

Semester-length Program Samples

Custom, experiential learning abroad



PARIS • FLORENCE • LONDON • MADRID • ROME

For over twenty-five years ACCENT has collaborated with US partners to meet institutional objectives with custom study abroad programs that thoughtfully reflect learning goals and the unique characteristics of the student population while retaining a strong institutional identity. From initial design to curriculum development, pre-departure preparation to on-site support, each element of an ACCENT partnership is tailored to meet the objectives and capacity of the sponsoring college or university.

Programs draw on deep local networks and reflect the energy, ideas, and interests of creative local staff and expert adjunct faculty in Paris, Florence, London, Madrid, and Rome. Each Study Center represents an academic community, alive with intellectual and intercultural exchange throughout the year. Depth of local networks and breadth of programming provide access to unique, topical resources at the best value.

The samples below represent some of the semester programs developed with ACCENT partners that best illustrate the strength of custom collaboration, built on strong relationships that put student learning at the center of the conversation. In each case, topical and experiential courses were developed through dynamic exchange between campus departments, academic advisory boards, and local ACCENT faculty.

University of California Education Abroad Program

Custom semester programs in London, Madrid, Paris, and Rome

In addition to numerous other program models, ACCENT Study Centers host custom UCEAP semesters, each attracting between 50 and 150 students from across the ten campuses of the University of California system. Students may enroll in an intensive language curriculum as well as core courses in the humanities and social sciences taught by carefully selected local faculty. Utilizing their European host-city as a classroom, each course is enriched with site visits and on-location lectures across the city. Students engage locally through volunteer opportunities, evening lectures, and cultural activities including cooking classes, film screenings, and exchanges with local university students. Students in Rome and London can complete an internship and accompanying workforce course for academic credit.

UCEAP fall semester programs in Paris and Rome are open to cohorts of students from select partners, to which UC Santa Barbara provides transfer credit.

[2017 Pricing Estimates]

- Paris - \$13,000
- Rome - \$12,550

Some ACCENT partner institutions have utilized UCEAP courses to complete a faculty-led semester, in which participants enroll in two or three UC courses on a fee basis in addition to the courses taught by the faculty program leader.



*University of Minnesota “Study & Intern in Florence”***Custom semester taught by local faculty with strong curriculum integration**

Curriculum integration is what distinguishes the University of Minnesota’s custom Study & Intern in Florence semester program. Each experiential course was developed in collaboration with a particular campus department or program to provide major credit for its students and support the University’s globalization initiatives. A week-long study tour to Sicily exposes the complexity of contemporary Italian life and includes both language instruction and the chance to build on Florence coursework through site visits and lectures with local academics, business leaders, and community activists. The program offers internships for credit, while a regular series of workshops and mentoring opportunities in the Florence Study Center support individual reflection and the development of cultural self-awareness. The Learning Abroad Center also offers a summer internship program in Rome.

*University of California, Berkeley – Global Edge***Fall semester for freshmen in London**

ACCENT and UC Berkeley began collaborating on the Global Edge fall semester for newly admitted freshmen with the 2015 pilot program. Coursework is developed in collaboration with Berkeley academic departments and ACCENT London faculty, and carefully chosen to meet first-year curricular requirements while reflecting the unique cultural context and academic resources of the host-city. While in London, students complete a freshman writing course with prompts based on contemporary issues affecting London and Londoners, such as globalization and gentrification, and including site visits and guest lectures. ACCENT and UC Berkeley provide complete orientations on-campus and in London, while intensive on-site cultural programming builds a strong cohort identity. Students are housed together with local RAs.

*Washington University in St. Louis Olin Business School***Direct enrollment support in Paris and Madrid; custom internship program in London; European Study Tour**

ACCENT collaborates with Olin Business School to host the school’s custom semester with internships in London, which features upper-level Olin business courses taught by local faculty, front-loaded to allow for a ten-week full-time business internship and research assignment.

Madrid and Paris students enroll beside local peers at Carlos III University and ESCP Europe, while ACCENT provides housing, intensive orientation, and emergency support. ACCENT staff maintains close relationships with the international offices on each campus and supports the experience with a supplementary academic orientation and guidance during the registration process, regular office hours on campus, and facilitation of tutoring when necessary.

Each semester, ACCENT coordinates Olin Business School’s signature “European Study Tour” for students on all Olin programs in Europe. Student pairs are assigned a European country and policy research focus, later spending three days in their country’s capital to research and meet policymakers and business leaders. The entire Olin group converges on Brussels later in the semester where they visit European institutions and hear a range of different opinions about European integration. Following group workshops, students present their research to peers and invited guests in a series of seminars and a thematic group presentation.

