

Study Abroad for Chemistry Majors

Chemistry majors have numerous options for studying abroad. Options include a semester program before declaring the major, a semester program after declaring the major (the ideal time is spring of the junior year), a summer program, or a credit-bearing internship. Non-credit internships and research opportunities also exist. Use this advising sheet as a starting place to find the program that best meets your needs.

Why Study Abroad?

Studying abroad can help you develop new skills and talents:

- Learn chemistry from a different perspective;
- Take a chemistry course that might not be available at Wake Forest;
- Enhance your critical thinking;
- Expand your knowledge of history, politics, economics, and society;
- Develop cross-cultural engagement and intercultural competence;
- Learn about yourself and have fun!

Plan Ahead

Begin planning immediately. Whether you study in a Wake Forest-administered program or in an Affiliate (non-WFU) program, you can earn academic credits that will count toward your Wake Forest degree.

Meet with your academic advisor to identify degree requirements you can fulfill while abroad. Visit the Center for International Studies to learn about the application process and scholarships and to identify resources. Visit WakeAbroad at studyabroad.wfu.edu to begin looking for programs.

Money matters

Studying abroad may be more affordable than you think. Wake Forest offers over \$400,000 in scholarships each year. WFU Study Abroad Scholarships and Global Citizens Scholarships are open to all students. Early planning will give you time to select the right program and plan how to pay for it.

Your financial aid package can be applied to eligible study abroad costs. Meet with a financial aid advisor and apply for scholarships. You can make it work!

Academic Considerations

The chemistry major requires a combination of core requirements and electives. Spring of your junior year is a good time to study abroad and take one or two chemistry courses that can count as electives in the major.

Study Abroad Program Options

Here are some of the programs approved for Chemistry majors. Meet with a study abroad advisor in the Center for International Studies and Dr. Christa Colyer in Chemistry to discuss your program selection. If you study in an Affiliate (non-WFU) program, you will need to complete a course approval process in order to transfer credits to Wake Forest.

WFU/London: Worrell **WFU/Venice: Casa Artom** **WFU/Vienna: Flow House**

Residential programs at properties owned by Wake Forest. Semester programs are up to 13.5 hours, with classes taught by a WFU professor and locally hired instructors. Summer programs are usually 3 or 4 hours, with one course taught by a WFU professor. Contact International Studies for an updated list showing who will teach in future semesters and summers.

WFU/Salamanca

Program at the University of Salamanca with courses taught in Spanish. Students should therefore have strong Spanish skills.

IFSA/Butler host university programs

IFSA/Butler assists in placing students as visiting (non-degree) students at a host university, where they take courses alongside local students. Requires a minimum GPA between 3.0 and 3.3. Options include:

Australia:

University of Adelaide (Adelaide)
University of Melbourne (Melbourne)
University of New South Wales (Sydney)
University of Queensland (Brisbane)

England:

University College London (London)

Ireland:

University College Dublin (Dublin)

New Zealand:

University of Auckland (Auckland)

Scotland:

University of St. Andrews (St. Andrews)

NYU/London

Program at NYU's center in London. Courses are taken with students from the U.S. This program includes an organic chemistry course and a lab course.

Next Steps

- Meet with your academic advisor;
- Attend a study abroad interest session;
- Meet with a Study Abroad advisor;
- Meet with WFU professors teaching in WFU programs to learn about future programs;
- Meet with a financial aid advisor.

Apply on WakeAbroad

Use the website, <http://studyabroad.wfu.edu>, to learn about programs and to apply. Affiliate programs require separate application. Apply 1-2 semesters before your chosen term abroad.