Birmingham-Southern College offers a variety of programs that allow you to study Religion in an international setting.

University of Birmingham - England (UK)
Hong Kong Baptist University - China
University of Erfurt - Germany
University of Cape Town - South Africa
University of Glasgow - Scotland (UK)
University of Fribourg - Switzerland
Murdoch University (TEAN) — Perth, Australia
Indonesia: Arts, Religion, and Social Change (SIT) — Bedulu, Bali, Indonesia
Nepal: Tibetan and Himalayan Peoples (SIT) — Kathmandu, Nepal
Charles University (CIEE) — Prague, Czech Republic

Preferred terms of study abroad:
- Sophomore year
- Junior year
- All summer terms
- E-Terms (GEN299-Ancient Greece: Art Politics, Religion, and Theater)

Learning outcomes of the Religion major:
- Demonstrate a significant familiarity with at least one religious tradition, recognize its diverse manifestations in particular cultural contexts, and engage in informed discussion of its history and practices
- Interpret “textual religion” and apply the methodologies (linguistic, literary, sociological, historical, rhetorical, or ideological) that relate to the critical interpretation of sacred texts and religious writings
- Integrate the study of religion into other disciplinary studies
- Conduct and present scholarly research

Common Myths and Misconceptions about Study Abroad

“Studying abroad is too expensive.”

The Sklenar Center offers scholarships to help alleviate the costs of studying abroad. Additionally, federal financial aid can be applied to approved study abroad programs. There are also many outside scholarships and program-specific scholarships that you can use towards study abroad.

“I can’t speak any foreign languages.”

While some programs do have a language requirement, there are many program options across the world that offer classes taught in English. Some programs even offer beginning language courses so that you can learn the fundamentals of the local language in your host country.

“I’m worried that my credits won’t transfer.”

As long as you plan ahead, and get courses pre-approved, credits that you receive abroad will count towards your degree at BSC. Plan to meet with your academic advisor and with Anne Ledvina (aledvina@bsc.edu) in the International Programs Office (Krulak Institute suite 280/268).
Application Checklist for Study Abroad

**Deadlines:** (Semester deadlines are 9 months in advance of departure)

- E-Term Contracts: Third Friday in October
- Fall: Last Wednesday in November
- Academic Year: Last Wednesday in November
- Summer: Last Wednesday in January
- Spring: Last Wednesday in April

- Complete the “Application for Study Abroad” on Engage.
- Complete the Scholarship Application on Engage to be considered for study abroad funding.
- Ask a faculty member to send Anne Ledvina (aledvina@bsc.edu) an informal e-mail stating your ability to succeed academically and socially abroad.
- Make an appointment to meet with Anne Ledvina (aledvina@bsc.edu/226-7722) in the Krulak Institute (suite 280/268) to talk about the next steps.

That’s it! Super easy!

**Macey Rowland**
(University Francois-Rabelais)

“I cannot begin to express in words the enriching experiences and lessons that came from my semester abroad, but I can say that any students with the opportunity to do this would be crazy not to leap at the chance. Try to build your life abroad and really live in the moment with the time you have there. You will never be in a better position to do all of the amazing things that the world have to offer as when you are a student. Take advantage of the city you live in and try to soak up the culture and live as the locals do. I have made friends to last a lifetime and have seen and done more than I ever imagined.”

**Claire Anderson**
(University of Limerick)

“Just do it! Don’t worry about what you think you will miss while you are away. You will gain so much more. You are only young once and you need to live life to the fullest. Don’t be afraid, there are hundreds of other students doing this with you and you will be thankful that you did it!”

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Sophie Cheng
(Hong Kong Baptist University)

“I learned so much about myself. I became more confident and independent. I befriended people from different cultures. I got to taste incredible food that I've never tried before. And I got to visit other Asian countries since the plane tickets were much cheaper than they would be coming from the US! It was 10000% worthwhile.”
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