



# HARVEY MUDD COLLEGE

## Study Abroad

### Frequently Asked Questions

#### PLANNING

*Where can I study?*

All over the world. You can choose from numerous programs in various countries. If these approved programs do not meet your academic needs, you must petition the HMC Study Abroad Committee to attend a non-approved program.

*I am a first-year student. I plan to study abroad during my junior year. What do I need to do?*

- Continue making progress in your core courses.
- Complete your physical education requirement before leaving campus.
- Take courses in your major before leaving campus. This will allow you to complete some hum/soc courses and some electives abroad and/or to expand your education by taking courses unavailable at HMC.

*How far in advance should I start planning?*

It is never too early to begin discussing with your advisors your plan to study abroad. They will be able to help you determine which semester is best for you. At least one year in advance, you should begin your research on the various programs. Applications are due to the Study Abroad Committee as follows:

<b>For study abroad during your:</b>	<b>Submit preliminary application by:</b>	<b>Submit full application by:</b>
<u>Sophomore spring</u>	<u>Feb. 15 (freshman spring)</u>	<u>Sept. 25 (sophomore fall)</u>
<u>Junior fall</u>	<u>None required</u>	<u>Feb. 15 (soph. spring)</u>
<u>Junior spring</u>	<u>Feb. 15 (sophomore spring)</u>	<u>Sept. 25 (junior fall)</u>
<u>Senior fall</u>	<u>None required</u>	<u>Feb. 15 (junior spring)</u>

Note that these dates have been designed to allow the Committee time to process your Application before most external program deadlines. However, it is your responsibility to check the application deadlines for your program and submit your application to the Committee at least two weeks before external deadlines.

*Can I study abroad during the summer?*

Yes. You may apply on your own; you do not need to go through the HMC Study Abroad Committee. In terms of credit and financial aid, summer study abroad is treated just like domestic summer school. Check with your advisors and the HMC Financial Aid Office for additional information.

*Is there a GPA requirement to study abroad?*

While the HMC Study Abroad Committee has no GPA minimum, your academic record is considered. Typically, the Committee cannot recommend the application of a student who does not meet the overseas program's minimum GPA and/or foreign language requirement. Specific program requirements are included in the program material.

*Do I need to know a foreign language to study abroad?*

Not necessarily. Many programs do not have a foreign language requirement.

## **COURSES, CREDITS, GRADES**

*Do I get credits for courses I take abroad?*

Yes, you receive credit toward graduation from HMC if you participate in a program of study officially approved by the HMC Study Abroad Committee. To get credit, you must receive a grade of C or better. Certain departments may have stricter requirements for courses counted toward the major.

*Can I count courses completed abroad towards my major?*

The number of credits that can be applied towards a major is determined by individual departments. It is your responsibility to consult your academic advisors to confirm the applicability of your proposed coursework. Any changes from this plan should be communicated, in writing, to the advisor and the Study Abroad Committee. HMC's acceptance of coursework taken abroad is contingent upon approval by the student's major department and the Humanities and Social Sciences department.

*Do my grades count in my HMC GPA?*

No. All grades received will appear on the HMC transcript, but the grades will not be computed in the HMC GPA.

## **TIMING**

*Do I have to be a junior to go abroad?*

In general, students study abroad for one semester during their junior year. Many programs abroad require junior standing for admission. Junior standing is defined as having completed four semesters at a university. However, for some majors it may be appropriate to study abroad the second semester of the sophomore year. Students should discuss their schedules with their technical advisor and plan accordingly.

*Can I go abroad during senior year?*

In unique circumstances, students have studied abroad during the first semester of the senior year.

## **FINANCES**

*Do I pay HMC tuition while I am gone?*

Yes. You will continue to be billed for your time abroad by the HMC Office of Student Accounts. You pay a comprehensive fee to Harvey Mudd College that is equal to charges for tuition, room, board, and fees for the same period of time at HMC. The fee covers the costs of the academic program, reasonable room and board in the host country, and an allowance for round-trip transportation from Los Angeles Airport (LAX) to the program site.

Your family will continue to receive billing statements by HMC which will detail the comprehensive fee charged for studying abroad as well as any expected or actual financial aid for which you are eligible to receive.

*Do I continue to receive financial aid if I study abroad?*

Yes, you will continue to receive federal, state, private, and institutional financial aid while studying abroad. Both merit-based and need-based financial aid will be available to students who apply for financial aid by HMC's published deadlines. You may continue to receive financial aid while studying abroad for one semester or for one full academic year.

*My chosen university in Ireland or the UK offers a pre-session in the autumn term for an extra fee. Is this covered?*

No, the costs for the pre-session are not included in the study abroad budget for the semester.

## **APPLICATION PROCEDURES**

*Where can I get an application?*

You may obtain an HMC application from the HMC Office of Career Services, Platt Campus Center, or you can download it from our web site at <http://www.hmc.edu/admin/career/abroad/studyabroadguide.html>. In addition to the HMC application, you will need to complete an application for the program to which you are applying. Specific program applications may be obtained in the HMC Office of Career Services or may be downloaded from the program site.

*If I have additional questions, where do I go?*

Stop by the HMC Office of Careers Services, Platt Campus Center, and speak with Karen McAndrew, Study Abroad Advisor, or send email to [karen\\_mcandrew@hmc.edu](mailto:karen_mcandrew@hmc.edu).

# SOME OF THE PLACES WHERE HMC STUDENTS HAVE STUDIED

## **Africa**

SIT's Kenyan Coastal Studies  
University of Cape Town

## **Australia**

James Cook University, Townsville  
Murdoch University  
University of Melbourne  
University of New South Wales  
University of Queensland  
University of South Australia  
University of Sydney  
University of Wollongong

## **Canada**

McGill University  
Queens University, Ontario

## **China**

Nanjing University, Nanjing  
Pitzer College in China

## **Costa Rica**

Organization for Tropical Studies (Duke U)

## **Equador**

Pitzer College in Ecuador  
Scripps Program in Quito

## **France**

ESIEE, Paris  
Hamilton Jr. Yr. Abroad  
Scripps Program in Paris  
Sorbonne, Paris  
University of Paris

## **Germany**

Philipps University, Marburg (Pomona)  
Scripps Program in Heidelberg  
Technical University of Clausthal  
University of Freiburg  
University of Gottingen  
University of Heidelberg

## **Great Britain**

Cambridge University, England  
Kings College, England  
Queen Mary College, England  
Oxford University, England  
University College London, England  
University of Aberdeen, Scotland  
University of Edinburgh, Scotland  
University of Glasgow, Scotland  
University of Lancaster, England  
University of Liverpool, England

University of Stirling, Scotland  
University of Sussex, England  
University of Westminster, England

## **Hungary**

Eotvos University, Budapest  
Technical University of Budapest

## **India**

SIT's Program in New Delhi

## **Ireland**

National University of Ireland, Galway  
Trinity College, Dublin  
University College Cork  
University College Dublin

## **Israel**

Tel Aviv University

## **Italy**

The Umbra Institute  
Pitzer College in Italy

## **Japan**

Chubu University, Kasugai  
Doshisha University, Kyoto  
Int'l Christian Univ., Tokyo (Pomona)  
Nanzan University, Nagoya  
Waseda University, Tokyo

## **Nepal**

Pitzer College in Nepal

## **New Zealand**

University of Auckland  
University of Canterbury  
University of Otago

## **Singapore**

Institute of Asian Studies (Scripps)

## **Spain**

Universidad de Sevilla  
University of Salamanca

## **Switzerland**

School of International Training, Geneva  
Webster University, Geneva

## **Taiwan**

National Chengchi University, Taipei

## **Venezuela**

Universidad de Los Andes, Merida