

# RENSSELAER | ARCHITECTURE

## INTERNATIONAL STUDY ABROAD PROGRAMS



**PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:** International study is a defining aspect of Rensselaer's architectural education. The School of Architecture offers international semester long programs in Italy, India, Latin America, and China that are fully integrated into the requirements of the undergraduate degree. They have been established in four world cities that will challenge and help to define the future of architecture. Each of these programs is open by competitive application to students in their fifth semester and above. Students (B.Arch) are selected to participate in each program on the basis of academic accomplishment. Members of the Rensselaer architectural faculty direct these students and additional instruction is provided by the faculty of our partner educational institutions or adjunct faculty in the host city. There is a program fee and field trip fee for participation in each of these programs.

**ITALY (ALTERNATE FALL SEMESTERS):** The Italian studies program includes a design studio based in Rome, an examination of the architectural and urban development of Rome, courses in Italian language and culture, and travel throughout Italy. The program seeks to deepen appreciation of historic cities and the layers of culture that have played a seminal role in the development of Western culture and architecture.

**LATIN AMERICA (ALTERNATE FALL SEMESTERS):** The semester in Latin America aims to actively engage students with the various architectural scenes in Latin America by establishing different itineraries for each edition. The program will include academic residencies at the architectural school of the Universidad Nacional de Chile (Santiago, Chile) and at the Universidad Nacional de Cordoba (Argentina) where joint-studios, seminars and other activities will be developed together with local students and faculty.

**CHINA (ALTERNATE SPRING SEMESTERS):** The semester in Shanghai is based at the School of Architecture at Tongji University, considered one of the premier architecture programs throughout Asia. The program offers joint studios in design with Chinese faculty and students, and travel to world heritage sites and internationally renowned contemporary buildings throughout China.

**INDIA (ALTERNATE SPRING SEMESTERS):** The India program at Rensselaer's School of Architecture is located in Ahmedabad, India, a vibrant metropolis of 5 million inhabitants located in the northwestern part of India. UNESCO has recently named Ahmedabad a World Heritage City. Facilities for this program are situated in the Millowners Building, an architectural masterpiece designed by Le Corbusier, who is widely considered one of the most important architects of the 20th century. Students benefit from instruction by several of the most knowledgeable and capable architects and scholars in contemporary India.

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