



A GUIDE TO STUDYING ABROAD IN HISTORY

History is a living thing that links the past, present, and future of every aspect of our lives – our common and divergent cultures and histories, our languages, societies, governments, economies, religions, and day-to-day customs and beliefs. To make history come alive and put it into context, you must see where it happened, think about why it happened, and witness the effects it has had on the place and people where it occurred. History affects society on a global scale.

LOCATIONS

History is taught worldwide and has hundreds of areas of specialization, so where you choose to study history abroad depends largely on what your areas of interest are and what career path you hope to follow. For students who want to combine the exploration of ancient history with modern-day emerging political and economic powerhouses, **China** or **India** are good choices for studying history abroad. China's role in the world – politically, economically and culturally – continues to grow, as it is one of the most rapidly changing countries in the world.

To help understand how rapidly the world has changed over the past three centuries, or delve into the golden age of art, architecture, music, and literature, while having access to some of the world's finest museums, libraries, and archives, **Europe** is the place for you to study history abroad. **Italy** is Europe's center, when it comes to history. Home to history's most iconic and most well preserved ancient landmarks, Italy also hosts a myriad of history study abroad programs to choose from. Italy is the birthplace of the Renaissance, the home of the lost city of **Pompeii** and the **Vatican City**.

COURSES & PROGRAMS

The possibilities for history study abroad are nearly endless, and it's possible to combine many disciplines of history with other areas of study, most often foreign languages. Only your area of interest and your career goals may guide the type of program you choose. You can specialize in the history of any continent or country, and any time period from the Stone Age to the Cold War. Many study abroad programs focus on a history-sociology mix, such as African-American Studies, Islamic History, Latin American History, or any specific time period, like the World Wars, the Age of Exploration, or Medieval History.

BENEFITS

The benefits of studying history abroad are both personal and professional. On a personal level, studying abroad provides a more comprehensive way to see the world and bring history off the page of your textbook or out of the shadows created by modern day life. We are our past, and there's no better way to understand how the past has shaped our futures than by seeing, feeling, hearing, and experiencing the places where history was made. Studying history abroad is also a way to make history tangible, and see the world from another country's perspective. Studying abroad in general will allow students to experience different styles and philosophies of teaching too, which may help you grasp historical concepts more clearly.

From a professional point of view, employers and graduate admission boards look for people with a broad range of experience, language skills, an open mind, and a willingness to work and to learn, all of which can be gained by studying history abroad.

SJU SEMSTER ABROAD PROGRAMS

Please note the list of programs and courses are only listed as a guide and does not guarantee automatic approval of courses counting for SJU academic credit. You will work with both your Academic Advisor and Study Abroad Advisor to determine the program and courses to best meet your needs. All courses **must be approved** by the appropriate SJU Department Chair or Associate Dean prior to studying abroad.

- **John Cabot University- Rome**
 - *Sample Courses: Ancient Greek History, Ancient Rome and Italy, Italy from Risorgimento to WWI*
- **National University of Ireland, Galway**
 - *Sample Courses: Two Irelands in 20th Century, Social History of Ireland: 1850-1922, Problems in the History of Ireland, Rise of Modern America*
- **Saint Louis University in Madrid, Spain**
 - *Sample Courses: The Spanish Civil War, History of Colonial Latin America, Modern History of Spain, Medieval Spain, Christians, Jews & Moors*
- **UPCES, Prague, Czech Republic**
 - *Sample Courses: Central Europe: Shaping a Modern Culture, Political History of Czechoslovakia, Czechs, Germans & Jews in Bohemian Land*
- **IES: Vienna**
 - *Sample Courses: Nations & Religions, Fin de Siecle Vienna, History of Habsburg Empire*
- **IFSA-Butler: University of Auckland, New Zealand**
 - *Sample Courses: New Zealand Cultural History, America's Wars in Asia, Pacific History: Culture Contact to about 1900, Rethinking New Zealand History*

In addition to History Major/Minor courses, you may also be able to take some of SJU's GEP courses while abroad, including but not limited to: Art/Lit, Social Science, Religious Difference & Philosophical Anthropology.

Can't find a program or university on our approved list that appeals to you? You can always petition to attend another study abroad program of your choosing with more information can be found on our [website](#).

NEXT STEPS

- Meet with the Study Abroad Advisor** | Learn about your options
- Meet with your Academic Advisor** | Discuss course selection
- Apply for a passport** | <http://travel.state.gov/passport>
- Apply to study abroad!** | Applications are due to the CIP office by: March 1st for the Fall semester abroad, and October 1st for the Spring semester abroad

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