Go Abroad in Digital Communication Arts

The DCA Major allows students to select elective course work in their major as they design their own plan of study. Students work with advisors to create new media course combinations that fit their particular media interests. Study abroad can be easily incorporated into any plan of study. Study abroad can provide you with an opportunity to directly experience other cultures and ecosystems different from those here in Oregon. It can also help you acquire necessary skills to work effectively with an increasingly diverse U.S. population and a global job market. Employers in academia, non-profits, industry and state and federal agencies value the skills and experiences gained by students who go abroad. There is an international experience that will work for every New Media Communications student.

What types of international experiences can I participate in?

- **Study Abroad:**
  New Media Communications students can study abroad in a variety of institutional, cultural and environmental settings. Many quarters, semester, or year-long study abroad experiences offer courses that will enrich your educational experience and may count toward your DCA degree. Over a dozen countries offer courses appropriate for the DCA degree in English, as well as other languages. Students can also choose to focus on a foreign language or do an intensive, field-based program.

- **IE3 Global Internships:**
  IE3 Global Internships provide New Media Communications students with opportunities to gain credit and professional experience. Many of these internships are available during the summer. During IE3 Internships, students earn 12 internship credits per term which typically may be counted as elective credits in the DCA degree program. Students can generally do an IE3 Internship starting in their junior year, and most financial aid and scholarships can be used.

- **International Degree:**
  Students planning to study a foreign language while in New Media Communications may want to consider the prestigious OSU International Degree (ID). The ID is a unique undergraduate major obtainable only as a second degree. In addition to the DCA major requirements, the ID candidate must: (1) take an additional 32 credits; (2) demonstrate proficiency in a foreign language equal to the completion of the fourth year; (3) spend a minimum of one ten-week term abroad on an approved program (IE3 Global Internships, study abroad, or independent research can count for this), and (4) complete a senior thesis. The ID affords a student the opportunity to develop a global perspective within the context of their DCA major by completing a research project, and International Degree students can also get special funding for research. For International Degree information, contact the International Degree Head Advisor at International.Degree@oregonstate.edu.

Olivia Hollenhorst studied abroad in Botswana through CIEE Arts & Sciences.
Go Abroad in DIGITAL COMMUNICATION ARTS

INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCES CAN HELP YOU...

- Gain research experience
- Learn about international perspectives
- Gain new professional skills
- Improve your language skills
- Expand your cross-cultural communication and problem-solving skills
- Globalize your world view and prepare for work in an increasingly diverse and international workplace

Can I afford an international experience?

**Yes!** If going abroad is a priority, there is generally a way to make it affordable. Early planning for international experiences helps students make cost-effective program decisions, and it also helps them prepare their finances through savings, scholarships, and financial aid. There is a great deal of variation in costs between programs, and students should carefully consider all of their options before making a decision. Students can apply financial aid and scholarships to approved international programs and, in some cases, financial aid eligibility will increase to cover additional expenses. When comparing the cost of programs abroad, be sure to look at the estimated costs of attending OSU for living and tuition. In many cases the cost of an international opportunity can be comparable or not much more than attending OSU, and the difference can be made up with scholarships or financial aid. The latest estimates for attending OSU can be found at http://oregonstate.edu/financialaid/cost-attendance

Will it take me longer to graduate if I go abroad?

With planning, students can complete an undergraduate degree in four years which involves up to a year of study abroad. **STUDENTS WHO CHOOSE TO GO ABROAD MAY ALSO BE ELIGIBLE FOR ADDITIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS:**

- Students can apply for scholarships through the International Programs Office ($500-$1,000).
- Students who meet certain criteria such as studying specific languages or being from a small town in Oregon can apply for additional scholarships.
- All OSU students can apply to the OSU Research Office for URISC (Undergraduate Research, Innovation, Scholarship, & Creativity) grants to support their undergraduate research abroad ($1,000 for 1 term; $1,800 for 2 terms; and $2,300 for the full academic year). See the URISC Website research.oregonstate.edu/incentive/undergraduate-research-innovation-scholarship-creativity-urisc for details.
- International Degree students can seek additional funding through the International Programs Office ($1,000-$2,000) for their experience abroad. More information about these scholarships can be found at international.oregonstate.edu/degree/scholarships
- All OSU students can apply for numerous national awards that offer bigger scholarships ($3,000-$20,000). These scholarships are competitive and often have early deadlines so planning ahead is essential. Contact the International Programs Office for more information.
When should I go abroad?

- **Freshman Year**: Students should begin planning for a future study abroad or IE3 Internship.
- **Sophomore Year**: Students can continue planning for a summer internship or junior year study abroad while completing Core requirements and taking lower division courses in their DMC major. Students usually take a few upper division courses this year. Consult with your advisor to fine-tune your course schedule for junior and senior years to accommodate your international experience.
- **Sophomore/Junior Summer**: Students can study abroad or do an IE3 Global Internship by taking courses/internship that will satisfy DCA major requirements or for elective credits.
- **Junior Year**: Students could do an international experience for a single term or a year. Students planning to do an IE3 Internship or study abroad for one term should plan in advance with guidance from their academic advisor.
- **Junior/Senior Summer**: Students can study abroad or do an IE3 Global Internship.
- **Senior Year**: Students can study abroad or do an IE3 Global Internship. Consultation with their advisor prior to participation is strongly recommended. In general, students may determine it is easier to go abroad for a single term or the year. It is generally not a good idea to go abroad the last term of senior year.
- **Senior Summer**: Some students choose to go abroad during their senior summer. In particular, students have done an IE3 Global Internship to cap off their undergraduate career. Students can still walk in the Spring as long as they complete their coursework for graduation over the summer.

How do I select an international program?

- **Start planning now**. Begin to plan at least six months in advance of going abroad. Give yourself time to research programs and talk to advisors and students who have gone abroad to the site(s) you are interested in. It is never too early to start planning.
- **Set goals**. There is not one program best suited for NMC students -- there are good study abroad programs and international internships -- the best one for you depends on what you want. If you plan to study abroad, one important consideration is whether you want to study a language or focus on major, minor, elective, or Baccalaureate Core courses.
- **Prioritize your goals**. Consider your long-term academic and professional goals, as well as your on-campus degree requirements. Study abroad courses may count toward courses in your major, while internships give you elective credits that count toward the 180 required for graduation, as well as giving you a valuable professional experience.
- **Prepare academically**. You may need to take language or other prerequisite courses for your chosen program. You should also talk to your academic advisor about the timing of when you take sequences or single-term courses related to progress in your major. IE3 Internships are open to juniors and seniors, while students can study abroad as sophomores.
What are my first and next steps?

IE3 GLOBAL INTERNSHIPS STEPS

1. View the online First Steps presentation: http://oregonstate.edu/instruct/dce/idea/fs/
2. Research internships
   • Check the list of IE3 Global Internship positions at the back of this brochure.
   • Research the IE3 Global Internships website: ie3global.org/. Use the descriptions to find out more about the internship site—type and size of organization, position requirements, length and timing, etc.
   • Come up with a list of several internship options that look good to you.
3. Talk to an academic advisor in your department
   • Make a plan for the timing of your internship, based on your program requirements and availability of your major courses.
4. Complete the pre-advising sheet by following the instructions provided in the First Steps presentation and email with your availability or bring to your Next Steps meeting with an International Ambassador.
5. Meet with an education abroad advisor (to be scheduled following your Next Steps meeting) in the Office of International Programs to discuss questions, applications and other information about each program.
6. Fill out the OSU GO application, found at: international.oregonstate.edu/osugo/students/apply
7. Application
   • Take note of application deadlines. Deadlines for IE3 Global Internships are generally two terms prior to departure. Application deadlines can be found at: ie3global.org/. Applications typically include recommendation forms, essays, a current resume and college transcripts. Plan to start your application one month before it is due.

“Studying abroad really allowed me to step out of my comfort zone, and I ended up having many memorable adventures with new friends. It’s something I think everyone should do if they can. I got to not just travel, but experience learning in new and different ways, so I’m very thankful for the opportunity.”

-Madison Swackhamer, Liberal Studies Major, England
STUDY ABROAD STEPS

1. View the online First Steps presentation to learn the basics of education abroad: types of programs, credits, scholarships and financial aid. [http://oregonstate.edu/instruct/dce/idea/fs/](http://oregonstate.edu/instruct/dce/idea/fs/)

2. Check the list of study abroad options in this document, research programs you are interested in at the International Programs website: [http://international.oregonstate.edu/osugo/study-abroad-programs](http://international.oregonstate.edu/osugo/study-abroad-programs) search or come to University Plaza for any questions to be answered by ambassadors.

3. Talk to an academic advisor in your department
   - Make a plan for the timing of your study abroad, based on your program requirements and availability of your major courses.

4. Complete the pre-advising sheet by following the instructions provided in the First Steps presentation and [email](mailto:) with your availability or bring to your Next Steps meeting in University Plaza.

5. After you’ve attended a Next Steps meeting, schedule an appointment with an advisor in the International Programs Office by calling 541-737-3006 or following your Next Steps meeting with the help of an ambassador.

   The advisor can answer your questions regarding further site specific information, financial aid and scholarships, and the application process.

6. Application
   - Fill out the OSU GO application by clicking the ‘APPLY NOW’ button found on the OSU GO program page
   - Take note of application deadlines. Each program has a specific application deadline. Deadlines are typically six months before the start of the program.

   Application deadlines can be found on each program webpage. Plan to start your application one month before it is due.
   - To apply for your program, follow the application link listed on the program page on the OSU study abroad website. Follow the instructions outlined on the Mandatory Application Checklist for your chosen study abroad program in order to ensure that you complete all parts of the application.

7. Final Course Selection
   - Research specific courses that would be offered at the foreign university during your time abroad. Find out what an average course load is for students at the foreign university.
   - Fill out an Academic Planning form found at: [international.oregonstate.edu/osugo/academic-resources/academic-planning-form](http://international.oregonstate.edu/osugo/academic-resources/academic-planning-form) and make an appointment with your Academic Advisor to discuss what you have come up with.

Finalize your course plan before you leave and keep in contact with your Academic Advisor if you have any questions while abroad.
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Study media studies abroad in Belgium through CIEE
Business,
Communications, and Culture.
Photo taken by: Colin Bowyer,
College of Liberal Arts

MEXICO
IE3 Global: Available: Summer-fall or winter-spring. Language: Two years of college level Spanish
ITESM
UDLA, Puebla

THE NETHERLANDS
CIEE: Available: Summer, fall, winter, or year-long. Language: none.
University of Amsterdam Social Sciences

NEW ZEALAND
IFSA-Butler: Available: Summer-fall, winter, or year-long.
Language: none.
Massey University
University of Otago
Victoria University of Wellington

NICARAGUA
SIT: Available: Summer-fall or winter-spring.
Language: Three recent semesters of college-level Spanish or equivalent and the ability to follow coursework in Spanish. Youth Culture, Literacy and Media

PERU
CIEE: Available: Summer-fall, winter-spring, or year-long.
Language: Completion of Spanish 311 or above. Liberal Arts

QATAR
CIEE: Available: Fall, fall-winter, winter-spring, or year-long.
Language: none. Qatar University Direct Enrollment, Doha

SPAIN
API: Available: Fall, winter-spring, or year-long.
Language: Open to beginning, intermediate, advanced, and superior level Spanish speakers.
University of Seville Spanish Communications

CIEE: Available: Summer, fall, winter, or year-long.
Language: 5 semesters of college-level Spanish or equivalent. Communications, New Media & Journalism

SOUTH KOREA
Dankook University Summer School

IE3 Global: Available: Summer-fall, winter-spring, year-long, or Summer. Language: none. Yonsei University and Ewha Woman’s University

SWEDEN
CIEE: Available: Fall-winter, winter-spring, or year-long.
Language: none. Arts & Sciences

TAIWAN

TURKEY
CIEE: Available: Fall, winter-spring, or year-long. Language: none. Arts & Sciences
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES (UAE)
API: Available: Summer, winter-spring, summer or year-long.
Language: None
American University of Sharjah Direct Enrollment

UNITED KINGDOM
AHA: Available: Fall, winter-spring, spring, summer Language: none.
Communications

API: Available: Winter-spring, fall, or year-long. Language: none.
University of Westminster, Faculty of Media, Arts and Design

IE3: Available: Fall-winter, winter-spring, or academic year.
Language: none.
University of Sheffield

IFSA-Butler: Available: Fall, winter-spring, or academic year.
Language: none.
University of Glasgow

OSU Exchange: Available: Fall, winter-spring, or year-long.
Language: none.
Bangor University
Lancaster University
University of Nottingham

ARGENTINA
Individualized Placements in Argentina - Buenos Aires: Professional experience in a broad range of fields is available through an individualized placement in Buenos Aires, Argentina. Fields include, but are not limited to media, film and television, and arts. Media internships include print journalism, new media, publishing, television production and post-production. Film internships include on set experience and editing. Arts internships include arts administration, art auctioneers, graphic design, animation, interior design and furniture design. Language Requirement: Minimum two years college level Spanish. Available: any term. Duration: minimum ten weeks.

CHILE
I Love Chile Media – Santiago: As Chile’s most read English language news source, I Love Chile’s goal is to promote English in Chile and Chile in English. Together with an international, multilingual team of more than 25 freelance journalists, experts, bloggers, social media enthusiasts, designers, and analysts, I Love Chile keeps their readers up to speed on what is happening in Chile. Language Requirement: English, but encouraged to learn Spanish (not required). Available: academic quarter. Duration: minimum 10 weeks.

ECUADOR
Actuality Media - Actuality Media coordinates international service learning opportunities for media students. While learning the art and practice of documentary filmmaking our crews tell stories about change makers around the world. The Actuality Media student crews aim to bring their story to the world’s stage. Language Requirement: English, Spanish is helpful Available: Fall Duration: 10 weeks

Study abroad through SIT Youth Culture, Literacy and Media or intern through IE3 Actuality Media in Nicaragua.

IE3 GLOBAL INTERNSHIPS
Contact International Programs
541-737-3006 or intl.ambassador@oregonstate.edu

Bangor University
Lancaster University
University of Nottingham
IRELAND

JAPAN
Our Planet TV – Tokyo: Interns will learn about the alternative media in Japan and improve their Japanese language skills while working in the non-profit world. Learn how to make a professional video working with a non-profit webcast crew. Projects range from research to editing, public relations, translation, and others. Language Requirement: English fluency with 4th year Japanese or Japanese fluency with conversational English. Available: January, April, September. Duration: 3 months

JORDAN
7iber – Amman: Contribute to youth-oriented citizen journalism through this Jordanian non-profit new media platform whose name is pronounced hiber with a hard ‘h’ found in the Arabic language. Language Requirement: English with recommended Arabic knowledge. Available: any term. Duration: 12 weeks

KYRGYZ REPUBLIC
The London School Journalism Option – Bishkek: Explore some of the lesser known regions of Central Asia while writing for an English language newspaper for the large central Asian expat community in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan. Language Requirement: English, but Russian or Kyrgyz language skills helpful. Available: start of every term and semester. Duration: 3 months

SENEGAL
Group for Population Studies and Education (GEEP) – Dakar: Interns at GEEP work to support youth reproductive health programming in secondary schools in Senegal. Interns may also be involved in computer instruction, translating or radio broadcast. Language Requirement: Completion of second year French is required and knowledge of Wolof is helpful. Available: academic year. Duration: 10 weeks minimum, 6 months preferred.

SOUTH AFRICA
Cape Town Film Industry Internships - Cape Town: Cape Town is home to the largest film industry in the Southern Hemisphere and as a result, major films and international advertising campaigns are regularly filmed in locations throughout the city. Interns will be placed in a specific production company, working both on-site and in offices on pre- and post-production and administrative tasks. Placements will be made based on the applicant’s interests and the host organization’s needs. Language Requirement: English. European languages helpful. Available: fall, winter terms. Duration: 10-12 weeks

Cape Town Journalism Internships - Cape Town: Interns will be individually placed in a specific company with a focus on journalism, based on their experience and interests. Interns will be individually placed in a specific company with a focus on journalism, based on their experience and interests. Opportunities include magazine, newspaper and online writing, photography, editing and design work. Language Requirement: English. Available: academic year. Duration: 10-12 weeks

THAILAND
Three Generation Barge Program – Bangkok: Contribute to unique experiential education program on sustainability, climate change, natural disasters and global citizenship. Intern as multi-media intern on a converted rice barge on the Chao Praya River, in Thailand’s pristine reserves, estuaries and mangrove forests. Create the PR brochure for our environmental education program. Language Requirement: The working language is English, in the office and the classroom. Boatmen on the Barge and the majority of the neighborhood speak Thai. Available: academic year. Duration: 1-2 terms

UNITED KINGDOM
SCOTLAND
Scottish Parliament – Edinburgh: Work on the staff of a Member of the Scottish Parliament - assisting with parliamentary research, constituency relations, press contact, speech writing, and other jobs in the capital of Scotland. Language Requirement: English. Available: academic year. Duration: 3 months