Why Study IARC Abroad?

“Design as a field does not exist in a vacuum. Rather, it is an international profession in which individuals and firms do business all over the world. By learning from and understanding other cultures, we are not only better able to understand the international context and diversity of design, but we are better able to understand ourselves and our own cultures.”

-Tommy Lambeth
Undergraduate Coordinator
Department of Interior Architecture

IARC Major Specifics:

When is the best time to study abroad?
While every student’s situation may vary, IARC students typically study abroad during 3rd year Spring semester or 4th year Fall semester. Finding the most appropriate program as well as the best time to go may often depend on academic background and certain prerequisites. Begin planning your study abroad experience early.

What courses should I take abroad vs. at UNCG?
It is encouraged that students take a variety of both IARC, GEC, and elective courses while studying abroad. It is strongly recommended that students take at least one studio course per semester while abroad. Additional design courses can also be taken abroad, but they need to be preapproved on a case-by-case basis by an IARC advisor. Support courses may be difficult to obtain overseas, so it is may behoove students to take those courses at UNCG.

Do I need to know a foreign language?
Although there are no language requirements for IARC majors, the department highly recommends students consider taking a foreign language and culture course while abroad. This will enhance the experience and benefit students professionally.

Other benefits...
Simply studying abroad in any country waives a Global marker, and depending on the program, a Global Non-Western marker. Furthermore, you receive credit for IAR 499: International Field Studies. Studying abroad further satisfies IARC Experience courses, and students can be awarded credit for these. Speak to IARC and IPC advisors for more details.

Can I Afford It?
Yes! On semester or year-long exchange programs, students pay regular UNCG tuition and fees. Housing and meal costs are typically equivalent to a semester in residence at UNCG. Any financial aid received at UNCG can be applied to the program costs. In addition, students are eligible to receive travel grants to help offset the costs of airfare.

Getting Started!
IPC is dedicated to finding the right program for each student, and our huge array of partner universities allows us to do just that. Call (336) 334-5404 or stop by 207 Foust to schedule an appointment with a study abroad advisor. This will provide you with more information on appropriate programs, finances, application procedures, and more.
TURKEY
Yeditepe University
Located in Istanbul, YU offers a program in interior architecture, which covers subjects such as drawing, construction, design, and lighting. The program in architecture includes coursework in design studio, architectural history, architectural drawing, architectural design, and more.
http://www.yeditepe.edu.tr/

UNITED KINGDOM
The University of Ulster
Located in Belfast, Northern Ireland, the program at UU offers courses in 3-dimensional design, including interior product and furniture design.
http://prospectus.ulster.ac.uk/

University of Strathclyde
Located in Glasgow, Scotland, US offers programs in architectural studies, including courses influenced by design, cultural context, technology and environment, management practice and law, and communication. Design studio is an integral part of this program.
http://www.strath.ac.uk/

BOTSWANA
University of Botswana
Located in Gaborone, the cores of the Architecture Program at UB are courses in design, consisting of studio work, lectures and seminars in humanities, technology, environment and professional practice.
http://www.ub.bw

CHINA
Chinese University of Hong Kong
CUHK offers a program in architectural studies, which includes courses in design studio, computer-aided design, graphics & visual studies, theory and design, among others.

SWEDEN
Lund University
LU offers courses in Scandinavian architecture, aesthetics, landscape architecture and gardens, architectural design, and more.
http://www.lunduniversity.lu.se/

SOUTH KOREA
Yonsei University
Located in Seoul, YU offers several courses, including: architectural design studio, history of modern architecture, and special topics in architecture and visual design.
http://oia.yonsei.ac.kr/

NEW ZEALAND
Unitec Institute of Technology
Located in Auckland, Unitec offers courses in architectural studies, including architectural design, interior design, urban housing design, the history and theory of architecture, and landscape architecture, which is focused on hands-on learning and design studio.
http://www.unitec.ac.nz/

Massey University
Massey, located in Palmerston North, offers several courses in design, including spatial and industrial design.
http://www.massey.ac.nz/

AUSTRALIA
The Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology
RMIT, located in Melbourne, offers courses in landscape architecture and planning, interior design, and architectural design studio.
http://www.rmit.edu.au/

Deakin University
DU in Melbourne offers courses that include graphic and coded communication, building materials science, architecture design, computer-aided modeling, and construction and structures.
http://www.deakin.edu.au/

Edith Cowan University
Located near Perth in Western Australia, ECU offers courses in spatial and environmental design, including: design of interior and exterior environments and spaces, applying sustainable practices to the design of retail and commercial spaces, and the design of products and environments that promote usability.
http://www.ecu.edu.au/

University of Canberra
Located in the capital city of Australia, UC offers courses in interior design, architecture, industrial design, and landscape design. Students will explore the broad cultural and environmental issues associated with design and architecture.
http://www.canberra.edu.au/home/

***While these are featured programs for the Department of Interior Architecture, students are by no means limited to these opportunities. Please visit our website, listed below, for all available programs.

***The above programs operate as UNCG exchange programs, where students pay regular UNCG tuition and fees (see front page). Third party, or unaffiliated programs, are also options, but be aware that they may be more expensive and require independent planning and organization on the part of the student.

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