

SEMESTER STUDY ABROAD INFORMATION

Requirements

In order to participate in a semester study abroad through the SA Office, undergraduate students must:

- have completed a minimum of 30 credit hours and all first-year courses at SAIC at the time of application
- must have completed or be enrolled in Sophomore Seminar at the time of application (if required for your degree)
- be full-time and degree-seeking
- be in good academic standing, with no disciplinary sanctions, and with no holds on their accounts.

Things to Know

- Junior status is highly recommended and for some programs it is required.
- Study abroad may be one or two semesters in length.
- A two-semester option at one institution must be consecutive.
- Students may earn a maximum number of 30 credit hours of SAIC Study Abroad.
- Undergraduate students cannot study abroad for their final semester at SAIC and must complete their last six credits (at minimum) on-campus. [One exception: final six credits can be completed on SAIC faculty-led study trips]

Process

Undergraduate students must first be approved by the faculty Study Abroad Review Panel (SARP) during the semester prior to departure. This includes study abroad at our international exchange partner schools, AICAD Exchange, tuition transfer schools, and affiliate programs for students who wish to pursue a semester away through SAIC Study Abroad. Approved students then apply through SA to proposed host schools.

Application and Deadlines

September 15 for a spring semester abroad and February 15 for fall. If the 15th falls on a weekend, we will accept applications on the following Monday.

Applications require a portfolio, artist statement, transcript, degree audit from Academic Advising, and two faculty recommendations.

NOTE: Exchanges with partner schools through the Study Abroad office are not possible during the winter and summer interims. If you wish to enroll directly at another school or program during these times, the Registrar's Office has PERMISSION TO TAKE CLASSES OUTSIDE OF SAIC forms explaining the process you must follow to seek pre-approval of transfer credits upon completion of your classes. You will not receive SAIC's institutional financial aid for this type of activity. **IMPORTANT:** This does not apply to SAIC's faculty-led STUDY TRIP courses, which are scheduled in the winter and summer interims. Financial Aid for tuition fees is available as normal for SAIC faculty-led study trips. For more information on these very popular courses see saic.edu/academics/studyabroadoff-campus/.

1. STUDY ABROAD – EXCHANGE PARTNERS

SAIC has agreements to exchange students with the following partner schools. Many of the schools prefer to exchange only on a one-for-one basis during a semester; others may consider one or more applicants based on their strong portfolio. Some also require that exchanges occur within specific departments (e.g. Painting & Drawing, Photography).

Program participants pay tuition fees as normal to SAIC but study abroad at the host school. The host school waives its tuition fees but may charge other fees. Students are responsible for their own travel, visa, and accommodation expenses, etc. Residence hall accommodation may not be available at some host schools.

Australia

RMIT University, Melbourne
rmit.edu.au / [study at RMIT](#)

University of New South Wales, Sydney
artdesign.unsw.edu.au / [study at UNSW](#)

Canada

Alberta University of the Arts, Calgary
acad.ca / [AICAD Exchange](#)

Emily Carr University of Art & Design, Vancouver
ecuad.ca / [AICAD Exchange](#)

NSCAD University, Halifax, Nova Scotia
nscad.ca / [AICAD Exchange](#)

OCAD University, Toronto
ocadu.ca / [AICAD Exchange](#)

France

École Nationale Supérieure des Arts Décoratifs Paris *
ensad.fr / [study at ENSAD](#)

École Nationale Supérieure des Beaux-Arts Paris *
ensba.fr / [study at ENSBA](#)

*Note: ENSBA deadline for both fall and spring semesters is **May 1**.*

Germany

University of Fine Arts, Berlin **
College of Fine Arts only
udk-berlin.de / [study at UdK](#)

Bauhaus University, Weimar **
uni-weimar.de / [study at Bauhaus](#)

Ireland

Burren College of Art
burrencollege.ie / [study at Burren](#)

Israel

Bezalel Academy of Arts and Design Jerusalem**
bezalel.ac.il / [study at Bezalel](#)

Netherlands

Gerrit Rietveld Academie, Amsterdam **
gerritrietveldacademie.nl / [study at Rietveld](#)

*Note: 1) Rietveld deadline for both fall and spring semesters is **May 1**. 2) Max. exchange one semester*

Utrecht School of the Arts, Utrecht **
hku.nl / [study at HKU](#)

South Korea

Seoul National University**

Available areas of study: Painting, Oriental Painting, Sculpture, Crafts (Ceramics, Metalsmithing), Design (Graphic, Media, Product, Space)

useoul.edu / [study at SNU](#)

Switzerland

Zurich University of the Arts, ZHdK **
zhdk.ch / [study at ZHdK](#)

United Kingdom

The Slade School of Fine Art, University College London
ucl.ac.uk/slade / [study at Slade](#)

Glasgow School of Art, Scotland
gsa.ac.uk / [study at GSA](#)

*Note: GSA deadline for both fall and spring semesters is **May 1**.*

* Requires foreign language proficiency.

** Some options possible for English instruction.

2. AICAD EXCHANGE PROGRAM - Within the U.S. & Canada

Semester exchange is possible between most schools who are members of AICAD, the Association of Independent Colleges of Art & Design. Participating schools are listed below; for a full list see aicad.org/extended-opportunities/.

[Alberta University of the Arts](#) Calgary, Canada
[Art Academy of Cincinnati](#) Cincinnati, OH
[California Coll. of the Arts](#) San Francisco & Oakland, CA
[Cleveland Institute of Art](#) Cleveland, OH
[Coll. for Creative Studies](#) Detroit, MI
[Columbus Coll. of Art & Des.](#) Columbus, OH
[Emily Carr University of Art & Design](#) Vancouver, Canada
[Kansas City Art Inst.](#) Kansas City, MO
[Laguna Coll. of Art & Design](#) Laguna Beach, CA
[Lesley Art + Design](#) Cambridge, MA
[Maine Coll. of Art](#) Portland, ME
[Maryland Institute, Coll. of Art](#) Baltimore, MD
[Massachusetts College of Art & Design](#) Boston, MA
[Milwaukee Inst. of Art & Design](#) WI

[Minneapolis Coll. of Art & Design](#) MN
[Montserrat College of Art](#) Beverly, MA
[Moore College of Art & Design](#) Philadelphia, PA
[NSCAD University](#) Halifax, Canada
[OCAD University](#) Toronto, Canada
[Otis Coll. of Art & Design](#) Los Angeles, CA
[Pacific Northwest Coll. of Art](#) Portland, OR
[Pennsylvania Acad. of Fine Arts](#) Philadelphia, PA
[Pennsylvania Coll. of Art and Design](#) Lancaster, PA
[Rhode Island School of Design](#) Providence, RI
[Ringling School of Art & Des.](#) Sarasota, FL
[School of the Museum of Fine Arts at Tufts](#) Boston, MA
[University of the Arts](#) Philadelphia, PA
[Watkins College of Art](#) Nashville, TN

NOTE: The following AICAD schools do not participate in the program: Art Center College of Design Pasadena; CalArts Valencia; Parsons School of Design New York; Pratt Institute Brooklyn; School of Visual Arts New York; The Cooper Union School of Art.

3. TUITION TRANSFER SCHOOLS

The following schools do not “exchange” students, however study abroad is possible under SAIC’s **Tuition Transfer** arrangement. The student remains enrolled at SAIC paying tuition fees and receiving SAIC financial aid and scholarships as normal, and SAIC transfers up to 50% of its tuition fees to the other school. If the host school’s tuition fees are higher than 50% of SAIC’s, the student is responsible for paying the difference directly to the host school.

Tuition Transfer students are also responsible for travel, immigration, accommodation expenses and any other host school fees and expenses. Students interested in this option must meet with a Study Abroad Advisor and with their Student Financial Services Advisor.

Italy

Lorenzo de' Medici Institute; Florence, Rome or Tuscana
English language instruction but students must enroll in one Italian language course.

ldminstitute.com / [study at LdM](#)

SACI – Studio Arts College International, Florence

English language instruction.

saci-florence.edu/ / [study at SACI](#)

United Kingdom

Goldsmiths College, University of London, England
Year-long Fine Art program or semester-long Academic and Liberal Arts options

gold.ac.uk/ / [study at Goldsmiths](#)

University of the Arts London, which includes:

Central Saint Martins Coll. of Art & Design •
Camberwell Coll. of Arts • Chelsea Coll. of Art & Design • London Coll. of Communication • London Coll. of Fashion • Wimbledon Coll. of Art

arts.ac.uk / [study at UAL](#)

4. AFFILIATE PROGRAMS

The same **Tuition Transfer** financial arrangement can apply if a student is approved to undertake another school's program or a program through a 'third-party provider'. These types of programs may be worth considering if a student is seeking mainly non-studio credits.

Examples of these include: arcadia.edu/abroad, ciee.org, DISabroad.org, goabroad.com, iesabroad.org, ifsa-butler.org, sit.edu/studyabroad, studyabroad.com, Temple Rome.

Consult in-depth with your Academic Advisor and Student Financial Services Advisor if you are pursuing this option.

5. INDEPENDENT STUDY ABROAD

If you wish to pursue a semester-length study abroad program independent of SAIC (i.e. not through the Study Abroad office), you will seek permission to take classes outside of SAIC through the Office of Academic Advising. You should discuss your plans in advance with your advisor to investigate whether your credits will be accepted upon completion of your program. For semester-length study you will take a Leave of Absence from SAIC and transfer credit rules will apply. SAIC assumes no responsibility for you while you are abroad and you will not be eligible for SAIC's financial aid.