

Study Abroad Guide for Art Majors

Art majors are strongly encouraged to study abroad if they have the opportunity. Experiencing different cultures, people, places and perspectives can be critically important to your development as artists, art historians and designers. The following is general guidance for art students who plan to study abroad:

When should I begin planning for study abroad with my faculty art advisor?

Ideally, you should begin planning early. During your first year, discuss your interests and goals for study abroad with your art advisor. Discuss the coursework you should complete before going abroad and develop a 4-year plan for the art major that includes your time abroad.

When is the best time to study abroad?

For art majors, **the Sophomore year (either semester), Fall semester of the Junior year, OR Summer** are the best times to study abroad. Working with your art advisor, you can plan ahead for the Sophia courses, art requirements or electives you will be able to complete during your time abroad.

What study abroad programs are recommended for art majors?

With advance planning, art majors can attend any of the Saint Mary's study abroad programs. Art majors have studied in Ireland, Morocco, Spain and more. Students who need or want to complete art major requirements while studying abroad should consider the programs in **Rome, Italy; Seoul, S. Korea; or South Africa** that offer art courses.

Will the art courses I take abroad count toward my major?

The art department chair can pre-approve all art courses that you plan to take abroad. Contact the art department chair to discuss the accepted art, design and art history courses for the program you plan to attend.

Do I need to include studio and design projects from my study abroad program in the art department's semester Portfolio Reviews?

You will not participate in art department Portfolio Reviews while you are away from campus, but you are asked to submit an e-portfolio to the art department chair of your studio or design course work at the end of your semester abroad so that the classes can be applied to the art major.