

Study Abroad Recommendation for Psychology Majors

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- Sophomore year is the time that fits best for students to study abroad as a Psychology major. This is the time recommended to study abroad but studying abroad as Junior can definitely still work!
- Regardless of timing of study abroad, students studying abroad need to take Introductory Psychology (PSYC 157) and MATH 102 or above (MATH 104 strongly recommended) before their Junior year.
- If students can take some of their “Level 2” and “Level 3” PSYC classes before their Junior year, that is also helpful.
- The most attention and long-term planning required will concern the Statistics (PSYC 324)/Research Methods (PSYC 325)/Senior Seminar (PSYC 493/494 or 495) sequence. In the PSYC major, all students are required to complete this sequence, and it builds such that Statistics is a prerequisite for Research Methods, and Methods is a prerequisite for Senior Sem (which is taken mandatorily in the Fall of the Senior year).
 - Statistics and Methods are both offered each semester.
 - **If a student studies abroad in the Fall of their Sophomore year**, it is additionally advised that they take Statistics upon their return in the Spring, or at the latest in the Fall of their Junior year, so they can take Methods by the Spring of their Junior year and be on track to take Senior Sem in the Fall of their Senior year.
 - **If a student studies abroad in the Spring of their Sophomore year or for the entire sophomore year**, it is advised that they take Statistics immediately on their return in the Fall of their Junior year, so they can take Methods in the Spring of their Junior year and be on track to take Senior Sem in the Fall of their Senior year.
 - Note: it is especially recommended that students interested in studying abroad for the entire sophomore year meet with a Psychology advisor to navigate their pre-requisites.
 - **If studying abroad in the Fall of their Junior year**, students will need to take at least Statistics ahead of time, in their Sophomore year. They will then take Methods (if they have not already) in the Spring of their Junior year and thus be on track to take Senior Sem in the Fall of their Senior year.
 - **If studying abroad in the Spring of their Junior year**, students need to take both Statistics and Methods before studying abroad. Both need to be completed already so that they are on track to take Senior Sem in the Fall of their Senior year upon their return to campus.
- Overall, it is advised that a student interested in studying abroad should meet with a PSYC advisor to discuss their specific plan.