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 General Education requirement (please see specific program page for details at oia.osu.edu)
- Global May programs typically have a January 3 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.

 Bolivia Global May

Based in the tropical city of Santa Cruz this program will allow students to study Andean cultures and literature, examine Bolivia’s key historical moments, and explore contemporary social, political, economic, and cultural issues. The program will also travel to Cochabamba where the focus will turn to rural development in the area, before concluding in La Paz and its surrounding areas.

- go.osu.edu/GlobalMayBolivia

Brazil Global May

This Global May program will introduce students to the ethnic, environmental and cultural diversity of Brazil. 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
Explore China's ethnic and cultural diversity by visiting religious sites, festivals and national parks. Students will study in Chengdu in Southwest China and 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 enable students to become immersed in the strong traditions and culture of this laid-back city.

• go.osu.edu/GlobalMayChina

Great Britain Global May
This program will help students gain insight into British national identity through the study of British history, culture, society and literature. This Global May allows students 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 students to gain a greater knowledge and appreciation for Central and Eastern Europe as a region. Students will use media studies to help understand the major cultural, economic and political developments in Hungary over the last century. This program also includes a visit to Poland, and students will collaborate with peers abroad both in Hungary and Poland to create a multimedia production.

• go.osu.edu/GlobalMayHungary

New Zealand Global May
This program will introduce students 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 students with a better understanding of New Zealand as well as the opportunity to reflect on their own culture.

• go.osu.edu/GlobalMayNewZealand

Paris Global May
This May program explores the social, cultural, and geographical history of the city of Paris from the Middle Ages to the present through the study of a number of key events in the city’s rich history. Students will focus on different events and their geographical context within the city, thereby exploring the city not just from century to century but from neighborhood to neighborhood.

• go.osu.edu/GlobalMayParis

Spain Global May
This program will allow students 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 to think critically about one’s surroundings and compare Spain’s melting pot and diversity to the United States. Students will examine the history of Madrid and Spain through readings, site visits and lectures.

• go.osu.edu/GlobalMaySpain

Uganda Global May
Students will study at the School for International Training in Kampala, developing a critical appreciation for the concept of “human security” — how a society helps provide its citizens with means for survival, livelihoods and dignity. Students 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.