

Study Abroad Planning Tool for Popular Music: *Songwriting*

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 Pop Music Performance I & II Sequence (MPPM 120 & 320)
- Complete two years of Songwriting Sequence (MUSC 255, 355, 455)

JUNIOR YEAR

PREPARE & REGISTER

- Take courses that will give you degree credit!
- As an upperclassman, discuss with your faculty your aspirations as a musician. Consider exploring Host Institution faculty to develop your international professional network.

SENIOR YEAR

STUDY ABROAD: *fall only*

- Best time to participate in a semester exchange!
- Complete Thornton Exchange Evaluation Form
- Verify that all courses were transferred over
- Complete MPPM 450ab FINAL PROJECT

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.

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 junior year to Thornton's Exchange Application:
 - o Opens: November 15
 - o 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 your Academic Learning Agreement approved
- Register to appropriate section of USC 300 Overseas Block Enrollment
- Confirm USC Financial Aid Package for semester abroad

Course Planning Tool

Student Name: _____

Term Abroad: Fall Spring

Current GPA: _____

Major/Emphasis: _____

Host Institution: _____

Academic Advisor: _____

This form is meant to help you familiarize yourself with the courses available in your chosen study abroad program and to help you understand the important consideration relating to your course choices. This is not course registration and does not guarantee any course's availability or approval for credit. Retain a copy of this form and all class materials until your courses have successfully been posted to your transcript.

Course Number/Title at Host Institution	Type of Degree Requirement Anticipated <i>(Major or Elective Credit)</i>	Credits Abroad	USC Credits	Thornton Course Number / Equivalency	Notes
Alternative Courses: <i>Note: It is important to identify alternate choices in case first choice courses are unavailable upon arrival/registration</i>					

Important Notes:

Final courses approved by Thornton Academic Advisor should appear on Academic Learning Agreement when applying for Exchange Program
All General Education requirements must be completed at USC