

Study Abroad with the Department of Economics



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Information Session

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Where can I go?

- **Aix-Marseille University** in Marseille, France
- **Free University of Bozen-Bolzano** in Bolzano, Italy
- **Hitotsubashi University** in Tokyo, Japan
- **Ludwig-Maximilians University** in Munich, Germany
- **Thammasat University** in Bangkok, Thailand
- **Tilburg University** in Tilburg, the Netherlands

But first... Some general info...

- “UW Direct/Bilateral Exchange” in cooperation with UW Study Abroad.
- “Home Tuition Model”: You will not pay “international student” tuition rates. (Your tuition will be the same as if you were taking courses at UW as a resident/non-resident student.)
- 1 semester abroad = 1.5 UW quarter’s tuition
- 1 year abroad = 3 UW quarter’s tuition
- Students are responsible for airfare, housing, food, travel, visa costs, UW Study Abroad enrollment fee, etc.
- The UW Study Abroad enrollment fee is \$700 for programs longer than one quarter in duration (e.g. one semester; two quarters; two semesters; one academic year, etc.)

Academic Requirements

- Open to UW Economics majors (and possible for pre-majors also)
- Minimum 3.0 UW GPA
- Minimum 3.0 grade earned in ECON 300 and ECON 301
- Completion of MATH 124 preferred, but MATH 112 is fine. (Students who have taken MATH 112 will be limited to what courses they can take abroad.)
- We want to make sure that you are strong academically before taking on upper-division coursework – likely economics coursework – while abroad!

Language Requirements

- English-taught programs
 - **Thammasat University** in Bangkok, Thailand
 - **Tilburg University** in Tilburg, the Netherlands
 - **Free University of Bozen-Bolzano** in Bolzano, Italy
- German-taught program (with some English-taught courses)
 - **Ludwig-Maximilians University** in Munich, Germany
- French-taught program
 - **Aix-Marseille University** in Marseille, France
- Japanese & English-taught program
 - **Hitotsubashi University** in Tokyo, Japan

Courses

- As these exchanges are with economics programs at peer institutions, most coursework will be taken in the exchange university's equivalent of the UW Department of Economics.
- It is possible to take many economics courses that are not offered by UW ECON. For example, "Wine Economics" in Italy, or "Thai Economy" in Thailand.
- For any courses outside of economics, contact the school's exchange coordinator about their policies on registering for courses outside their department.
- It's a good idea to have a course plan approved by ECON before you leave, to ensure transferability of courses.

Credits

(This gets a little bit confusing...)

- In most cases:
 - 1 semester credit abroad = 1.5 quarter credits.
- Unless on the European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System (ECTS):
 - 1 ECTS credit = 0.75 UW credits.
- Students attending semester-system institutions often take 4-6 courses during one semester – typically, 15+ weeks. (In comparison to the 3-4 courses per quarter – 10 weeks – taken by UW students.)
- UW Study Abroad generally handles conversion of **credits & grades**.
- UW ECON handles the approval of a course's **level** (e.g. ECON 3XX, ECON 4XX, etc.)
- In general, **MOST** UW students return with at least 20+ UW credits' worth of coursework. Sometimes more!

So... Where can I go, again?

Destinations & Semester Breakdowns

(with estimated semester dates)

- ***Aix-Marseille University in Marseille, France***
 - Autumn Semester (Early September to early January)
 - Spring Semester (Mid-January to early May)
- ***Hitotsubashi University in Tokyo, Japan***
 - Winter Semester (Late September to Late March)
 - Summer Semester (Late March to Late September)
- ***Free University of Bozen Bolzano in Bozen-Bolzano, Italy***
 - 1st Semester (Late-September to late-February)
 - 2nd Semester (Late-February to late-July)
- ***Ludwig-Maximilians University in Munich, Germany***
 - Winter Semester (Mid-October to late February)
 - Spring Semester (Mid-January to mid-May)
- ***Thammasat University in Bangkok, Thailand***
 - Autumn Semester (Early August to mid-December)
 - Spring Semester (Mid-January to mid-May)
- ***Tilburg University in Tilburg in Tilburg, The Netherlands***
 - Autumn Semester (Late August to late December)
 - Spring Semester (Late January to mid-July)

Aix Marseille University in Marseille, France

- In 2012, the former Université de la Méditerranée Aix Marseille II merged with the University of Provence and Paul Cézanne University to become Aix-Marseille University, the largest in France.
- Many courses are available in the Department of Economic Sciences and Business such as *Business Economics* and *International Finance*. **Most courses are offered in French.**
- The Department of Economics Sciences and Business is highly ranked in France. It is affiliated with a well-known research center, the Groupement de Recherche en Economie Quantitative d'Aix Marseille (Research Group of Quantitative Economics of Aix-Marseille), one of the top economic research centers in France.
- As France's second-largest city, Marseille is a common stop for those exploring the Mediterranean coast, and is a few hours from major destinations such as Barcelona, Nice, Cannes, Monaco, Torino, Pisa & Florence.
- For more info: <http://www.univmed.fr/en/international/studying-at-aix-marseille>

Aix-Marseille University in Marseille, France



Free University of Bozen-Bolzano in Bolzano, Italy

- Located in a multi-lingual region of Italy explaining its two names: Bozen (German) and Bolzano (Italian).
- The School of Economics and Management offers most of its courses *in English*.
- Many courses are equivalent to UW Economics courses; however, there are also some interesting offerings such as *Wine Economics*.
- Bolzano is located in a very scenic region of Italy, South Tyrol, within a few miles from the Austrian Tyrol.
- The stunning mountains of this area, the Dolomites, provide great skiing, snowboarding, mountain biking, and hiking activities. Within a few hours are places like Munich, Vienna, Florence, & Salzburg.
- For more info:
<http://www.unibz.it/en/students/exchange/Incoming/BilateralAgreements.html>.

Free University of Bozen-Bolzano in Bolzano, Italy



Hitotsubashi University in Tokyo, Japan

- Located 30 minutes west of Tokyo city center.
- Renowned institution for studying economics, business, social sciences, and leadership.
- Ranked in the World's Top 100 in the field of Economics & Econometrics in QS University Subject Rankings.
- Popular courses like Japanese Economy, Contemporary Economics, and Japanese Business Culture.

Hitotsubashi University in Tokyo, Japan



Ludwig-Maximilians University in Munich, Germany

- LMU is one of the largest liberal arts universities in Europe, and a wide variety of courses are available in many disciplines. ***Most Economics courses are offered in German.***
- LMU offers interesting courses such as *Experimental Economics*, *Economics of Imperfect Labor Markets*, and *Culture & Institutions through Economic History* taught by some of the most renowned German economists and many visiting from Europe and the U.S.
- Being Germany's 3rd largest city, Munich is ranked highly as one of the world's most livable cities, along with economic and social innovation. It is the capital of Bavaria and boasts a fascinating historical background. Located at the foot of the Alps, Munich is one of the most beautiful regions in Germany, and naturally is an attractive city for winter sport enthusiasts.
- For more info: <http://www.en.uni-muenchen.de/students/exchange/incomings/index.html>

Ludwig-Maximilians University in Munich, Germany



Thammasat University in Bangkok, Thailand

- One of the oldest and most historic universities in Thailand, and established as its national university.
- Courses in the International Program are taught *in English*.
- Many of the members of the Faculty of Economics have been recruited from the U.S. & Europe.
- Wide variety of unique courses including: *Thai Economy* with the Chairman of the Central Bank and the Minister of Finance often invited as guest lecturers (as they are both alumni); *Thai Rural Development* which includes field studies in Thai villages.
- For more info: <http://econ.tu.ac.th/be/default.htm>.

Thammasat University in Bangkok, Thailand



Tilburg University in Tilburg, the Netherlands

- Ranked as one of the top European research centers in economics among universities in the Netherlands, according to the Journal of the European Economic Association.
- Wide variety of courses *in English* (e.g. the European Economy, International Economics and Finance).
- Opportunities to participate in the Erasmus Student Network for International Exchanges to attend field trips, learning excursions, networking events, etc.
- Opportunities to earn certificates with the Tilburg School of Economics & Management.
- Located in the Province of Noord-Brabant, students can travel easily to European destinations such as Amsterdam, Brussels, London, Paris, Frankfurt, Luxembourg, & Hamburg.
- For more info: <http://www.tilburguniversity.edu/education/exchange-programmes>.

Tilburg University in Tilburg, the Netherlands



FAQ (Frequently Asked Question)

Okay... I'm interested! But how much is this going to cost me?!

A General Cost Comparison

Studying at UW	Studying Abroad
UW Tuition (resident/non-resident)	UW Tuition (resident/non-resident)
Living expenses (rent/dorm/etc.)	Living expenses (rent/dorm/etc.)
Health expenses/insurance	Health expenses/insurance
Food	Food
Personal expenses (shopping/fun/etc.)	Personal expenses (shopping/fun/etc.)
Transportation (car, bus, etc.)	Transportation (public transpo/bike/etc.)
	Plane ticket
	IPE fee (\$700 for semester or year)
	Fees related to obtaining a travel visa

In general, your tuition & your health/living/food/transportation/personal expenses will be very similar to how to budget now. The biggest differences with studying abroad is your plane ticket to/from your destination and the UW IPE fee. Keep in mind currency exchange rates, too!

How to Apply

- Applications are available at the Economics Advising Office (305 Savery Hall) and on the Department of Economics website.
- Applications will be due by *the LAST FRIDAY IN JANUARY*, with notification by mid-February.
- You may apply for consideration to more than one program.
- The number of students nominated to these Exchange Programs depends on the number we are able to receive from the abroad institution. Typically, we've been able to send the equivalent of 2 students for 1 year each (or up to 4 students for one semester each, per program).
- Some programs are simply more popular than others, which is why we request that you rank your desired programs, if considering more than one.

Need more information?

- UW Study Abroad:
<http://studyabroad.washington.edu>
- Department of Economics:
<http://econ.washington.edu/undergrad/study-abroad/>
- Economics Advising: econadv@uw.edu (ask for Patrick)

Any Questions?



Thanks for Coming!

