



## STUDYING CRIMINAL JUSTICE ABROAD

Many colleges and universities advise and urge their undergraduate students in criminal justice, especially those with a minor or a special interest in the sociological aspects of criminology, to incorporate study abroad into their undergraduate education. The reasoning is that issues of crime, law, and justice place great emphasis on cultural context, and by studying abroad students will gain an appreciation of new cultures and ideas in addition to enhancing their background and technical knowledge. Studying criminal justice abroad will allow students to gain historical perspective to their reasoning and analytical skills.

### WHY STUDY CRIMINAL JUSTICE ABROAD?

Criminology is a growing and diverse field, dependent on science and sociological premises that are ever changing, and can vary widely from country to country, culture to culture. Gaining international experience will enhance your resume, and help set you apart from the competition. Most criminology careers go hand-in-hand with laws, the legal profession, and government regulations, and studying abroad will give you insights into systems different from your own, and perhaps open career possibilities you hadn't previously considered.

### LOCATIONS

It's possible to find criminology and related programs in most parts of the world, but because of a history of expertise or due to geopolitical hotspots, some areas are particularly rich in criminology study abroad options, or offer a unique perspective and a wealth of available experts on the subject. **London** is an excellent base for studying criminology, because students can take advantage of well-established programs and high-quality facilities. **South Africa** with its history of apartheid, its relatively peaceful transfer of power from a white minority rule to a black majority rule, and the work of the South African Truth and Reconciliation Commission that deals with human rights crimes, racial violence, and amnesty, Sydney, **Australia** is the center of criminal justice and international law for an entire region. In addition to criminology programs offered Macquarie University, The Sydney Institute of Criminology is a research center based in the Sydney Law School that publishes the latest international research on criminology issues, and advises government and private industry on crime law and policy.

### COURSES & PROGRAMS

What criminology courses you choose to take and where you study criminology abroad will depend on what direction your interests lie in and what kind of practical experience you want from your experience abroad. War crimes, international standards & historical cases. These are courses that are heavy on the study of procedures, crimes that affect international law and human rights issues, and high-profile, precedent-setting, historical cases that change the way laws are written and crimes are investigated, prosecuted, and punished. Counter-terrorism. This is a specialty within the field of criminology, which is growing rapidly and changing constantly. It's an area that requires language skills, and a foundation in political science and history are helpful too, so studying abroad will benefit students interested in this field greatly. There are several directions to choose from when seeking courses in counter-terrorism abroad, including intelligence, high-tech crime, emergency management procedures, emergency services

administration, deception detection, and crowd violence. These types of criminology programs abroad are relatively new but options are growing rapidly.

## **BENEFITS**

Studying criminology abroad, and its related fields, enhances a student's critical and analytical skills and helps put the field's technical knowledge into a cultural and historical perspective. Adding an international experience, gives the holder of a criminal justice degree an added level of communications abilities, a broader perspective on analyzing and interpreting data, and a different point of view to consider in written reports and evaluations. The extra level of background, experience, and knowledge can help a job candidate be attractive to employers within the field of criminal justice, social services, rehabilitation, and even politics, civil service, and international law.

## **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.

- **Marquette University at University Western Cape, South Africa**
  - *Sample Courses: Theories of Crime, Moral Discourse on Human Rights and Civil Society, Customary Law*
- **Danish Institute for Study Abroad, Denmark**
  - *Sample Courses: Al-Qaida and Intelligence Analysis, Criminology and Criminal Justice in Scandinavia, Gang Crime in Scandinavia*
- **Florence University of the Arts**
  - *Sample Courses: International Terrorism, International Organized Crime, Human Rights and International Criminal Justice, History of the Mafia*
- **IFSA-Butler: Macquarie University, Sydney, Australia**
  - *Sample Courses: The Politics of Terrorism, Mad, Bad, Sad: The Anthropology of Deviance*

*In addition to Criminal Justice 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 1<sup>st</sup> for the Fall semester abroad, and October 1<sup>st</sup> for the Spring semester abroad

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