Semester at Sea
Multiple locations, Multiple

**Program Terms:** Fall, Spring, Summer

**Homepage:** [Click to visit](#)

**UVa Program:** No

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### Fact Sheet:

**Class Status:** 2nd year, 3rd year, 4th year

**Minimum Cumulative GPA:** 2.75

**Language Requirement:** none

**Program Type:** Courses for Non-Major Credit

**Payments Made To:** Outside institution

**Housing:** With program group

**Enrollment Type:** Full-time

**Language of Instruction:** English

**School of Enrollment:** Architecture, College - Arts & Science, Commerce, Education, Engineering, Nursing

**Credit Type:** Direct Credit

### Program Description:

*Semester at Sea* is a study abroad program designed to incorporate a global semester in your undergraduate experience.

*Summer 2006*

Inaugural Voyage Scholarship:

In order to celebrate the University of Virginia partnership with the Institute for Shipboard Education, the first 100 UVa students accepted to the program will receive a scholarship covering 50% of the program fee. You will be notified of your acceptance and scholarship.
The Classroom Experience

Classes meet daily while at sea, providing classroom contact as on a traditional land campus. Most Semester at Sea classes average from 20 to 30 students and are conducted with emphasis on maximum student involvement. The required student load during the 100-day fall or spring semester is 12 credit hours (four courses). The maximum academic load permitted is 15 credits. For the 65-day summer program, the required course load is 9 credits (three courses). Students may not enroll for less than the required load.

Ship Life

The shipboard curriculum provides you with a series of insights into various cultures and societies and allows you to dissect and assess what you observe. Not only will you develop the ability to understand new cultures as they are encountered, but you will also gain the intellectual tools that will allow you to relate past experiences to future situations. Similarly, you are called upon to examine the crisis issues of global concern, such as those relating to environment, population, foreign policy interrelationships and economics, in the context of the nations visited. The ship truly becomes a campus on which you will work in a traditional classroom setting, and the world a laboratory from which approximately 20% of the credit earned for a course is fulfilled. The integration of classroom and international fieldwork enables Semester at Sea to provide a learning environment unattainable on a traditional land campus.

Starting with the Summer 2006 voyage, the University of Virginia will grant academic credit for participation in Semester at Sea. The academic program is being reviewed in its entirety, with all faculty and courses being approved through the respective departments within the University of Virginia. Final listing of UVa course designations will be available in mid-March.

HOW TO APPLY:

UVa students: The Semester at Sea a two step process.

- Apply for study abroad approval online application system. See "Now" button above.
- Complete the Semester at Sea

Non-UVa students: Interested apply directly through Semester at Sea form below.

Note: The final listing of UVa course designations will be available in mid

Links:

- Enrollment and Admission Information
- Voyage Information
- Tour the Ship
- Cost

For further information, please see:

www.semesteratsea.com
Outside the classroom the shipboard setting cultivates the development of close relationships between you and the faculty. There is considerably more time for student-faculty interaction, in contrast to the home campus. Since most faculty are required to have resident experience in countries on the itinerary, this interaction helps insure that you are both personally and academically ready to examine new cultures as the ship moves from one country to another.

Field Experience

The Field Program is an integral part of Semester at Sea, actively involving you in the countries visited. Each semester's itinerary is carefully selected to provide you with the opportunity for a comparative approach to global education. Port stays of three to six days offer a first-hand look at the societies you will be studying in the classroom. Educational activities on land are designed to complement classroom instruction, and fieldwork provides 20% of the contact hours for course credit. The Semester at Sea study abroad program enables you to take advantage of field trips in each country visited that provide both structured and informal activities, permitting you to observe, compare, interact with, and participate in the different societies visited.

The Faculty

The search for faculty who will relate well in this special academic environment begins more than a year prior to each sailing. In addition to professional academic preparation, the University looks for special characteristics and background. Semester at Sea faculty must have a proven record of successful undergraduate teaching. Many have direct knowledge of the areas being visited, usually through residence or study abroad. The Institute looks for evidence of a professor's ability to be effective in a situation requiring a considerable degree of flexibility. Most faculty members are on sabbatical or personal leave from their home institutions and, like the student body, they represent colleges and universities throughout the country. In addition, "interport lecturers" augment the resident faculty. The Institute arranges for university professors or representatives of government or business to join the ship at an earlier port and to sail from one country to another with the Semester at Sea community. These resource persons present seminars concerning their countries, participate in informal discussions, and make themselves available for a variety of class presentations. By providing a personal introduction to their nations' histories, cultures and customs, the
interport lecturers help prepare students for more effective field experiences.