Study Abroad for Education Majors: FAQ

Why should education majors study abroad?

• Distinguish yourself and your resume with a global experience.
• Learn how to teach students to be responsible global citizens.
• Approx. 15% of your future classroom will be from cultures other than yours.
• Global competence is a necessary 21st century skill for all teachers, per NC Department of Public Instruction.
• Make professional contacts with educators and students all over the world!

Can I afford it?

• Yes! On many semester programs, students pay NCSU tuition & fees.
• Your current financial aid and scholarships travel with you.
• The Study Abroad Office awards over $150,000 in scholarships annually.
• The College of Education offers scholarships ranging from $500 to $1000 to help students study abroad.
• Plenty of scholarships for study abroad are available through a variety of sources; see the additional resources below for some suggestions.

How Does it Fit Into My Major?

• The College of Education is now offering Student Teaching Abroad programs in multiple countries. Students can complete part of their student teaching in North Carolina and then travel to Brazil, China, or Russia for the last 5-6 weeks of the semester. Programs are open to undergraduates, graduate students, and NC TEACH students who meet the criteria to student teach. Contact megan_landwehr@ncsu.edu for more information or visit the Student Teaching Abroad page.
• A variety of short-term faculty led programs facilitated by the College of Education are also available. Ten day to three week programs with an education focus are currently being offered in Costa Rica, Honduras, England, and the Czech Republic.
• Education students can also plan to take content and general education program courses abroad in the summer or during a full semester during the sophomore year. Talk to your advisor to see if a full semester of study abroad fits in to your academic plan. Then contact the Study Abroad Office to find the program that's right for you.
How do I get started?

- Visit the [Study Abroad Office website](#) to learn more about these programs and investigate additional options. (College of Education students are not limited to the featured programs listed below! You can search through study abroad programs [here!](#))
- Next, contact your CED academic advisor or Allison Mitchall ([allison_mitchall@ncsu.edu](mailto:allison_mitchall@ncsu.edu)) to discuss how to plan for a study abroad in your degree.
- To learn more about Student Teaching Abroad programs, contact Megan Landwehr ([megan_landwehr@ncsu.edu](mailto:megan_landwehr@ncsu.edu)).

I'm interested in international education, but studying abroad isn't possible. What other options do I have?

- Check out [local immersion opportunities](#) on campus and in the Raleigh area
- [National Student Exchange](#)
- [Alternative service break trips](#)

How can I share my study abroad experience with K-8 students in NC?

- [Cultural Correspondents](#) is an innovative way of partnering university study abroad students with K-8 classrooms in North Carolina. Using webcam technology, university study abroad students are paired with K-8 classrooms to present lessons on their host country, culture, and experiences. The lessons that study abroad students and their classroom teacher design and share with K-8 classrooms are aligned to concepts and curriculum that fulfill State Board of Education mandates. Students are able to participate in Cultural Correspondents for all semester and academic year study abroad programs. *Perfect for future educators!*