

# Study Abroad Planning Tool for Jazz Majors

## OVERVIEW

With careful planning, it may be possible to take classes abroad to fulfill major requirements and/or elective units.

**FRESHMEN & SOPHOMORE YEAR**  
**EXPLORE & APPLY**

- Complete Theory Sequence (MUCO 133ab, 131ab)
- Complete Aural Skills Sequence (MUCO 132ab, 232ab)
- Complete Jazz Elements (MUJZ 195)
- Complete MUHL 250 Music and Ideas and MUSC 496 Careers in Music (Sophomore year).

**JUNIOR YEAR**  
**STUDY ABROAD: fall or spring**

- Best time to participate in a semester exchange!
- Discuss with Faculty & Thornton Academic Advisor how to complete Jazz performance classes and ensemble requirements.
- As an upperclassman, discuss with your faculty your aspirations as a performer. Consider exploring Host Institution faculty to develop your international professional network.

**SENIOR YEAR**  
**STUDY ABROAD: fall only**

- Last chance to participate in a semester exchange!
- Complete Thornton Exchange Evaluation Form
- Verify that all courses were transferred over
- Complete SENIOR RECITAL

## YOUR NEXT STEPS

**EXPLORE**  
**Research Your Options**  
**10-14 months prior to departure**

- Attend Thornton International Programs Information Session
- Research Program Options for your major
- Confirm if there is a language requirement needed to study at Host Institution (i.e., French, Norwegian, Swedish, or Finnish).
- For questions on how to find courses abroad, contact International Programs Coordinator, [music.intl@usc.edu](mailto:music.intl@usc.edu).

**APPLY**  
**Gather & Upload Forms**  
**9-12 months prior to deadline**

- Speak with Thornton International Programs Coordinator
- Complete Study Abroad Planning Tool
- Apply, or renew, your passport

**When to Apply:**

- Apply spring of sophomore, or junior, year to Thornton's Exchange Application:
  - Opens: November 15
  - Deadline: January 22
- Submit your Exchange Application on EASY by host institution's unique deadline

**PREPARE & REGISTER**  
**Finalize Plans Abroad**  
**6-9 months prior to departure**

- Complete Pre-Departure requirements
- Plan a budget
- Apply for study abroad scholarships

**Complete the following the semester before your departure:**

- Get you Academic Learning Agreement approved
- Register to appropriate section for USC 300 Overseas Block Enrollment
- Confirmed USC Financial Aid Package for semester abroad

