



# Study Abroad in Religion

## Benefits of Study Abroad for Religion Majors



The Department of Religion at Emory seeks to enable students to develop expertise in interpreting the plurality of religions in their historical settings, and critically to

appreciate the influence religions exert in shaping experience and society.

Religion majors study the history of religious traditions and the relations between religions, societies, ideas, values, aptitudes, and artistic expressions through a cross-cultural and interdisciplinary lens. Studying abroad offers you the opportunity to study religion **from the perspective of another culture** and increases the significance and focus of your studies.

Study abroad also offers personal benefits by providing opportunities to enhance your

academic career, to prepare yourself for the future as a global citizen, to improve your personal sense of independence and maturity, to meet new friends, and to see new places.

The Department of Religion and CIPA encourage Religion majors to explore the possibilities of earning part of their Emory degree during a summer, semester, or year abroad. Please visit the CIPA office to find out more about study abroad as a Religion major!



## Religion Dept. Q & A for Study Abroad

**Will courses I take abroad count toward the Religion major?**

You may earn credits toward the Religion major while studying abroad for a summer, semester, and/or year program. Study abroad courses should be pre-approved prior to departure. For Religion credit, students meet with the Faculty Study Abroad Representative, Dr. Dianne Stewart. You should keep all work done abroad, including notes, papers, projects, etc.

**Can I receive research and/or internship credit abroad?**

The Religion Department will consider credit for academic internships and/or independent research when appropriate. The summer program in South Africa and the semester program

in India are two options available to students. Research conducted while abroad may also assist students with background knowledge for pursuing an honor's thesis during the senior year. Please meet with Dr. Dianne Stewart for course approval.

**Can I obtain GER credit for Religion courses while abroad?**

In general, the Religion Department does *not* approve academic courses taken abroad to count for GER credit. The content of the overseas course must meet the criteria established by the Religion Department for the GER course taught on campus. For this reason, students are encouraged to fulfill GER requirements on campus prior to studying abroad.



"King's College London has a world-renowned religion and theology department. The semester in London allowed me to study among leading thinkers in a truly international city. The setting both in and out of the classroom expanded my interpretative skills, while also opening my eyes to the worldwide endeavor of studying and analyzing religion."  
*Elizabeth Garrison, King's College London*



"Studying abroad in Dharamsala was the highlight of my Emory experience. From attending prayer festivals to celebrating religious holidays to learning from the most respected teachers in the Tibetan Buddhist tradition, study abroad provided me with first-hand knowledge that would be impossible to receive in a regular classroom in Calloway. No other program can provide you with so many opportunities to learn the language, culture, and religious practices of the Tibetan exile community."  
*Jonathan Loar, Emory Tibetan Studies Program*

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# Semester/Year Study Abroad Programs

*Emory Religion majors have studied abroad in locations throughout the world!*

The study abroad programs listed here offer the widest variety of Religion courses; however, there may also be options for such courses on other study abroad programs. Please refer to the CIPA website at [www.cipa.emory.edu](http://www.cipa.emory.edu) for additional program information.

**Religion Courses Taught in English**  
Australia, Czech Republic, England (King's College, SOAS, UCL), Egypt, Greece, India (Dharamsala and Mysore), Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Korea, Scotland, South Africa, and US Virgin Islands

**Religion Courses Taught in a Foreign Language**  
Argentina, Brazil, Chile, and France

## GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR SEMESTER STUDY ABROAD:

- At least 3.0 cumulative GPA.
- Good academic standing.
- Full-time enrollment at Emory the semester prior to study abroad.
- Minimum language requirements met, as specified.
- At least 3 semesters of college level work.

## JEWISH STUDIES

CET Jewish Studies in Prague, Czech Republic

This program offers coursework focused on Jewish Studies, in the context of East Central European history and culture. Dr. David Blumenthal, Emory faculty member, is serving as a visiting lecture and teaching his course Survey of Jewish Mysticism during spring 2006 term.

**Hebrew University and Tel Aviv University, Israel**

Beginning Fall 2006, CIPA is pleased to announce the reinstatement of the study abroad programs in Israel in conjunction with Hebrew University in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv University in Tel Aviv. Students enroll in Hebrew Language and choose from a variety of courses offered at the university.

## INDEPENDENT STUDY

Many opportunities exist for Religion majors to pursue short-term and/or long-term independent study projects relating to their area of specialty. For more information, inquire with your Religion faculty advisor and the relevant country advisor for CIPA.

## SPRING SEMESTER Tibetan Studies Program *Dharamsala, India*



Situated in the foothills of the Himalayas and home to His Holiness the Dalai Lama, Dharamsala is the cultural and intellectual capital of the Tibetan exile community. The Emory Tibetan Studies Program integrates academic study, traditional Buddhist pedagogy, field research in the Tibetan community, and guided explorations of contemplative practice. This unique combination of theory, practice, and immersion provides an excellent opportunity to explore numerous political, cultural, historical, and religious dimensions of the Tibetan world.

You will earn 16 credit hours for the following courses:

Introduction to Tibetan Language (TBT 101)  
Tibetan Civilization and Culture (REL 370)  
Tibetan Buddhist Philosophy (REL 373)  
Independent Research (REL 497R)

## RELIGION FACULTY STUDY ABROAD REPRESENTATIVE

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## FINANCING STUDY ABROAD

Your financial aid, scholarships, and grants are automatically carried over while you study abroad. Work Study students are eligible for stipends as well. CIPA can also offer you additional grant and aid opportunities.

# Emory Summer Study Abroad

If you are not able to spend a semester or a year abroad, a summer program may be a good alternative. Emory summer programs are led by Emory faculty, are generally 4-8 weeks long, and provide the opportunity to earn Emory credits. To apply to an Emory summer program, you must have at least a 2.0 cumulative GPA, be in good academic standing, and have completed at least one full year of college.

Check the CIPA website  
[www.cipa.emory.edu](http://www.cipa.emory.edu)  
for a listing of all summer study abroad programs.

