College of Art and College of Architecture
Undergraduate Study Abroad Programs

The Sam Fox School has undergraduate study abroad programs that draw on the rich traditions as well as the contemporary design strengths in carefully selected locations. The programs are led by faculty from the Sam Fox School. Each program leverages its unique location by inviting local artists, designers, and architects to serve as instructors and visiting lecturers; incorporating local sites into course assignments and studio projects; and arranging numerous excursions to nearby sites and cities. All Sam Fox School programs work hand-in-hand with the School’s curriculum to ensure that students can study abroad while earning required degree credits. Students must maintain a 3.0 GPA to qualify for all study abroad programs.

Florence
The Sam Fox School Florence Spring Semester Program offers undergraduate students in both Architecture and Art the opportunity to study during the spring semester of their junior year in Florence, Italy, the birthplace of Western cultural modernity. Classes make use of the rich artistic and cultural environment, urban and architectural history, and contemporary aspects of Florence, as well as other locations in Italy.

The Florence Summer Program provides an interdisciplinary learning environment within the framework of art, architecture, and art history in Florence. This program is an intensive two-month, nine-credit program in studio art/architecture and art history for students of all levels.

Copenhagen/DIS
Architecture students may study at the Danish Institute of Study Abroad (DIS) in the first semester of their senior year. This studio program in architecture is approved by the College of Architecture, and the studio courses are approved for full transfer to degree studies in the College. This program has limited enrollment. Students may also apply for the DIS summer program.

Summer Travel Drawing Program
Rising juniors and seniors from the Colleges of Architecture and Art may participate in the Summer Travel Drawing Program. This three-week, three-credit program takes students through significant European or South American cities in a directed curriculum of urban and building analysis and appreciation. This program is offered every other summer.

Berlin
“Sommerakademie” is a two-and-a-half week course of art research and practice designed for graduate and advanced undergraduate Art students. Students receive three credits for this course, which explores several modes of creative practice in relation to the material, social, and political conditions in Berlin, one of the world’s most important contemporary art centers. This program is offered every other summer.

Special Additional Summer Program
Washington University in St. Louis, Summer in D.C. Program
In this two-month program, students will take a public policy course with students from Schools across the University and participate in an internship to earn up to six credits. The program is housed in the Washington University Center in D.C.

Finances
Tuition and fees will be billed directly to students through their WUSTL accounts, where credits and financial aid will be adjusted. Students are responsible for their own airfare.
For more information please contact:
Belinda Lee
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Non-Sam Fox School Programs
For most students, the study abroad programs offered by the Sam Fox School fulfill expectations for a stimulating international semester of course work relevant to their major area of concentration in Art or Architecture. On occasion, a student may determine that his or her interests fall outside the Sam Fox School-sponsored program options and may wish to pursue either one of the WUSTL-Sponsored Study Abroad Programs or an Alternative Program. Participation in alternative programs requires a formal Petition and pre-approval. If the petition is not approved, the student may take a Leave of Absence to participate in a non-WUSTL program (without WUSTL credit and fees).

WUSTL-Sponsored Study Abroad Programs
Sam Fox School students are eligible to participate in the University’s Study Abroad programs in order to pursue broader academic interests. Since these programs are not in the areas of art, architecture, or design, they are intended to expand students’ liberal arts education and must be taken within an academic area approved by the College of Arts & Sciences for a particular institution or location abroad. Upon successful completion of the study abroad program, general academic credit for participation in these programs will be awarded according to the guidelines of the College of Arts & Sciences and its approved academic area. Pre-departure advising by the student’s advisor, the Assistant Director of Special Programs, and the Area Coordinator/Director of Undergraduate Programs will determine whether credit transfer to the major is possible. If a student takes an elective course in art, architecture, or design while studying abroad with the College of Arts & Sciences or its approved program partners, a limited credit transfer toward the major requirements will be considered based on a portfolio review by the student’s Area Coordinator in Art or the Director of Undergraduate Programs in Architecture and granted on a case-by-case basis as it corresponds to Sam Fox School curriculum and degree requirements. Students who would like to participate in a WUSTL-sponsored program should contact Belinda Lee, Assistant Director of Special Programs, at lee@samfox.wustl.edu. Washington University tuition and fees will be billed directly to the student through his or her WUSTL account, where credits and financial aid will be adjusted.

Petition to Study Abroad in an Alternative Program
Students in the Sam Fox School who wish to pursue semester-long study abroad programs other than those offered by the School or the University may petition the School for consent. Petitions must be approved by the Sam Fox School Study Abroad Committee and the Dean of Art or Architecture.

Petitions for study abroad should be completed by October 1 for a spring semester program or by February 1 for a fall semester program.

A petition to study abroad in a non-WUSTL program includes the following:

1. One-page proposal that specifically outlines a compelling reason why participation in the program is of importance to the student’s course of study.

2. Study plan that is signed by the Area Coordinator (Art) or Director of Undergraduate Programs (Architecture).

3. Official academic transcript (minimum 3.3 cumulative GPA required).

4. Letter of recommendation from a studio faculty member other than the Area Coordinator (Art) or Director of Undergraduate Programs (Architecture) addressing the student’s potential for working independently.

5. Program-specific forms and supplements.

Complete petitions to study abroad in non-WUSTL programs will be reviewed by the Study Abroad Committee. Petitions that are approved by the Committee will be forwarded to the Dean of Art or Architecture for final
approval and signature.

Submit all materials by:
October 1 (Spring Semester Abroad)
February 1 (Fall Semester Abroad)

To:
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Assistant Director of Special Programs
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Once a petition is approved, WUSTL will assume responsibility for paying the program sponsor, and the program price will be set in the same way as for WUSTL programs. For a fall and/or spring program, WUSTL charges tuition equivalent to the on-campus fee plus the WUSTL student health insurance plan. WUSTL tuition covers only the academic portion of any study abroad program. Housing, food, airfare, and individual program fees must be paid directly by the student. The WUSTL tuition and other applicable fees will be posted to the student’s WUSTL account, where financial aid and other credits can be applied. (Exception: Participants in approved summer programs should pay all fees directly to the program sponsor rather than via WUSTL).

After completion of a petition-approved alternative study abroad program, the program transcript and portfolio will be reviewed for transferrable credit in the same way as WUSTL-sponsored programs.

Leave of Absence
Students interested in pursuing a leave of absence for study abroad are required to set up an appointment with Belinda Lee, Assistant Director of Special Programs, lee@samfox.wustl.edu, and must fill out a Sam Fox School Leave of Absence Form.

While on leave of absence, students will retain their WUSTL e-mail account; however, students will not be enrolled in the WUSTL student health insurance plan nor will they be considered full-time WUSTL students. Students will be responsible for paying tuition and fees directly to the non-WUSTL program in which they are participating. Students are normally reinstated prior to registration when they return to WUSTL.

Requesting General Credit
Academic credit earned through study abroad while on leave of absence will not be transferred automatically to WUSTL. Sam Fox School students may request up to three general elective credits for course work completed abroad while on a leave of absence. After successfully completing an alternative study abroad program not approved by petition, students may request transfer credit by completing a transfer credit application, providing detailed descriptions of course work and outcomes, and presenting a portfolio of work completed during the course of the program.

All requests for general credit earned during a leave of absence are reviewed by the Sam Fox School Study Abroad Committee at regularly scheduled meetings (two times per year). Please note that the Committee retains the right to deny a request for credit based on a variety of factors including the academic merit and rigor of the program and the availability of a similar program through the Sam Fox School or University. Requests for credit are reviewed on a case-by-case basis and cannot be guaranteed in advance.