

STUDY AT OTHER UNIVERSITIES

Study Abroad Opportunities

MISTI is the one-stop office for information on all MIT global education opportunities, helping students identify and integrate global opportunities into their MIT experience. MISTI offers comprehensive support to undergraduates interested in and preparing for study abroad.

Exchange and direct-enroll (<https://misti.mit.edu/your-resources/crafting-your-experience/types-programs/study-abroad>) study abroad programs are available, offering students a wide range of program options. Examples of such opportunities include the University of Oxford, Tokyo Institute of Technology, ETH Zurich, and Imperial College London, as well as many other opportunities in Europe, Asia, and Africa. If a student is interested in a study abroad opportunity that is not pre-approved, MISTI can work with that student to approve new academically strong programs. It is most common to study abroad during the junior year; it is possible to participate in a study abroad program in the spring semester of sophomore year or, in some cases, in the senior year. Study abroad during the summer is also an option for any undergraduate year. Students should consult MISTI regarding the requirements and deadlines for particular programs of interest.

Students interested in studying abroad should meet with a staff member at MISTI who can help students identify a program that best fits them academically and professionally. While on an approved study abroad program during the fall and/or spring term(s), a student maintains full-time student status at MIT. They are required to earn at least 36 transferrable units. Students will be asked to work out their academic plans with a faculty advisor and appropriate transfer credit examiner(s) in the department. They must complete a *Worksheet for Planning Study Abroad/Domestic Study Away* [PDF] (<https://misti.mit.edu/sites/default/files/documents/Worksheet%20for%20Planning%20Study%20Abroad%20%28Semester%29.pdf>) in order to gain approval for study abroad.

Financial aid is portable for semester or year study abroad programs. Students who receive financial aid at MIT are advised to discuss their study abroad plans with the Student Financial Services Office (<https://sfs.mit.edu/help/faq/what-happens-to-my-financial-aid-if-i-study-abroad>) at least one term prior to the term in which they wish to commence study abroad. This will help students develop the best possible financial plans for their time abroad.

Numerous institutions offer programs abroad taught in English. It is possible to study in a foreign country without prior knowledge of the host country's language. However, a working command of the language can add greatly to the overseas experience. Even a student without prior language skills can usually achieve a good level of proficiency in a foreign language by the beginning of the junior year

if the student begins language study by spring term of the first year of undergraduate study.

With proper planning and preparation, students who successfully complete an approved program of study abroad receive transfer credit toward their MIT degree. While at the host institution, students must arrange to have an official transcript sent directly to the MIT Registrar's Office showing coursework and final grade(s) completed at the outside institution. Upon return, they must submit a completed Request for Additional Credit Form, signed by the appropriate transfer credit examiner(s), and the SHASS Dean's Office, if applicable.

For further information, contact MISTI (misti@mit.edu) or visit the MISTI website (<https://misti.mit.edu/your-resources/crafting-your-experience/types-programs/study-abroad>).

Domestic Study Away

To qualify for Domestic Study Away status, students must show that their proposed program of study draws upon resources available at the outside institution that are not available at MIT or the institutions for which MIT has cross-registration privileges. For further information, contact MISTI (misti@mit.edu).