



DUKE UNIVERSITY STUDY ABROAD

Facts and Figures



Duke has a long standing commitment to study abroad. Our oldest programs, Duke in China and Duke in France, have operated for more than 26 years. Duke administers 15 semester and 19 summer programs in 19 countries. In addition, Duke students can choose from 154 study abroad programs administered by other U.S. institutions and approved for transfer credit at Duke. In 08-09 the Global Education Office for Undergraduates served 810 Duke students and 295 Non-Duke students. Of 2009 graduates who studied abroad, the top majors represented were Public Policy Studies (12%), Psychology and Economics (11%), Political Science (9%), and Biology (8%).



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Study Abroad and Achievement

- 44% of Duke's class of 2009 studied abroad
- 100% of Fulbright recipients in the class of 2009 studied abroad
- 100% of AB Duke Scholars in the class of 2009 studied abroad
- 59% of Phi Beta Kappa 2009 inductees at Duke studied abroad
- 67% of BN Duke Scholars in the class of 2009 studied abroad

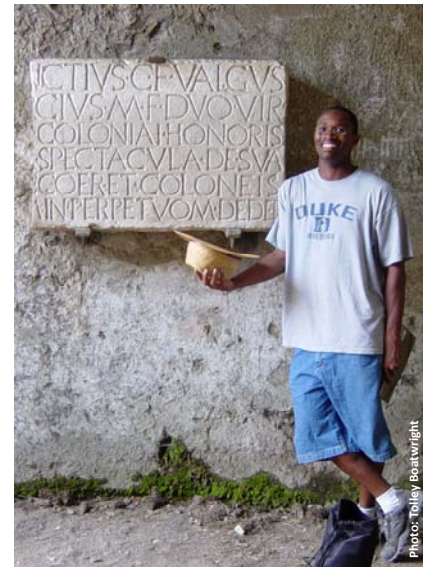


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Is study abroad affordable?

Duke is committed to ensuring that all undergraduate students can afford to study abroad. In 2008-2009, 56% of Duke students who studied abroad were on financial aid, 16% higher than the overall financial aid percentage for Duke undergraduates. Financial aid is applicable to semester programs and Duke-administered summer programs for all eligible students. For Duke programs, program fees are kept in line with on-campus tuition and fees at Duke, making it possible for any student who can afford to study at Duke to also be able to study abroad. Scholarships are available for Duke-administered summer programs.

"I learned many incredible things by simply looking at the world through a different country's eyes; by reading their newspapers, going to their classes, talking to their population, and seeing their difficulties." - Duke/OTS Costa Rica Student



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Do I have to speak another language to go abroad?

Duke is highly supportive of students studying languages abroad. In 2008-2009, 58% of Duke students abroad studied another language. To honor its commitment to foreign languages, Duke requires students studying in countries in which English is not the host language to take a minimum of one course in the host language. However, students do not need to have mastered a second language to go abroad. Courses offered in English are available in many Duke and approved non-Duke programs. A number of programs also offer beginning and/or intermediate language levels or are taught in English.



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“The most important thing you learn while abroad isn’t in the classroom; it is what you learn out in society about cultures and it stays with you after your return.” — Duke in Venice Student

Can engineers or pre-health students study abroad?

Duke’s Pratt School of Engineering encourages students to study abroad, recognizing that global literacy is crucial for engineers in the 21st century. In contrast to a single digit national average, 32% of 2009 Pratt graduates studied abroad during their Duke careers. Duke’s pre-health advisors also recognize the importance of students having a broad approach to education and learning. Among 2009 graduates, 23% of Duke’s pre-health students studied abroad. The key for students of any major wishing to study abroad is to plan ahead for the study abroad experience, ensuring that curricular, as well as cultural, goals are met.

“Study abroad expanded my world view tremendously and gave me the opportunity to explore a part of the world I might not be willing to go by myself. I encourage students to study abroad in order to see the world from a perspective they might not have previously considered.” — Duke in Turkey Student



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Can I do research abroad?

Numerous programs approved for Duke students offer research opportunities abroad, either through guided individual projects or integrated classroom experiences. Additionally, a portion of Trinity College’s summer research grants are reserved for projects that relate to or were inspired by previous study abroad experience.

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TOP TEN REASONS TO STUDY ABROAD

1. Broaden your understanding of the world and your place in it.
2. Earn credit towards your major and the curriculum while having fun.
3. Become more self-confident, self-reliant and independent.
4. Become fluent in a foreign language through true immersion.
5. Learn more about yourself as you learn about the world.
6. Meet people from different cultural backgrounds than your own.
7. Learn as much outside of the classroom as you do inside.
8. Study abroad tuition and fees compare favorably to the cost of studying at Duke.
9. Enhance your opportunities for employment and/or graduate studies.
10. Develop skills to integrate into the global work force.



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