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A one-of-a-kind, immersive study-abroad experience at the British campus of Fairleigh Dickinson University.

- Participants spend a semester living on FDU's historic Wroxton College campus, about 70 miles northwest of London.
- The RSC — a 20-minute drive away in nearby Stratford-upon-Avon — offers students a unique learning experience using rehearsal room pedagogy around contemporary Shakespeare studies.
- The FDU School of the Arts is the exclusive United States partner of the RSC. It offers a semester-long residential program in the United Kingdom.

## Unforgettable Study Abroad

In the fall of each year, Fairleigh Dickinson University Theater majors and minors (and other qualified FDU students) can participate in an immersive study-abroad experience at FDU's Wroxton College in central England with the Royal Shakespeare Company (RSC).

The program is also open to qualified Theater majors from FDU partner schools and affiliates.

Students in the program take part in **rigorous theater classes**, made possible through an exclusive partnership with the RSC. In the program, students gain **in-depth exposure to both Shakespeare and modern interpretations of classical texts** — an important part of a theater student's professional toolbox on stage and film.

The **preprofessional workshop and training component** of the program is held onsite at the RSC. Students have backstage access to this world-class theatre, as well as its practitioners, courses, productions and artists!



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## The Wroxton Experience

When FDU opened Wroxton College in 1965, it was the **first American higher education institution to own a campus in the United Kingdom**. Since opening its doors, more than 10,000 students from 100+ colleges and universities have been transformed by the Wroxton Experience.

With its idyllic location close to Stratford-upon-Avon, Oxford, London and Birmingham, FDU's Wroxton College is ideal for students seeking a selective, personalized and unforgettable living and learning environment. It attracts students in every major and field of interest.

Students live and study in a **fully restored 17th-century Jacobean mansion** known as Wroxton Abbey. Courses are taught using the lecture, seminar and tutorial method employed in British universities since the middle of the 19th century.



## Coursework

Students participating in the RSC at Wroxton College program can earn up to 18 college credits, including:

- 6–9 credits from the RSC program, including a course focusing on the adaptation of Shakespeare's plays "from page to stage."
- 3–6 credits from other liberal arts courses offered at FDU's Wroxton College, which can be applied to a student's general education requirements.

## In Practice Course and More

The program's "jewel in the crown" is the In Practice preprofessional course, where **students participate in intensive workshops with RSC practitioners onsite at the RSC campus** in Stratford-upon-Avon, as well as supplementary workshops at Wroxton.

Interested students also can choose an elective course in Musical Theater, featuring an RSC production. For full course descriptions, visit [fdu.edu/rsc](http://fdu.edu/rsc).



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## Costs and Inclusions

In addition to training at the RSC, the Wroxton Experience includes:

- Tuition for up to 18 academic credits
- Ground transportation and airport transfers
- Books
- Housing at Wroxton
- Meals when on campus (breakfast, morning coffee, lunch, afternoon tea and dinner)
- Health insurance
- Cultural activities (including theatre and museum admissions)
- Day trips (including London, Oxford, Bath, Stratford-upon-Avon, Birmingham, Cardiff and more)
- Extensive series of visiting lecturers
- Four-day trips to Edinburgh and Paris

FDU students retain 100% of their financial aid while studying at Wroxton. Cost of attendance is comparable to a residential semester at FDU's campuses in the United States. Special travel grants are available to qualified students.

Visiting students from other colleges and universities also may participate in the RSC at Wroxton College. Before enrolling, visiting students should meet with appropriate representatives at their home college or university to discuss their financial aid options and to ensure credits earned will transfer to their home school.



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## About the Royal Shakespeare Company

Based in historic Stratford-upon-Avon — Shakespeare's birthplace — the Royal Shakespeare Company is a theatre and learning charity. The RSC creates world-class theatre and shares it around the world (starting with their first United States tour dating back to 1913!). The RSC performs plays by Shakespeare and his contemporaries, as well as commissioning an exceptionally wide range of original work by contemporary writers.

*Matilda the Musical* premiered in Stratford-upon-Avon in 2010, playing to sold-out audiences before transferring to London's West End, where it still plays.

The RSC has a proud record of innovation, diversity and excellence on stage. In 2016 they put the first live digital avatar on stage in their production of *The Tempest*.

The RSC has three theaters in Stratford-upon-Avon: The Other Place, the newly refurbished Swan Theater and The Royal Shakespeare Theater, which was refurbished in 2011 and opened by the late Queen Elizabeth II. FDU at RSC students will visit and take classes in these spaces!

## To Apply

Students must hold a 3.0 GPA and meet all other FDU requirements for study abroad at Wroxton College. After submitting an application, FDU non-theater majors and all visiting students must schedule an audition and interview for the acting class. FDU theater majors are not required to audition or interview for the program.

## To Learn More

Scan the code provided, visit [fdu.edu/rsc](http://fdu.edu/rsc), or email Brian Swanzey, FDU Director of Study Abroad, at [brian\\_swanzey@fdu.edu](mailto:brian_swanzey@fdu.edu).





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## WHAT STUDENTS SAY

“My Wroxton experience at the RSC was life changing as an artist — and deepened my love for Shakespeare.”

Emily Agresta, New Jersey  
Class of 2024 • Major: **Theater**

“The ability to study abroad was a major factor in my college choice. Seeing that FDU had a campus — where you practically live in a castle! — made my decision easy. Experiencing the RSC and Wroxton College was the best five months of my life.”

Audrey Favor, Arizona  
Class of 2024 • Major: **Musical Theater** • Minors: **Dance** and **Sustainability Management**



## ABOUT FDU'S SCHOOL OF THE ARTS

FDU's School of the Arts is a robust center of learning for students who seek arts training grounded in a real-world framework. The School offers majors and minors in animation, creative writing, film, graphic design, studio arts and theater.

Our innovative curriculum combines a strong liberal arts education, hands-on creative work, valuable opportunities for internships and an integrated approach to arts entrepreneurship.

Outstanding and nationally recognized artists and authors empower our students to reach their full creative potential, and a network of professional mentors and colleagues help jump-start their careers.

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