



Justice and Peace Studies
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Study Abroad for Justice and Peace Studies

Why study Justice and Peace Studies abroad?

- To develop solidarity with people confronting situations of injustice, poverty and social conflict.
- To do your JPST internship in front-line areas of human need and social change.
- To expand your cross-cultural communication, foreign language, and problem solving skills as you interact with faculty and students from around the world
- To broaden your academic horizons
- To develop intellectually, emotionally, culturally, and socially

Yeah, but...

- ***Can I take my JPST course(s) in English?***

Yes. Justice and Peace Studies courses in English are offered worldwide. It is often possible to study Justice and Peace studies in English and take introductory language at the same time.

- ***Can I afford it?***

YES! The cost of studying abroad is within the reach of most UST students. Financial aid applies to semester study abroad, and students not currently receiving financial aid may be eligible for loans. In addition, there are special scholarships for studying abroad.

So...what do I do next?

Begin planning right away. It is never too early to start planning. Stop by the IEC, sign up for a "First Step" session (go to their website for details, see left), and use their library to begin researching destinations.

- Set some goals. There is not one program best suited for all Justice and Peace Studies majors. You need to determine which one best fits you. Prioritize your goals. Consider your long-term academic, professional, and career goals.
- Think about what you want to learn from (and what you can contribute to) the program, college, and country where you want to be.
- Prepare academically. You may need to take prerequisites or plan for classes upon your return.
- Start a budget.
- To help with the above, talk to:
 - ✓ your academic advisor
 - ✓ Study Abroad Advisor at International Education Center (IEC)

Academic Planning:

- In consultation with your academic advisor, create a tentative “4-year” academic schedule ASAP (see sample below). By doing this, you will determine when, during your academic career, studying abroad best fits you. Although most Justice and Peace Studies students go abroad during the spring of their junior, or fall of their senior year, you should go abroad when it fits into your schedule, including J-Term or summer.
- The Justice and Peace Studies major and minor provide ample opportunity to take electives and special topics courses abroad.
- As part of your application process, you will identify particular courses of interest and get them approved *before* you depart. Finally, in addition to studying abroad, you should also consider research, service-learning, internships, volunteer, and extracurricular experiences off-campus, just as you do when you are on campus.

Sample Schedule for a Justice and Peace Studies major wishing to study abroad:

	<i>First Year</i>	<i>Second year</i>	<i>Third Year</i>	<i>Fourth Year</i>
F		JPST 280	THEO 305	JPST 473
			Major elective	Major elective
J				
S	JPST 250	Descriptive analysis course	Normative analysis course	JPST 470
			Major elective	JPST 472

*Only JPST courses are listed here, but don't forget about your core courses and/or electives abroad!

 = time periods when *most* JPST students consider going abroad.

A Sample of Study Abroad Programs for Justice and Peace Studies Majors/Minors**

The Americas

HECUA: CILA (Ecuador)
 Augsburg: Sustainable Development and Social Change in Central America
 SIT: Various sites ***

Australia/New Zealand

University of Queensland
 University of Sydney
 University of Canterbury

Europe

HECUA (Northern Ireland)
 SIT: Various sites***
 Lancaster University, England

Africa

Augsburg: Namibia
 SIT: South Africa: Reconciliation and Development***

*Please consider both short term (summer and J-Term), and long term (semester and year-long) programs.

**This is *not* meant to be a comprehensive list.

***Proposed programs, requires additional paperwork