

Civil Engineering Education Abroad Guide

Education Abroad Quick Facts

CU Boulder Education Abroad offers over 400 programs in over 70 countries! You can go abroad for a semester, year or summer (the latter ranges from 2-12 weeks). In addition to taking classes abroad, you can choose an internship or volunteer program (or combine classes with internship or volunteer options)! Please visit the following web pages for more information and to get started.

- To start researching options and to learn about next steps, visit the [Getting Started](#) page.
- [Academic Information](#) provides more details about courses, credits, and grades.
- The [Finances](#) page provides extensive information regarding program costs, billing, financial aid, and scholarships.
- [Answers to most other questions not answered in this guide.](#)



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General Advice for Civil Engineering Students Going Abroad

- Engineering courses offered through select education abroad programs have been [pre-approved](#) to substitute for core courses in the CVEN curriculum. Please keep in mind that all of the approved courses for a specific program may not be offered during the semester when you are studying abroad.
- Upper division courses in a technical field (math, science, engineering, etc.) may be approved for credit as General Technical Electives. Your academic advisor can assist you in identifying classes that would be eligible for that designation.
- Courses focused on culture, literature, historical context, etc. are eligible for approval as Humanities & Social Science Electives. To request pre-approval for a specific course, please email a copy of the syllabus to your academic advisor. You can also consult the list of pre-approved Arts & Science Core/Gen Ed classes that correspond to Engineering Humanities & Social Science requirements. Visit the [pre-approvals list](#) and select "Engineering — Humanities & SS" from the drop down menu.
- Remember to first check the [pre-approvals list](#) with over 10,000 courses for various degree requirements.

Getting Courses Approved

- Remember to first check the [pre-approvals list](#) with over 10,000 courses for various degree requirements.
- To submit additional major/minor courses for review, you will work with your Academic Advisor. [View more information about the major/minor approvals process.](#)

Planning and When to Go

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<p>First Year & Sophomore</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Start researching education abroad programs and talking with your academic advisor. • If you are planning to go abroad for a full semester and would still like to graduate in four years, you will need to make sure that you're staying on track with all of your core coursework and that you have a good understanding of the department's prerequisite structure. That becomes less important if you are on a five year plan or would like to go abroad over the summer, although it is still helpful to understand how participating in education abroad will impact your course selections. • If possible, save some Technical Electives or Humanities/Social Sciences courses to take when you go abroad. • Consider going abroad during the spring (fourth) semester of your sophomore year, or during the summer between sophomore and junior year. • Students planning to go abroad during the spring semester of their sophomore year should have been taken CVEN 2121 prior to studying abroad, or identify a program that offers an approved substitute. • It may also be helpful to complete either APPM2350 or APPM2360 during the summer before your sophomore year, if your education abroad program does not have a math sequence that is equivalent to CU's.
<p>Junior</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fall semester of junior year is the best time for CVEN majors to go abroad, although the academic calendar used in some European countries can make it challenging to identify a program that ends before CU's spring semester begins • If you go abroad during the fall semester of your junior year, you will need to make sure that you have the necessary prerequisites completed (CVEN 3313, CVEN 3161), during the spring semester • If you go abroad during the spring semester of your junior year, you will need to make sure that you have the necessary prerequisite/co-requisite to take CVEN 3111.
<p>Senior</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students majoring in Civil Engineering are likely not able to go abroad during their senior year due to professional issues and the senior design project. That said, seniors are still eligible to participate in summer programs during the summer after their senior year.

Recommended Programs

(see specific course approvals on [pre-approvals list](#))

[University of New South Wales; Australia](#)

[University of Wollongong; Australia](#)

[Technische Universitat Darmstadt; Germany](#)

[University of College Dublin; Ireland](#)

[University of Canterbury; New Zealand \(Through ISA\)](#)

[National University of Singapore; Singapore](#)

[National Chiao Tung University; Taiwan](#)

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[Faculty-Led Global Seminars and other summer programs](#)

[Global Seminar: Structural Analysis of Iconic Structures \(Paris, France\)](#)