Experience a Global May with Ohio State

The Office of International Affairs offers several study abroad programs specifically intended for first and second year students of any major. Study abroad is a valuable part of the Ohio State curriculum and these Global May programs provide the earliest opportunity for you to study abroad while allowing you to go abroad again later in your college career.

No matter your major, study abroad will enhance your academic experience, strengthen your career prospects and change the way you view the world. We hope these introductory study abroad programs will open your eyes to all a global education has to offer, and that you’ll take advantage of a Global May with Ohio State.

Ohio State’s Global May programs:

• Introduce first and second year students to study abroad
• Focus on the history, culture, current events and major issues of one specific country or region
• Feature classroom instruction in English are led by Ohio State faculty
• Earn Ohio State credit, which can be used to satisfy the Education Abroad open option GeneralEducation requirement (please see specific program page for details at oia.osu.edu)
• Global May programs typically have a January 4 application deadline

While studying abroad on a Global May program, you will begin to develop global competencies, skills you need to graduate as a citizen of the world.

Brazil Global May

This Global May program will introduce you to the ethnic, environmental and cultural diversity of Brazil. Your studies will take place in the industrialized areas around southeastern São Paulo and in the northeastern city of Salvador, one of Brazil’s earliest capitals and center of the country’s Afro-Brazilian and indigenous cultures.

• go.osu.edu/GlobalMayBrazil

China Global May

If you choose to spend your Global May in China, you will study in Chengdu, the capital city of Sichuan province in Southwest China. You will be paired with a student at Southwest University for Nationalities and learn first-hand about the many different Chinese ethnic groups while making friends for life. Group projects and independent study will enable you to immerse yourself in the strong traditions and culture of this laid-back city. Explore China’s ethnic and cultural diversity by visiting religious sites, festivals and national parks during your month abroad.

• go.osu.edu/GlobalMayChina
Great Britain Global May
This program will help you gain insight into British national identity through the study of British history, culture, society and literature. This Global May allows you to explore London, Oxford and Edinburgh, to better understand the relationship between the regions and nations that make up Great Britain and to think critically about the United States’ cultural and political inheritance from Great Britain.
• go.osu.edu/GlobalMayBritain

Hungary Global May
Spending May in Hungary will allow you to gain a greater knowledge and appreciation for Central and Eastern Europe as a region. You will use media studies to help you understand the major cultural, economic and political developments in Hungary over the last century. This Global May program also includes a visit to Poland, and you will have the opportunity to work with your peers abroad as you collaborate with local students in both Hungary and Poland to create a multimedia production.
• go.osu.edu/GlobalMayHungary

Morocco Global May
This program will introduce you to the modern history, politics and culture of Morocco during the 19th and 20th centuries. You will have a hands-on experience by conversing with major political, civil and intellectual figures. Global May Morocco will be primarily based in Rabat, the capital of Morocco, and will include excursions to Fez, Meknes and Volubilis to explore archeological sites.
• go.osu.edu/GlobalMayMorocco

New Zealand Global May
This program will introduce you to the culture and history of New Zealand by focusing on language and identity. The course will consist of traditional classroom instruction and opportunities to learn through excursions and community engagement projects. Exploring the Maori and other indigenous cultures will provide you with a better understanding of New Zealand as well as your own culture.
• go.osu.edu/GlobalMayNewZealand

Spain Global May
This program will allow you to gain an understanding of the multicultural and global history of the city of Madrid. Shaped by immigration, migration and international commerce, Madrid is a great location for you to think critically about your surroundings and compare Spain’s melting pot and diversity to the United States. Students will become familiar with the history of Madrid and Spain through readings, site visits and lectures.
• go.osu.edu/GlobalMaySpain

Uganda Global May
This Global May will find you studying at the School for International Training in Kampaña, developing a critical appreciation for the concept of “human security” — how a society helps provide its citizens with means for survival, livelihoods and dignity. You will navigate contemporary issues such as food security, women and development, globalization, conflict management, as well as health, education and state security.
• go.osu.edu/GlobalMayUganda

For more information
To learn more about Global May study abroad programs, visit go.osu.edu/GlobalMay.

Please keep in mind that all information is subject to change.