



FAA International Programs

COLLEGE OF FINE & APPLIED ARTS

Urban Planning Majors and Minors,

If you hope to study abroad in 2027 or 2028, we recommend you start your research with the programs below or on the recommended programs by major in the [My Study Abroad Program Search](#). You may search the full list of programs in [MyStudyAbroad](#). Applications are due by September 15th for Spring abroad (some programs have a June 15 priority deadline) and by February 15th for Summer or Fall abroad.

For general study abroad advising, please schedule with Andy [here](#).

Most UP majors take a combination of courses toward their 15 hours of UP electives and minor or free elective courses. UP357 is the agreed upon course substitution for UP347 (junior workshop) for students who study abroad during Spring Junior Year. To discuss the best semester/summer and courses needed while abroad, please contact your academic advisor, [Ben LeRoy](#).

There are SO many great options for studying Urban Planning abroad! Here are a few ideas:



Concert of the Vienna Philharmonic in front of Schönbrunn Palace, Vienna © Superbass / CC-BY-SA-3.0

Illinois in Vienna Program (liVP)

There are multiple universities that you have access to in Vienna (some are more landscape planning, landscape design and sustainability focused, others are more urban design, urban data science and engineering focused, others have urban planning departments, business sustainability, there are many options!)

U of I students are required to take one [German language course](#)

U of I students can also elect to take a general education course on [Austria and Europe](#), on [EU and US Climate Change Mitigation](#), a [Global Internship](#), or other courses taught by IL in Vienna programs

About 30 U of I students study abroad in Vienna, Austria every fall!

The most robust source of information on Illinois in Vienna programs is [here](#).

Program Administration: This program is open to FAA students, but is administered by [LAS International Programs](#). FAA students have priority in the FALL term.

[Fall application due February 1](#)

University of Sheffield in the United Kingdom

Program Administration: This program is administered by FAA International Programs, faa-abroad@illinois.edu.

About: A large institution in a large city surrounded by hillsides and a junction of five rivers with the most number of trees per person in all of Europe. Adjacent to Peak District National Park. Education for Sustainable Development is embedded into curriculum as part of a campus sustainability strategy.



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Courses: Check out the Sheffield Department of Urban Studies and Planning [here](#) and the [Sheffield UP course list here](#). You can view the list of pre-approved courses [here](#).

Location: Sheffield is 2.5 hours to London and 1 hour to Manchester, by train.

Cost: \$; view budget on costs tab [here](#).

DIS Copenhagen in Denmark

Program Administration: This program is administered by FAA International Programs, faa-abroad@illinois.edu.

About: Created in 1959, DIS is a non-profit study abroad foundation based in Copenhagen which provides study abroad experiences to college students (mostly American). The program includes a

tour to another country and excursions around Copenhagen. A large on-site staff is available to support you. Housing options are homestays, student housing, and residential communities.

Courses: [DIS Course Finder](#); [You can view the list of pre-approved courses here](#). Course titles include European Urban Life and Development/ Getting There: Transportation in Urban Europe/ Livability in the Modern City/ Urban Design Studio/ European Urban Design/Bicycle Urbanism.

Location: Campus is in downtown Copenhagen

Cost: \$\$\$\$ Fall/Spring or \$\$/Summer. View budget sheet [here](#)

DIS also offers a [summer session](#), with opportunities to study abroad in Copenhagen and Stockholm or Copenhagen.



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Shibaura Institute of Technology in Tokyo, Japan

Program Administration: This program is administered by FAA International Programs, faa-abroad@illinois.edu.

About: 100 English-based courses and a wide range of study options including Industrial Design, Urban Planning and Practice on Design Project, Architectural Design, Architecture, and Engineering. Tokyo, Japan is a busy capital city with 9.3 million residents, but SIT has only 9,000 students and the Department of Engineering and Design has a building on the [Toyosu campus](#). It is an urban campus with state-of-the-art facilities to develop human nature, located in Toyosu, the heart of the trendsetting Tokyo Bay district.



SIT, Omiya Campus © Shibaura Institute of Technology

Courses: A [Course Schedule](#) is available with links to the course syllabus and a [Course Modules](#) list depicts fall/spring offerings by area. Environmentally Sustainable Analysis, Exercises in Inventive and Creative Design, Environmentally Sustainable Engineering, Practice on Design Project, Architectural Design Studio, Studio: Environmental Land Use Planning.

Location: Tokyo, Japan

Cost: \$; view budget on costs tab [here](#).



"Sunset over Florence at Piazza Michelangelo" by jiuguangw is licensed under creative commons BY-SA 2.0.

Lorenzo de Medici in Italy

Program Administration: This program is administered by FAA International Programs, faa-abroad@illinois.edu.

About: Florence is the ideal choice for those interested in studying the humanities, creative arts, design and of course Italian language and culture. Students experience firsthand the inspiring culture of both historic and contemporary Italy, as LdM integrates formal, university-level learning with an emphasis on

personal growth and community responsibility. Housing options: Single or Double room apartment. This program offers a [summer session](#).

Courses: Almost every course at LdM is pre-approved; you can view the list of pre-approved courses [here](#). Courses include Sustainable Arch, Arch in its Environment, Sustainable Design, Interior Design, the Built Environment of Florence, Public Space Design, Palaces of Florence, GD Project Development, and Interdisciplinary Design.

One ITAL course is required unless you already have a semester of Italian. Summer students have no language requirement. ITAL courses count only as electives, and these courses do not count toward a minor or language requirement.

Location: Campus is in downtown Florence.

Cost: \$\$; view budget sheet on costs tab [here](#).

University of New South Wales in Australia

Program Administration: This program is open to FAA students, but is administered by International Programs in Engineering, ipeng@illinois.edu.

About: Sydney offers endless experiences from festivals, food culture and international sporting events to shopping, sightseeing and



surfing. Moreover, Sydney ranks as one the top student cities in the world.

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Courses: UP 203, UP 205, UP 405, UP 426, more UP courses incl. Communication in the Built Environment; Intro to Planning; Sustainable and the Environment; Urban Society, History, Theory; City and Regional Economics; Development Processes: Feasibility and Finance; Equitable Cities; City Building; Urban Management and Development; GIS and Urban Informatics.

Location: Large urban campus near ocean and downtown Sydney.

Cost: \$\$ View budget sheet [here](#).



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University of Manchester in the United Kingdom

Program Administration: This program is open to FAA students, but is administered by Gies Business and IAGE, iage@illinois.edu.

About: Manchester is a major city in the northwest of England with a rich industrial heritage. Manchester is notable for its architecture, culture, musical exports, scientific and engineering output, social impact, and transport connections.

Courses: [Full Course List](#)

[Planning courses](#) including Rural Planning, Urban & Environmental Economics, Real Estate, Planning & Development, Designing Sustainable Futures, Plan Making & the Developmental Process, Policy for Cities & Regions, Environmental Policies & Designations, Urban Theory & Planning Ethics, Housing Planning & Development

Location: 1 hour from Liverpool & 3 hours from London.

Cost: \$; view budget sheet on costs tab [here](#).

Faculty-Led, Short-Term Options

[FAA Faculty-Led: Urban Design & Sustainability in Vienna, Austria](#)

- Fall break
- Prof. Marc Doussard, Professor and Head of Urban and Regional Planning
- Course: UP 494, 3 credit hours

FAA Faculty-Led: Community-Based Sustainable Design at Casa Pueblo in Puerto Rico

- Spring break
- Prof. Yazmin Crespo Claudio, Assistant Professor, School of Architecture
- Course: ARCH 499, 4 credit hours

FAA Faculty-Led: London: Urban Design & Sustainability

- Spring break
- Prof. Ben LeRoy, Academic Advisor & Instructor, Department of Urban and Regional Planning
- Course: UP 494, 3 credit hours

FAA Faculty-Led: Basque Design Center in Spain

- Late May
- Prof. Savio Mukachirayil
- Course: FAA 313, 3 credit hours

FAA Faculty-Led: Urban Sustainability in Copenhagen

- May 18-28, 2027
- Prof. Dustin Allred
- Course: UP 494, 3 credit hours



Casa Pueblo in Adjuntas, Puerto Rico. (photo: Casa Pueblo / Facebook)



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