCE, ITALY

*Coursework offered through Syracuse University, exclusively for American study abroad students. 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 coursework before departure.***

Usual FA 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

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 Fine Arts major or minor Requirements: Drawing, Painting, Printmaking, and Sculpture. Selected courses in these media will count towards the additional lower or upper studio units required for FA majors, depending on the level of the course you enroll in. Your placement into their course sequence is determined through your application portfolio. *Departmental approval must be obtained to assure credit towards any major or minor requirements. All other art media courses do NOT count for ANY credit to USC.*

*This specific Italian course is required. Other Italian courses will not transfer as equivalent to USC Italian Level III.

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. **Fine Arts coursework available for full-year study only, February through November.** Offering Painting, Sculpture, Photo, Printmaking, and Intermedia. We will need to determine how courses transfer with USC Roski School of Fine Arts department chairs. No language requirement. www.michaelis.uct.ac.za

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 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 difficult. Students must file a "Request for Exception to Residency" through 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 significantly more. Specific program cost estimates can be found on USC Overseas program cost sheets.

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 are able to study overseas for either 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 Fine Arts 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.

How early can I start applying? Applications are due the semester prior to studying: for spring, applications are due October 1st. For fall study, applications are due mid-February. Applications are available at the Office of Overseas Studies.

Are you interested?

1. Speak with an advisor in the Office of Overseas Studies.
2. Read up on your program of choice: link through the Overseas website <http://www.usc.edu/overseas>
3. Meet with Fine Arts advisor Christina Aumann or Antonio Bartolome to discuss how overseas coursework might fit with your Fine Arts major or minor on-campus academic program.

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