

STUDY AT OTHER UNIVERSITIES

Global Education is a one-stop office for information on all MIT global education opportunities, helping students identify and integrate global opportunities into their MIT experience. In addition, Global Education offers comprehensive support to undergraduates interested in and preparing for study abroad, and works with partner programs such as the UROP Office, the Priscilla King Gray Public Service Center, D-Lab, and MISTI to support global opportunities.

Study Abroad Opportunities

MIT-Madrid Program

The MIT-Madrid Program (<https://studyabroad.mit.edu/study-abroad/mit-study-abroad-programs/mit-madrid>) gives students the opportunity to study in Madrid at the Universidad Carlos III de Madrid (UC3M) for the spring term during their sophomore or junior year. Depending upon major and interests, students can choose engineering, science, humanities, arts, and social sciences courses at UC3M (courses are taught in Spanish and English). In addition to academic courses, students can participate in an internship during this program. Students who plan to participate in MIT-Madrid must be in good academic standing and have taken at least one year of Spanish language to participate in the programs. Students who wish to take courses in Spanish should have Spanish language proficiency at the Spanish IV level. MIT-Madrid Program participants are placed individually with Spanish families in homestays.

IAP Programs Abroad

During Independent Activities Period (IAP) (<http://catalog.mit.edu/mit/undergraduate-education/academic-research-options/independent-activities-period>), the Global Education Office administers four IAP Programs Abroad: three programs in Madrid and one in London. These programs are taught by MIT faculty and lecturers, and students receive MIT credit for these courses.

The three programs offered in Madrid include Spanish III, Advanced Spanish Communications, and the Spanish Incubator. Students planning to participate in the Spanish III program need to have Spanish language proficiency at the Spanish II level. The Advanced Spanish Communications course will require Spanish language proficiency at the Spanish IV level. Both Spanish III and Advanced Spanish Communications offer students the opportunity to continue building their Spanish language skills through classroom instruction, outside-of-class activities and assignments. The Spanish Incubator is a literature course taught in English. This course combines experiences in the classroom and in Madrid through outside-of-class activities and allows students to experience Spanish literature in a vivid cultural, social, and political context. Students participating in the IAP programs in Madrid live with Spanish families in homestays.

The fourth IAP program is the Literary London course offered in London. This course gives students the opportunity to delve into the worlds of Shakespeare and other famous English writers and to experience the rich layers of London life, including theatre, musical performances, museums, parks, and neighborhoods.

Exchange Programs

The new multi-departmental academic exchange with Imperial College London gives MIT students an opportunity to study at Imperial for a semester or a year. The following departments send students on this exchange:

- Aeronautics and Astronautics
- Chemistry
- Chemical Engineering
- Earth, Atmospheric and Planetary Sciences
- Electrical Engineering and Computer Science
- Materials Science and Engineering
- Mathematics
- Mechanical Engineering
- Nuclear Science and Engineering

Several MIT departments also offer smaller exchange programs (<https://studyabroad.mit.edu/study-abroad/mit-study-abroad-programs/departmental-exchanges>) that allow their MIT students to swap places with peers from foreign partner universities. The following departments send students for a semester or year for study:

- The Department of Aeronautics and Astronautics offers an exchange program with the University of Pretoria in South Africa. Courses are offered in English.
- The Department of Materials Science and Engineering has two exchange programs: with the University of Oxford and the University of Tokyo (courses are offered in English).
- The Department of Political Science has an exchange program with Sciences Po in France. This program is open to students in all majors who are interested in taking courses in social sciences and/or humanities at Sciences Po. Participating students can choose courses in English and/or French.
- The Department of Mechanical Engineering has two exchange programs: with ETH-Zurich in Switzerland and the University of Tokyo. Students participating in the ETH-Zurich Exchange can take courses in English and/or German, while students participating in the University of Tokyo Exchange take courses in English.
- The Department of Nuclear Science and Engineering has one such exchange program with the University of Tokyo (courses in English).

In addition, the following departments participate in the Imperial-MIT Summer Research Exchange: Aeronautics and Astronautics, Chemical Engineering, Civil and Environmental Engineering,

Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, Materials Science and Engineering, Physics, and Nuclear Science and Engineering. This program allows students to conduct faculty-mentored research over the summer and is offered in collaboration with the MIT UROP office.

Other Study Abroad Options

MIT students may also apply for admission directly to foreign institutions that offer study abroad programs or to a study abroad program administered by another US institution or study abroad provider. Examples of such opportunities include the University of Edinburgh, the London School of Economics, University of Oxford and other UK institutions, and a number of programs in Australia and China.

Students interested in study abroad should meet with a staff member in Global Education who can help students identify a program that is a best fit for them academically and professionally. Students should also work out their academic plans with a faculty advisor and appropriate transfer credit examiner(s) in the department. They also must complete a Worksheet for Planning Study Abroad/Domestic Study Away [PDF] (<https://mist.mit.edu/sites/default/files/documents/Worksheet%20for%20Planning%20Study%20Abroad%20%28Semester%29.pdf>) in order to gain approval for study abroad. Global Education staff can help students navigate all of these steps. While on an approved study abroad program during the fall and/or spring term(s), a student maintains full-time student status at MIT. Although it is most common to study abroad during the junior year, it is possible to participate in a study abroad program in the sophomore year or, in some cases, in the senior year. Study during IAP and/or summer are popular options for any undergraduate year.

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 (<http://sfs.mit.edu>) 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. Global Education has funding available for IAP and summer programs, and can also help students apply for external study abroad scholarships.

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 he or she 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 Global Education (studyabroad@mit.edu), 617-324-7239, or visit the Global Education website (<https://studyabroad.mit.edu>).

Domestic Study Away

Students may choose to spend from one term to one year studying at another academic institution within the US. Students studying at another US university through this option pay tuition to the outside institution rather than to MIT for these terms. While on an approved domestic study away program during the fall and/or spring term(s), students maintain full-time student status at MIT. Students interested in domestic study away should make an appointment with a staff member in Global Education (<https://studyabroad.mit.edu>).

To qualify for Domestic Year Away status, students must show that their proposed program of study draws upon resources available at the outside institution that are not generally available at MIT, or at the institutions with which MIT has cross-registration privileges. In addition, a planned program of study should be consistent with an overall degree program at MIT. Students must be accepted by a school of established academic merit and undertake a workload comparable to that at MIT. Students planning to spend time studying at another academic institution in the US need to work out their plans with a faculty advisor and appropriate transfer credit examiner(s), gain approval from their academic department, and complete and get signatures on a Worksheet for Planning Study Abroad/Domestic Study Away [PDF] (<https://mist.mit.edu/sites/default/files/documents/Worksheet%20for%20Planning%20Study%20Abroad%20%28Semester%29.pdf>).

With proper planning and preparation, students who successfully complete an approved program of study at another US university receive transfer credit. 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.

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