

Virtual Abroad FAQs

What are virtual abroad programs?

Virtual abroad is a way for students to enroll in virtual/online courses from overseas universities, or to engage with international organizations, without having to leave the US. This is a great way for students to get a global experience, without having to go abroad. Additionally, these types of programs come with a much more affordable price tag given that students do not have the additional expenses associated with travel to, and living in, another country.

Virtual abroad programs consist of academic courses as well as virtual internship opportunities.

How long do virtual abroad programs last?

These programs can be as short as several weeks to a full-length semester. They can be as flexible in length as a student may need them to be.

Do virtual abroad programs come with course credit?

Yes, students can receive course credit for the virtual program they participate in. Students need to work with the Office of Study Abroad to ensure they complete all the necessary steps to receive course credit for any virtual program they participate in.

Can I use financial aid for virtual abroad programs?

It may be possible to utilize some UTC financial aid for virtual abroad programs. Given that students' financial aid situations vary, interested students should schedule an appointment with an advisor in the Office of Study Abroad.

Are there scholarships available?

Yes, depending on the virtual program a student is interested in, scholarships may be available. The Office of Study Abroad awards over \$250,000 in study abroad scholarships every year. Students interested in virtual abroad programs may be eligible to apply for Office of Study Abroad scholarships. Additionally, students can look at scholarship opportunities through the selected program provider and may be eligible to apply for the Gilman Scholarship (for Pell Grant recipients).

Can I do a virtual abroad program alongside my UTC classes?

Yes, you can look at virtual abroad courses in a specific subject (for example, a language course) or even doing an internship alongside your enrollment in UTC class. The Office of Study Abroad is available to speak with interested students about the various opportunities.