

International Education

International Education at Temple

International education takes many forms at Temple: learning other languages; spending a summer, semester or year studying abroad; building an international concentration into a major; or enrolling in special programs such as the Latin American Studies Semester. Students are encouraged to consult their school/college and course descriptions for further information on international and language studies.

Education Abroad and Overseas Campuses

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Study abroad is one of the most rewarding and beneficial experiences available to Temple students. Temple's transformative global learning experiences provide a firsthand understanding of cultures and languages, enabling students to better understand and contextualize world issues and develop as engaged global citizens, collective problem-solvers and leaders in their chosen fields.

Temple students have almost limitless options when it comes to studying abroad. Students may spend a semester, academic year or summer participating on one of Temple's numerous programs abroad or may choose to participate in an accredited, approved external program through another university or study abroad provider.

Financing Study Abroad

Students receiving financial aid can usually apply most, if not all, sources of aid to study abroad tuition and fees. Temple offers scholarships for semester, academic year, and summer study abroad for qualified students and advises students for external scholarships, including the Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship and the Vira I. Heinz Program for Women, Non-Binary, and Transgender Global Leaders.

Visit the financial aid, scholarship and financing study abroad sections of Education Abroad's web site for more information.

Temple's Passport Scholarship

Temple provides a scholarship for the cost of a passport to all first-year and transfer students who intend to study abroad and are applying for a passport for the first time. Learn about the passport scholarship and application.

Explore All Programs

Visit the Education Abroad web site to explore program offerings.

Semester and Academic Year Programs

Temple University, Japan Campus (TUJ)

Matthew J. Wilson, Dean

Undergraduate students from Temple and other universities around the U.S. may study abroad alongside degree-seeking students at Temple University, Japan Campus (TUJ) for an academic year, semester, and/or summer, choosing from a broad range of courses including GenEd offerings, upper-level courses in a variety of fields, and Japanese language. All coursework, with the exception of language courses, is conducted in English. Many study abroad students also participate in credit-bearing internships coordinated by TUJ's Career Development Office.

To enrich the students' exposure to Tokyo and enhance their understanding of Japanese culture, TUJ organizes several optional field trips and excursions each semester. These include half-day excursions to sites in and around Tokyo, as well as day and overnight excursions to various locations throughout Japan.

Beginning in Spring 2025, students will have the option to study abroad at TUJ's new satellite campus in Kyoto, Japan. Located just 2.5 hours from Tokyo by bullet train, Kyoto offers a unique opportunity to study in the cultural and ancient capital of Japan, while still offering the best of city life. Kyoto is a base for many high-technology industries, commerce, and tourism. Course offerings will include Japanese language, Asian studies, GenEds, general electives and select upper-level major courses.

Visit the Education Abroad web site for more details about the study abroad program at TUJ.

In addition to study abroad, the Temple Japan Entry Year (TJEY) program offers incoming first-year students the opportunity to study at the Japan campus for one year and then continue their education at Temple University in Philadelphia. Interested students should select this option when applying to Temple University. Visit the Temple Japan web site for more information about the TJEY option.

Temple University Rome

Emilia Zankina, Dean of Temple Rome and Vice Provost for Global Engagement

Temple University Rome was founded in 1966 and is one of the oldest and largest study abroad programs in Italy. Students from Temple and other universities around the U.S. may study abroad at Temple Rome for an academic year, semester and/or summer.

At Temple Rome, students enroll in courses designed to take advantage of the city's rich resources. With a broad range of courses offered in architecture, biology, business, cinematic and performing arts, communication, engineering, the humanities and social sciences (including Italian language and literature), public health, sport and tourism hospitality management, and visual arts, students can take an interdisciplinary approach to learning. GenEd courses are also available. With the exception of Italian language courses and some upper-level content courses, course instruction is in English. Semester students who have not studied Italian previously must enroll in an elementary Italian language course to take best advantage of their stay in Italy. Study abroad students often participate in credit-bearing internships coordinated by Temple Rome.

An extensive field study program complements the traditional classroom and studio curricula. Classes make regular trips to museums, architectural sites, and other points of interest in Rome, and many courses include excursions outside of Rome. Several courses include opportunities to study and engage with Roman university students. Temple Rome arranges optional programs and volunteer opportunities each semester that further introduce students to life in Rome.

Visit the Education Abroad web site for more details about the study abroad program at Temple Rome.

In addition to study abroad, the Temple Rome Entry Year (TREY) program offers incoming first-year students the opportunity to study at the Rome campus for one year and then continue their education at Temple University in Philadelphia or Japan. Interested students should select this option when applying to Temple University. Visit the Temple Rome web site for more information about the TREY option.

Temple University in Spain

Dr. Jamie Durán, Program Director

The Temple in Spain program is based at the University of Oviedo in the northern province of Asturias. Students from Temple and other universities around the U.S. may study abroad at Temple Spain for a semester and/or summer.

Removed from the heavy tourism of some other Spanish towns, Oviedo, the capital of Asturias, is rich in Spanish history and culture and offers easy access to nearby cities, the mountains and the coast. This off-the-beaten-path location provides students with a truly immersive experience in northern Spanish culture. Students not only improve their language skills, but also learn about the region's traditions, history and cuisine, while studying at a world-class institution.

During spring and summer, students are enrolled in the Cursos de Lengua y Cultura Españolas para Extranjeros program at the University of Oviedo's humanities campus, El Milán. Courses are taught by native Spanish-speaking professors of the University of Oviedo, Temple faculty member, Dr. Jaime Durán, and in the summer, additional visiting Temple faculty.

As a complement to academic courses, cultural programming opportunities, organized leisure activities, and homestays help students acquire in-depth knowledge of various aspects of Spanish and Asturian culture, as well as strengthen students' Spanish language proficiency outside of a formal classroom setting.

Spring Semester Program

The spring semester program is designed for students with at least four semesters of college-level Spanish, or the equivalent, who are committed to furthering their Spanish language skills. All students enroll in one of two tracks, intermediate or advanced, depending on their Spanish language background, and choose from coursework in Spanish language, literature, translation, history and art. The university also coordinates a one-week non-credit enrichment workshop, cultural activities, and organized visits to sites of interest studied in class.

Summer Program

The 4.5-week summer program includes coursework in Spanish language, literature, and cultural studies taught in Spanish. An additional course taught in English may be offered, such as a GenEd course (these additional courses vary). All students enroll in two courses.

To be eligible for the program, students are required to have successfully completed at least one or two semesters of university-level Spanish (or the equivalent). Language requirements may be lower for students planning to take the English-taught course.

Fall Semester Program

The fall semester program offers the option to take English-taught courses alongside local degree-seeking students at the University of Oviedo, while beginning or improving their Spanish language skills. The English-taught courses will be offered by University of Oviedo faculty in their degree programs, while Spanish courses will be taught by Temple Program Director Jaime Durán, as well as faculty in the La Casa de las Lenguas, the university's Spanish language center. English-taught courses are offered in business and economics, computer and information science, electrical engineering, and English literature. Credit-bearing internships are also available. The fall semester is ideal for students who have completed one or two semesters of Spanish, but it is open to students at any language level.

Students take a full course load of four to five classes, including Spanish language as well as other degree requirements, for 12–18 credits. Students proficient in Spanish may be eligible to take courses in additional subject areas.

Visit the Education Abroad web site for full details about Temple in Spain programs.

Exchange Programs

Temple University students may study for a semester or academic year in countries around the world, including Australia, England, France, Germany, Greece, Hong Kong, New Zealand, South Korea, Spain and Taiwan on Temple's university-wide exchange programs. Through Temple's established partnerships with a number of universities, Temple students study at an overseas university while paying Temple tuition, and "in exchange" give a student from the same university an opportunity to study at Temple. Exchanges provide a full immersion experience at the host university. In most cases, exchange students take classes with students from the host country and have opportunities to get involved in campus clubs, organizations, and activities.

Given the fully immersive nature of exchanges and the challenge of adapting to what is often a different, more autonomous educational structure, exchanges are most appropriate for an independent, highly motivated student with a strong academic history. Exchange participants take a full-time course load while abroad. Through the course evaluation process, Exchange Program participants earn transfer credit for approved courses and can apply those credits towards the fulfillment of their degree requirements, including major, minor, elective and most general education requirements.

Visit the Education Abroad web site for detailed information about Exchange Programs.

Faculty-led Summer Programs Abroad

Each year, several Temple faculty members direct summer programs abroad for academic credit. Some programs change annually; others have been part of Temple's summer curriculum for many years. The programs generally last four to eight weeks, admit qualified students from Temple as well as other universities, and charge Temple's regular tuition rates. In recent years, summer programs have been planned for the Czech Republic, France, Germany, Ghana, Greece, India, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Korea, Mexico, Serbia, Spain, Taiwan and the UK.

Visit the Education Abroad web site for detailed information about Faculty-led Summer programs.

External Programs

Students can also choose from a variety of academic year, semester, and summer programs offered by Temple's Approved External Program partners. External Programs are study abroad programs administered or sponsored by other colleges and universities, or by various study abroad organizations. External Programs offer a number of opportunities that expand upon many existing programs already offered through Temple. External Program participants take a full-time course load while abroad. Through the course evaluation process, External Program participants earn transfer credit for approved courses and can apply those credits towards the fulfillment of their degree requirements, including major, minor, elective and most general education requirements.

Learn more about the options and process to study abroad through approved External Programs.

Klein College of Media and Communication, Global Opportunities

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The Global Opportunities programs are open to all Temple students regardless of their major. Credit offered on programs is available in Advertising, Communication and Social Influence, Journalism, Media Studies and Production, and Public Relations.

Temple University Dublin

Dublin is a modern metropolis and sophisticated European city on the forefront of innovations in film, design, music and architecture. Klein College is partnered with Dublin City University to send students for the spring term. Students will enroll in coursework alongside Irish and international students at Dublin City University; course topic examples include analyzing media content, digital marketing, ethics of journalism, and media's relationship with technology and society.

Visit the Klein College Global Opportunities web site for more information on Dublin.

Summer Programs

Klein College Global Opportunities offers several options for students in the summer, ranging from faculty-led programs to full-time internship programs, all for academic credit. Locations vary each summer and include both U.S. and international destinations.

Global Internship Program: The Global Internship Program is offered every summer in over 10 major cities throughout the world. Regardless of their destination, students participating in the program will spend two weeks in May enrolled in *Intercultural Communication in the Workplace*, then after departure to their new city students complete an online internship course to supplement their in-person experience.

As part of this program, students will work one-on-one with an industry expert who will help refine interviewing skills, perfect résumés and help students secure an internship in their desired field. Each program destination combines exciting events, learning and travel with a résumé-building internship.

Children's Media Industry: Trends & Opportunities: The children's media industry is now a global, multi-billion-dollar industry. In addition to the legacy children's media brands of Nickelodeon, Disney and Cartoon Network, major digital and social media companies have invested heavily in creating content for kids, including Netflix, Amazon, YouTube, Universal Kids, HBO, KidzBop and others. This course will "map" the children's media industry by blending articles and scholarship on the topic with on-site experiences at companies creating the content and meetings with the executives deciding the future of this industry.

Over two weeks in Los Angeles students will engage in class meetings that will include lectures, visits to the children's media companies, guest speakers and screenings on site in Los Angeles.

Visit the Klein College Global Opportunities web site for more information on Klein College's summer programs.

Short Term & Break Programs

Recognizing that not everyone can dedicate an entire semester to studying away, Klein Global Opportunities has created a variety of courses that incorporate an immersive short-term travel experience. Typically, programs incorporate in-person classes on main campus, then students travel as a group to a new location for hands-on learning. A sampling of opportunities includes the following:

Rocking the World: Disrupting Stereotypes of Race, Class and Religion in Washington D.C.: Led by a team of Klein instructors, students will examine and gain an in-depth understanding of three caste systems: the history of slavery and racism in the United States, the history of the caste system in India, and the history of the Holocaust and Nazi Germany during World War II. Students will travel to Washington D.C. for three days to explore museums dedicated to these topics and create multimedia projects to educate others on the course subject matter.

The Art of Visual Storytelling in Puerto Rico: Over 7 weeks on campus followed by a week immersion in Puerto Rico over spring break, students will explore the Puerto Rican community of visual storytelling and the artists telling those stories. Examine the various channels through which these artists navigate. Investigate, experience and create content that examines both Philadelphia and Puerto Rico's vibrant art communities.

New programs are introduced regularly so for more details and to apply for programs, visit the Klein College Global Opportunities Portal.

Other Education Abroad Programs

Several other schools and colleges at Temple offer options specifically designed for their students, including:

- Boyer College of Music and Dance
- College of Liberal Arts
- School of Theater, Film and Media Arts
- Fox School of Business and Management
- School of Sport, Tourism and Hospitality Management

Contact the schools and colleges to learn more about the education abroad opportunities they offer.