Study Abroad Overview & Transcript Processing

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Overview of CIE

• Comprehensive international office
  • Academic 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 have:

- Higher Retention Rates *
- Higher Graduation Rates*
  - Significantly higher rates for graduating in 4 years
- 97% of Study Abroad students found a job within 12 months of graduation (regular student body only 49%)**
- 25% higher starting salaries**
- 90% of study abroad alumni got into 1st or 2nd choice grad school**

In our Global Economy, people with international experience are highly valued!

Statistics from *globaledresearch.com, *www.umabroad.umn.edu, **www.studyabroad.ucmerced.edu
Types of Programs

• Semester and Year long
  • Exchange programs
  • Study abroad programs
  • Non-UWM programs

• Short Term Programs (UWinteriM/Summer)
  • Faculty Led
  • Exchange
  • Study Abroad
  • Internship
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
Course Equivalency Approval Form

• Strongly recommended
• Used for both UWM and non-UWM programs
• Who students need to talk to – when and how
• Challenge of course equivalencies for GERs
• No surprises when it’s time to graduate
• Encourage students to share copies of this form
• What if no form submitted?
Transcript Processing

• Students are responsible for ensuring an official transcript is sent to the CIE Study Abroad Office
• It may take up to 6 months for our office to receive the transcript
• Timeline:
  • Once a transcript is received, it will take a minimum of 6-8 weeks for coursework and grades to be posted to PAWS
  • We routinely collaborate with Financial Aid and the Registrar’s Office on transcript processing
Transcript Processing

**UWM Programs**

Transcript received ► Student notified ► Course Equivalency Approval Form status ► Course creations request to Registrar’s Office ► Courses created by Registrar’s Office and shared with CIE Study Abroad Office ► CIE Study Abroad Office sends enrollment request to Registrar’s Office ► Registrar’s Office drops student from placeholder and enrolls in courses ► CIE Study Abroad Office sends grade report to Registrar’s Office ► Registrar’s Office posts grades to PAWS

Typical Study Abroad Course Numbers:
197, 297, 397, 497, 597, 697, 797

Grade Conversions:
If a grade conversion scale is not provided, we use the WES Grading Scale, an international grade conversion guide for higher education
Transcript Processing

**Non-UWM Programs**

**Transcripts issued by U.S. institutions:**
Student notified ► Course Equivalency Approval Form status ► Transcript and course equivalency, if any, sent to Registrar’s office ► Registrar’s Office posts coursework and grades (transfer credit) to PAWS, including course equivalencies, where applicable

**Transcripts issued by foreign institutions:**
Student notified ► Course Equivalency Approval Form status ► Transcript evaluated by CIE ISSS ► CIE Study Abroad Office posts coursework and grades (transfer credit) to PAWS, including course equivalencies, where applicable
Application Process

• Deadlines*:
  • October 1: Spring programs
  • October 15: UWinteriM
  • March 1: Fall & academic year programs
  • March 15: Summer programs

*Some programs have earlier deadlines so check well in advance once you find a program that fits your needs & interests.

• Academic Advisor Conference Sheet (for long term programs and Non-UWM programs)
CIE Study Abroad Office

What you can expect from us:

• Program advising and orientation (application, pre-departure, while abroad, returned home)

• Assistance with applications to host universities or programs (if applicable)

• Basic academic advising – but talk to your advisor for specific degree requirements

• Provide medical insurance coverage through CISI

• Basic financial advising

• Encouragement

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