

KU Study Abroad Program Models

University of Kansas reciprocal exchange, direct enrollment, faculty-led, internship and research programs are derived from formal agreements with international and domestic partners, programmatic relationships, and faculty contacts (for research programs). Some of the greatest advantages of KU-sponsored programs are quality assurance and being able to leverage institutional knowledge & relationships for the benefit of KU departments and students. A diverse array of program types provides opportunities for the greatest number of KU students to have an experiential educational opportunity abroad. Students who cannot meet their needs through one of KU's existing programs have the opportunity to participate in a Student-Initiated Program (SIP) through an external provider.

Program Type	Description	Term	Credits	Costs	Level of support to students	Involvement from KU sponsoring unit
KU reciprocal exchange programs	Exchange students are nominated by partner institutions and must pay their home institution's tuition in order to study abroad. In exchange, the host institution waives (or at KU - pays for) the international student's tuition and associated fees. This can be the most economical option for KU students. In order to ensure the long-term viability of reciprocal exchanges, KU requests that these be departmentally sponsored (although open to a broad student constituency).	Semester & academic year	Students register in courses offered by overseas institution. Equivalent KU credits are recorded on the KU academic record upon receipt of foreign transcript.	KU tuition and fees (All other fees paid directly by student to partner institution.) <i>*A few exchange agreements include room and board, however this is the exception.</i>	High (provided by both KU OSA and host institution for outbound and inbound students)	Academic advising (for outbound & inbound students) and active program promotion to majors/minors.
KU direct enrollment programs	Direct enrollment is an option for students to study at a foreign university as a visiting student. With exchange partners, direct enrollment can be an option if the exchange is out of balance. Direct enrollment agreements also provide opportunities to partner without a fiscal commitment on the part of KU for the receipt of incoming students.	Semester, academic year & summer	Students register in courses offered by overseas institution. Equivalent KU credits are recorded on the KU academic record upon receipt of foreign transcript.	For international institutions with a signed agreement in place with KU, students pay host institution's tuition and fees through KU. Costs vary widely based on region and institution.	Medium (support provided by KU OSA prior to departure and host institution upon arrival)	Academic advising and active program promotion

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KU faculty-led programs	<p>KU faculty envision, develop, direct and teach on these programs. Programs are generally two to ten weeks in duration and offer a unique but limited set of courses. These programs provide an opportunity for students and faculty to travel together exploring common interests. This is also a typical introductory programming model which opens further avenues for international collaborations.</p>	<p>Winter Break, Spring Break, Summer and occasionally semester.</p>	<p>In nearly all cases, these programs offer KU courses taught abroad. Occasionally coursework is offered and transcribed by foreign institution.</p>	<p>KU tuition and fees (compact or off-campus rates), plus program fees for housing, faculty expenses, insurance, local travel, etc. Costs vary widely by destination, duration, credit hours, and instructional staff.</p>	<p>High (provided by KU faculty, KU OSA staff, and on-site partners)</p>	<p>Program development, academic oversight, faculty compensation, and active program promotion</p>
KU internship programs	<p>The KU OSA works with international education organizations or host institutions to develop the framework for group internship programs. Students are placed individually according to their majors/minors and industry preferences. Overseas internships are the largest area of growth within international education. There are many opportunities for program development through partner institutions, governmental programs and professional organizations, and program providers.</p>	<p>Summer and semester</p>	<p>KU academic departments determine academic requirements for internship credit, review placement, and oversee assignment of grade.</p>	<p>KU tuition and fees (compact or off-campus rates), plus program fees for housing, insurance, local transportation, etc. Costs vary by destination and number of credit hours.</p>	<p>High (provided by KU OSA staff and on-site program providers)</p>	<p>Active program promotion and internship credit/independent study oversight</p>

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Student-Initiated Programs (SIPs)	KU students participate in study abroad programs sponsored by other accredited U.S. universities, foreign institutions accredited directly by the Ministry of Education of the host country, or third-party program providers when no direct relationship exists with KU. Students participating in a SIP remain enrolled at KU during the study abroad program and receive KU resident credit and grades for the coursework that they complete abroad. SIPs provide for a broader range of destinations and disciplines and can provide unique program components such as field work, internships, or research experiences.	Winter break, summer, semester & academic year	Students register in courses offered by overseas institution or domestic program provider. Equivalent KU credits are recorded on the KU academic record upon receipt of foreign transcript.	All program fees paid directly by student to program provider. Students also complete SIP application and pay corresponding fee to KU.	Highly variable (mainly provided by host institution or third-party program provider)	Academic advising and foreign credit evaluation
SIP Internship	KU students participate in self identified internships offered by other accredited U.S. universities, foreign institutions, or third-party program providers. Internships are generally individualized to each student's major/minor and industry preferences. Students work directly with their academic departments to ensure credit for the internship experience.	Summer and semester	KU credit (following internship model above) or credit through a domestic/foreign institution.	All program fees paid directly by student to program provider. Students also complete SIP-Internship application and pay corresponding fee to KU.	Highly variable (mainly provided by host institution or third-party program provider)	Academic advising and internship credit / independent study oversight
SIP Research	KU students participate in independent research programs identified through KU faculty connections or offered directly through partner institutions, governmental programs and professional organizations, and program providers. Students work directly with their academic departments to ensure oversight and credit for the research experience.	Summer and semester	KU academic departments determine academic requirements for credit, review research, and oversee assignment of grade.	All program fees paid directly by student to program provider or foreign host. Students also complete SIP-Research application and pay corresponding fee to KU.	Highly variable (mainly provided by host institution or third-party program provider)	Academic advising and oversight of research program and associated credits