Study Abroad with Psychology

When should I go and what classes can I take?

When should I go?
IPFW students who have completed at least two full-time semesters on a college campus and have at least a 2.5 GPA can apply at any time. Many students go abroad during their junior year. Depending on your interests and goals, you may wish to study for an academic year, a semester, or participate in a specialized summer program. IPFW Psychology faculty recommends that Junior Spring may be a good time to Study Abroad, though with planning, you can be flexible.

What classes can I take?
IPFW recommends saving the following courses to take overseas though others may be possible including courses not offered at IPFW. * PSY 20300 - Introduction to Research Methods in Psychology would be best taken at IPFW.

- PSY 23500 - Child Psychology
- PSY 24000 - Introduction to Social Psychology
- PSY 33400 - Cross Cultural Psychology
- PSY 35000 - Abnormal Psychology
- PSY 36200 - Human Development II: Adolescence
- PSY 35300 - Social and Personality Development in Children

General Information about classes:
Students will find a wide variety of courses offered throughout the world. With planning, students are able to transfer courses back to IPFW to fulfill degree requirements. Elective classes are often easier to transfer back, but students are still able to fulfill degree requirements abroad. Some students also choose to take the opportunity to complete an internship to enhance their resume and boost their professional development for a truly unique experience.

What classes in psychology & social work can I study while abroad?

Behavioral Science          Clinical Psychology
Counseling Psychology        Counseling
Educational Psychology        Forensic Psychology
Human Services                Neuroscience
Organizational Psychology     Psychology (general)
Social Work

Why is international experience critical for psychology and social work students?

As a student pursuing a career in Psychology or Social Work, you are passionate about people, intrigued with what makes people “tick” and understanding the various aspects and influences of culture. Furthermore, you desire to connect with and help people. Your work is important, and will demand skills for inter-cultural and cross-communication, the ability to understand and relate with a diverse population of people. – globalinksabroad.org

Studying abroad is one of the very best ways you can prepare yourself for your future and give yourself a leg up to enter whichever field you pursue. More than any time in the past, it is critical that students entering such a people-focused field possess a global viewpoint, international experience and understanding of other cultures.

Freud was German, Pavlov was Russian, and Piaget was Swiss; there is no shortage of brilliant psychological work being done throughout the world, so why not go study psychology abroad for a semester?!
Featured Programs Continued:

University of Ghana, Accra, Ghana

- Choose from a wide variety of classes including African Studies (in various departments), Geography and Resource Development, Agriculture, and the Social Sciences.
- Organized excursions include the Cape Coast Castle & Kakum National Park, Kumasi Cultural Center, Bowwire Kente Cloth Weaving Village, Ahwiaa Wood Carving Village, Manyhyia Palace Museum, Kumasi Central Market and Volta Lake & Akosombo Dam.
- Many opportunities for volunteer work in the many NGO’s, orphanages, schools, hospitals, etc.

Volunteer in Ghana and Engage with the Community Some of the organizations that students may choose from are:
- Beacon House Children’s Home
- Mawuvio’s Outreach Programme
- Global Civic Preservation
- New Horizon Special School

West African AIDS Foundation


University of Tartu, Tartu, Estonia

- Located in the heart of Estonia’s second largest city – that feels like a university town!
- Over 150 courses taught in English
- International staff and student body
- Highly regarded for academic excellence and science research
- Summer program option available!

Highlighted Courses: Psychology of Control, Developmental Psychopathology, Sociology of Gender, Essentialism, psychology, evolution and ethics, Cross-Cultural Psychology, Health Promotion and Medical Sociology, Many Baltic and European Society & Culture courses, and a lot more!

Where Should I Go to Study Psych or Social Work?

Featured Summer Programs:

Vienna-IES/IU Summer Psychology Program

- Center located at Palais Corbrell, an 18th-century palace in the heart of Vienna, field trips and cultural events included
- Typical enrollment: 15-30 students from U.S. colleges and universities, 6 IU credits for 2 IES courses
- German language course (Required, GER-OS 100*, 3 credits, students will need to take a German placement exam upon return for German language credit)
  - Psychology and Society (PSY-OS 300, 3 cr.)
  - Health Psychology and Communication Skills

IUPUI Japan: Health Care Professions

- Cross-cultural Communication and Cultural Immersion experience
- Lead to greater understanding of student’s own culture and Japanese culture while exploring communication patterns and the Japanese healthcare system
- 3 credits in Intercultural Understanding across the Health Care Disciplines

Other Semester Programs to study in English with ISEP include:

Australia, Austria, Botswana, Canada, England, Fiji, Ghana, Hungary, Lithuania, Malaysia, Malta, Mexico, N. Ireland, Netherlands, New Zealand, Spain, and Turkey

How Can I Afford it?

Special Scholarships for Psychology Majors:

- The American Psychology Association (APA) has a searchable database of scholarships
- Gallagher Koster offers yearly scholarships for students studying health services including psychology, and they accept applicants who are studying abroad

More Study Abroad Grants and Scholarships

Financial Aid

Students who receive an aid package from federal and state sources may be eligible to apply this aid toward a study abroad program. Support from financial aid varies based on a number of factors such as remaining aid eligibility, program costs, length of stay and type of program. The Office of Financial Aid determines which study abroad programs are approved for financial aid. Please do not hesitate to contact the Office of Financial Aid in Kettler 103 at (260)481-6243.

Scholarships

There are a number of scholarships available for study abroad programs. We provide a short list of links to different scholarship opportunities in the scholarship page, but we also advise that you visit The Institute of International Education for more study abroad funding information.

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