

WHY STUDY ABROAD?

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Syntagma Square and Venetian Fortress, Nafplion, Greece (2002)

What can you learn when you're studying abroad that you can't learn at UNCW?

- Learn in-depth about the politics, economics, foreign policy, society, and religion of another country.
- Immerse yourself in a new language and culture.
- Observe the balance of global political and economic power from a different perspective.
- Visit monuments, religious institutions, art museums, historic battlefields, mountains and parks.
- Read the other country's news every day, immerse yourself in local politics.

Other pluses to study abroad:

- Looks great on a resume or graduate school application. Make yourself stand out from the pack.
- Show potential employers that you are adaptable and open-minded in a globalizing world.
- Improve your ability to be independent and develop your confidence in handling new situations.
- Research shows that students who study abroad go on to have higher GPAs, graduate at higher rates, and improve their ability to acquire a language than their schoolmates who stay home.¹
- Make friends for a lifetime from all over the world.

Beautiful Antinous, Olympia, Greece (2002)



¹ Elizabeth Redden, "Academic Outcomes of Study Abroad," *Inside Higher Ed*, July 13, 2010. <http://www.insidehighered.com/news/2010/07/13/abroad>. Accessed July 15, 2010.