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# Go Abroad in the School of Design and Human Environment

**SDHE** has many students involved in international experiences, and for good reason. An international experience can provide students with necessary skills to work effectively with an increasingly diverse U.S. population and global job market. Employers in fields related to DHE: apparel design, interior design, graphic design and merchandising management, value the skills and experiences gained by students who study abroad. There is an international experience that will work for every SDHE student.

## What types of international experiences can I participate in?

### • Study Abroad:

SDHE majors may study abroad in an intensive field-based program or at a variety of international English-speaking schools where they may focus on their baccalaureate core and SDHE major requirements and interests. Some examples include Australia, New Zealand, England, Scotland, Italy, and India. Students may also study in another country to learn a foreign language or to gain cultural experience, not necessarily taking SDHE requirements.

### • IE3 Global Internships:

IE3 Global Internships facilitate international internships for SDHE students around the world in such areas as apparel design, interior design, graphic design and merchandising management. Students may generally do IE3 Internships starting in their junior year, and most financial aid and scholarships may be used to pay for these internships. During IE3 Internships, students can earn up to 12 credits per term at OSU.

### • International Degree:

Students planning to study a foreign language 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 students' 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 projects can count for this), and (4) complete a senior thesis. International Degree students can also get special funding for their research abroad.

### • SDHE Study Tours:

SDHE offers unique opportunities for students to travel to foreign countries on faculty-led study tours having specific professional focuses. Some examples of the past study tours include Art and Architecture of Western Europe Study Tour, Art and Architecture Study Tour in Italy, and Hong Kong Fashion Week Study Tour. By participating in Study Tours, students may earn 1-6 credits per term and up to 16 credits total at OSU.



"I am integrating and performing new influential techniques for my career as a designer. I am living a dream and I look forward to the rest of my stay in the beautiful city of Florence and grand country of Italy."  
-Leo Soto, Design Intern

## INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCES CAN HELP YOU...

- Learning about international perspectives and gain breadth in study in the SDHE fields
- Gaining research experience in different perspectives and approaches to SDHE fields
- Gaining new professional skills
- Learning about international perspectives
- Improving your language skills
- Expanding your cross-cultural communication and problem-solving skills
- Globalizing your world view
- Preparing 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: [financialaid.oregonstate.edu/review\\_costofattendance](http://financialaid.oregonstate.edu/review_costofattendance)

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

With planning, students can complete an undergraduate degree in four years which could involve up to a year of education abroad experiences.

### STUDENTS WHO CHOOSE TO GO ABROAD MAY ALSO BE ELIGIBLE FOR ADDITIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS:

- Students can apply for scholarships through the International Programs Office.
- 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. See the URISC Website [research.oregonstate.edu/incentive/undergraduate-research-innovation-scholarship-creativity-urisc](http://research.oregonstate.edu/incentive/undergraduate-research-innovation-scholarship-creativity-urisc) for details.
- International Degree students can seek additional funding through the International Programs Office for their experience abroad. More information about these scholarships can be found at [international.oregonstate.edu/degree/scholarships](http://international.oregonstate.edu/degree/scholarships)
- All OSU students can apply for numerous national awards that offer larger scholarships. 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. Summer after freshman year is the earliest time.
- **Sophomore Year:** Students can study abroad for the entire year or for a single term.
- **Sophomore/Junior Summer:** Students can study abroad for the summer if the school of interest offers it.
- **Junior Year:** Students could do an international experience for one, two, or three terms. Students should plan in advance with guidance from their SDHE advisor in order to ensure timely completion of their degree.
- **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. 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 all students. The best one for you depends on your specific needs and wants. If you plan to study abroad, one important consideration is whether you want to study a language, focus on your major, minor, electives, 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 upper-division credits and 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. Students can study abroad as sophomores.

## What are my first and next steps?

### IE3 GLOBAL INTERNSHIPS STEPS

1. View the online First Steps presentation:

[oregonstate.edu/instruct/dce/idea/fs/](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 IE3 Global Internships: [international.oregonstate.edu/ea/students/international-internships/ie3-global-internships](http://international.oregonstate.edu/ea/students/international-internships/ie3-global-internships)

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 form](#) by following the instructions provided in the First Steps presentation and [email](#) with your availability or bring to your Next Steps (peer-advising appointment) with an International Ambassador.



“I’ve had the opportunity to do much more traveling than I was expecting to while I’ve been here. I took weekend trips to Rome, Cinque Terre, London, Venice and the southern coast, including Sorrento and Pompeii. We’ve done day trips to places such as Florence, Pisa, Volterra, Brolio Castle, and Assisi.”

-Danielle Groves, *studied in Siena, Italy*

5. Meet with an education abroad advisor (to be scheduled following your Next Steps meeting) at OSU GO to discuss questions, applications and other information about each program.

6. Application

- Fill out the OSU GO application by clicking the ‘apply now’ button on the [OSU GO internship page](#).

- There is a second application found on [IE3 Global’s website](#) specific to your internship

- Take note of application deadlines. (Deadlines for IE3 Global Internships are generally two terms prior to departure.

- Application deadlines can be found at website referred to in step two.

- Applications typically include recommendation forms, essays, a current resume and college transcripts.

- Plan to start your application one month before it is due.

## 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. [oregonstate.edu/instruct/dce/idea/fs/](https://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: [international.oregonstate.edu/osugo/programs/search](https://international.oregonstate.edu/osugo/programs/search) and/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 form](#) by following the instructions provided in the First Steps presentation and [email](#) with your availability or bring to your Next Steps (peer-advising appointment).

5. After you've attended a Next Steps meeting, schedule an appointment with a study abroad advisor 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 and the application process.

### 6. Application

- Fill out the OSU GO application by clicking the 'apply now' button on the specific OSU GO program page.
- Complete all items on your dashboard
- 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.

- There is a second application required. This will be found on the program provider's website. Follow the link listed on the OSU GO program page.

### 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](https://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.**

**DEFINITIONS:** Program provider: Company providing international experiences to US college students [CIEE, IFSA-Butler, AHA, API, SIT, SFS, IE3-Global, SAS, SEA Semester]

OSU Exchange: OSU students take classes with host-country students; these can be more competitive, but allow Oregon-residents to pay in-state tuition while studying abroad

Direct Enrollment: OSU students enroll in university courses with host country students and pay host university tuition or program provider rates [OSU, IE3 Global, IFSA-Butler]

Departmental/Faculty-led: Program led or sponsored by OSU department

## DEPARTMENTAL

Contact as shown

### ITALY

#### [ACCADEMIA ITALIANA](#)

Contact SDHE Academic Advisor, 541-737-4677

International Fashion and Design Institute

Academic Emphasis: Apparel Design, Interior Design,

Housing, Product Design, Jewelry Design, Graphic Design

Location: This school has two locations in Italy to choose

from. Florence is the birthplace of the Italian Renaissance and home to numerous famous historic figures.

The city boasts some of the greatest works of art and architecture in the world. Every phase of Rome's 2,500

year old history is vibrantly alive in Italy's colorful, exuberant capital. Accademia Italiana is less than fifteen

minutes from the center of Rome, where you will find

some of Italy's greatest historical and cultural sites. Du-

ration options: fall term, winter-spring, summer term.

Language: English Contact: SDHE Advisors

### INDIA

#### **KALA RAKSHA VIDHYALAYA (KRV)**

Contact SDHE Academic Advisor, 541-737-4677

Design, Tradition, Survival, Inspiration Academic Empha-

sis: Apparel Design, Interior Design, Housing. Location:

Kutch is one of the richest regions for textiles in India.

World renowned extra weft wool weaving, intricate nat-

ural dyed hand block printed ajrakh, the finest bandhani

(shibori), distinctive batik, and a dazzling range of mir-

rored embroideries and appliqué are all practiced in this

small, historic desert land, circumscribed by the great

salt marsh Rann of Kutch and the Arabian Sea. In addition to textiles, Kutch is also home to wood, leather, pottery, and metal crafts. Duration options: three

weeks starting early September Language: English

Contact: Sandy Burnett at

Sandy.Burnett@oregonstate.edu

## SDHE STUDY TOURS/SHORT PROGRAMS

Contact SDHE Academic Advisor, 541-737-3716

### [Architecture, Interiors, and Dress of Western Europe](#)

Study historic and contemporary applied design in European cities and countryside. Tours are offered in

summer of even-numbered years and often include

three or four exciting destinations. Past study tours

have included architecture, furnishings, art, and fash-

ion in London, Paris, Florence, Venice, Rome, Copen-

hagen, Munich, and Berlin. Contact: Elaine Pedersen

at Elaine.Pedersen@oregonstate.edu

### [Fashion study tour of Asia](#)

Study fashion in Asia's top fashion cities. Possible site

visits may include factory tours, designer show-

rooms, major retail markets, etc. TBA. Offered every

other summer in even number years. Contact: Sandy

Burnett at Sandy.Burnett@oregonstate.edu

## STUDY ABROAD OPPORTUNITIES

Contact International Programs

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### AUSTRALIA

#### [Deakin University, Melbourne](#)

Academic Emphasis: Architecture, Construction

Engineering, Architectural Design, Applied Visual

Arts including Graphic Design, Business including

Marketing and Consumer Behavior. Location:

Deakin University is located in the state of Victoria

on the southeastern tip of Australia. Students may

choose between campuses in three different cities:

Melbourne, a large city renowned for its festivals,

“I only have great things to say about my London experience. AIU was a different school than what any American would be used to, but it was a good challenge and I was taught by overly qualified tutors! I met great friends all of different ethnicities and backgrounds. We traveled to Ireland, Holland, Greece, and stayed for two weeks after school to travel Spain.”

-Mary Hall  
London Study Abroad

restaurants, entertainment, sports, and parks; Geelong, a medium-sized city about 15 minutes from the beach; and Warrnambool, a small town with a friendly, close-knit community. Duration options: Winter/Spring Semester; Summer/Fall Semester; Academic Year.

#### [University of Technology, Sydney](#)

Academic Emphasis: Interior Design, Fashion and textile design, Architecture and Urban Design. Location: UTS is located in the heart of multicultural, vibrant and young cosmopolitan city Sydney. Spectacular beaches are just a short ride away from the campus. UTS is ranked in the Top Five Australian Universities. UTS Design Department offers a variety of cutting edge facilities. Duration options: Winter/Spring Term, Summer/Fall Term.

#### ENGLAND

##### [University of Westminster](#)

Academic Emphasis: Interior Design, Urban Design, Architecture, Fashion Design, Merchandise Management, Marketing. Location: Westminster has three superb campuses in central London and a fourth at a purpose-built green field site in Harrow, northwest London. Duration options: Fall term, Winter/ Spring terms, summer, Academic year.

#### ITALY

##### [Lorenzo de' Medici School, Florence](#)

Academic Emphasis: Fashion Design, Graphic Design, Interior Design. Location: Founded in 1973, LdM offers the opportunity to study under experienced instructors in the unparalleled surroundings of Florence. Located in the region of Tuscany, Florence has long been described as a “flower” or a “pomegranate tree,” bringing to mind images of fertility, lush new life, and beauty. To study and live in Florence is to walk the streets of Dante, Brunelleschi, Giotto, and many more contributors to the arts and humanities. Duration options: Summer Term, Fall Term, Winter/Spring Term, Academic year. Language: English/Italian.

#### NEW ZEALAND

##### [University of Otago, Dunedin](#)

Academic Emphasis: Communication Design, Industrial Design, Interaction Design, Environmental Design. Location: U of O is New Zealand’s oldest university and a top-ranked research institution. It is located in a college-town Dunedin which is an ideal setting for students interested in great academics and outdoor adventure. Duration options: Winter/Spring Term, Summer/Fall Term, Academic year.

##### [Massey University, Wellington/ Palmerston North](#)

Academic Emphasis: Fashion Design, Textile Design, Visual Communication Design, Consumer Behavior. Location: The University of Massey is located on the southern end of the North Island of New Zealand. The university has three campuses, each with its own distinctive character and wide range of amenities and services. Duration options: Winter/Spring Term, Summer/Fall Term, Academic year.

#### PERU

##### [Lima, Peru](#)

Academic Emphasis: Introduction to Design, Graphic Design. Location: Through direct enrollment

at the oldest private university in the country, homestays, volunteer opportunities, and a variety of cultural activities and excursions, studying abroad in Lima offers you a unique intercultural experience and fascinating insight into the country and its people. Duration options: Winter/Spring Semester; Summer/Fall Semester; Academic Year. Language: Completion of Spanish 311 or above.

## SCOTLAND

### [Glasgow School of Art](#)

Academic Emphasis: Interior Design, Textiles, Product Design, Architecture. Location: Glasgow. Leading-edge art study in an inspiring city. Each department is fully equipped with studios and workshops. Primarily design-focused university. Duration options: Fall term (Sept-Dec), Winter/ Spring terms (Jan-June), Academic year (Sept-June).

## SENEGAL

### [Arts and Culture program, Dakar](#)

Courses: Arts and Culture Seminar, Intensive Language Study: French, Intensive Language Study: Beginning Wolof, Field Study Seminar, and Independent Study Project. Location: For the last three centuries, Senegal has inspired poets, novelists, and researchers, emerging as one of the most significant patrons of the arts in all of Africa. Dakar, an exciting cosmopolitan city, juts into the ocean on the Cap Vert peninsula. Duration options: Fall Term, Winter/ Spring Term. Language: English.

## IE3 GLOBAL INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Contact International Programs

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## ARGENTINA

### [Individualized Placements in Argentina](#)

Professional experience in a broad range of fields is available through an individualized placement in Buenos Aires, Argentina. Design internships include graphic and interior design companies and retail outlets. Language: Minimum two years college level Spanish. Available: any term. Duration: minimum ten weeks.

## AUSTRALIA

### [Internships Down Under](#)

IE3 Global Internships work with Professional Pathways Australia to provide custom internship opportunities in companies and organizations throughout Australia. Design internships are available. Duration: 10 weeks to two terms. Available: Any term. Language: English

## ENGLAND

### [Dream Careers in London](#)

Gain professional experience in fields such as fashion, finance, PR and marketing, events management or media while living in one of the world's largest and most cosmopolitan cities - London, England. Language: English. Available: start January, March, June or September. Duration: 10 weeks

## GHANA

### [Women in Progress](#)

Women In Progress works to achieve the economic independence of women and alleviate poverty at a grassroots level in Ghana by providing support for the sustainable growth of small women-owned businesses. Interns may assist with business development (marketing, accounting, business plan development, and market research), or craft, clothing and jewelry design and production. Duration: 3 months. Language: English. Available: any term.

## SOUTH AFRICA

### [Cape Town Journalism](#)

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: English. Available: academic year. Duration: 10-12 weeks