Study Abroad & Resources for Academic Advisors

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- Comprehensive international office
- Academic & Research Programs
  - Global Studies B.A. and Minor,
    International Studies Major/Minor, international certificate programs
- International Student & Scholar Services
  - International degree-seeking student advising; visas for all international students and faculty
- Institute of World Affairs
  - K-16 outreach to schools, TV program, Great Decisions, Kennan Forum, CIE annual conference
- Study Abroad
  - Study Abroad programs, inter-institutional exchanges, help incoming exchange students
Study Abroad – High Impact Practice

Students Who Study Abroad Succeed

- Study abroad students have 25% higher starting salaries (studyabroad.ucmerced.edu)
- 97% of study abroad students found a job within 12 months of graduation (compared to the rest of the student body with only 49%)
- Study abroad students have higher graduation rates and significantly higher rates for graduating in 4 years (globaledresearch.com; umabroad.umn.edu)
- 90% of study abroad alumni were accepted into 1st or 2nd choice graduate school (studyabroad.ucmerced.edu)

UWM Center for International Education
Types of Programs

- Semester and Year-long
  - Exchange programs
  - Study abroad programs
- Short-Term Programs (UWinteriM/Summer)
  - Faculty Led
  - Exchange
  - Study Abroad
- Internships
- Non-UWM programs
Academics

- **Academic Credit**
  - UWM programs = UWM credit
  - Non-UWM programs = Transfer credit
  - Students cannot receive credit for sports and rec courses taken abroad
- Course selection/availability varies by host institution
- Different teaching and grading styles in other countries
- Credits earned overseas can count towards UWM degree requirements
Financing Study Abroad

• Most Financial Aid may be used for Study Abroad

• Scholarships & Grants
  • Wisconsin Study Abroad Grant
  • Study Abroad Diversity Scholarship
  • Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship
  • Boren Awards
  • …and more: http://uwm.edu/cie/study-abroad/financial-planning/scholarships/

• Financing Study Abroad 101 Sessions
  • CIE Study Abroad Calendar of Events:
    http://uwm.edu/cie/events/category/study-abroad/list/

• Program Cost Information
Application Process

• Deadlines*:
  - October 1\textsuperscript{st}: UWinteriM & Spring programs
  - March 1\textsuperscript{st}: Summer, Fall & Academic Year programs

*Some programs may have earlier deadlines.

• Academic Advisor Conference Sheet (for long-term programs and Non-UWM programs)
For Academic Advisors

New Resource: http://uwm.edu/cie/study-abroad/for-academic-advisors/

- Why study abroad
- Benefits of study abroad
- Programs
- Fin. Aid & Scholarships
- Academics
  - Transcripts
  - Course Equivalency Approval Form
- FAQs
Course Equivalency Approval Process

- Web Resource: [http://uwm.edu/cie/study-abroad/for-students/course-equivalency-approval/](http://uwm.edu/cie/study-abroad/for-students/course-equivalency-approval/)
- Updated form (next slide)
- Used for both UWM and non-UWM programs
- Who students need to talk to
- Strongly recommended; no surprises when it’s time to graduate
- Encourage students to share copies of this form
- What if no form submitted?
- Program Course Equivalency Search
New Course Equivalency Approval Form

COURSE EQUIVALENCY APPROVAL FORM
Study Abroad and Exchange Programs

Name: ________________
Student ID#: ________________
UWM E-mail: ________________
Major at UWM: ________________
Program: ________________
Term Abroad: ________________

UWM Program? ☐ Non-UWM Program? ☐ (Please check one)

STUDENTS: Fill out the first column listing the courses that you plan to take/have taken abroad. Provide course number, title and include the study abroad course description and/or syllabus for each course.

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Department Chair/Faculty Advisor: For each course listed, please determine one of three options:

Is the course: 1) an exact equivalent to a course at UWM, 2) an exact equivalent with GER designation, or 3) elective credit.

You may give tentative approval if needed. Please request that the student supply more detailed course information so you may properly evaluate the course. Please be sure to sign and date the form. Thank you.

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