

# Study Abroad: Academic Integration

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# Agenda

- Advising Expectations
- Application & Enrollment Details
- Course Equivalency Process
- Transcript Processing



# Advising Expectations

- **Study Abroad Coordinator**
  - Basic academic and financial advising
  - Program selection, preparation, and pre-departure orientation(s)
  - Describe course equivalency process
  - Transcript processing
  - Encouragement and more!
- **Academic Advisor**
  - Discuss remaining degree requirements
  - Identify classes to take abroad and classes that must be taken at UWM
  - Contact us ([overseas@uwm.edu](mailto:overseas@uwm.edu)) with questions about your student's study abroad academics.
  - Encouragement and more!

# Application & Enrollment Details

- Academic Advisor Conference Sheet (for non-faculty-led programs and Non-UWM programs)
- Academic Recommendations are for professors or TAs – not advisors
- [Deadlines](#)
  - **October 1:** [UWinteriM](#) & [spring](#) programs
  - **March 1:** [summer](#), [fall](#) & [academic year](#) programs
    - Some programs have earlier deadlines so students should check well in advance once they find a program that fits their needs & interests.
- Enrollment placeholders assigned after acceptance (financial aid & student status)



# Types of Credits

- UWM programs = UWM credit
- Non-UWM programs = Transfer credit



## Special Considerations with Credits:

- Students **cannot** receive credit for sports and rec. courses taken abroad.
- Course selection and availability vary by host institution
- Different teaching and grading styles in other countries
  - If a grade conversion scale is not provided, we use the WES Grading Scale, an international grade conversion guide for higher education.
- Credits earned overseas can count towards UWM degree requirements.

# Course Equivalency Approval Form

- Strongly recommended
- Used for both UWM and non-UWM programs
- Students consult with host university website and study abroad coordinator
- Students obtain approval from dept. chair/faculty advisor
- 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

- Students are responsible for ensuring an official transcript is sent to the CIE Study Abroad Office (except for faculty-led programs).
- It may take up to 6 months for our office to receive the transcript.
- 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

- Integrated approach to update student records (Registrar's Office & CIE)
- Post program - placeholder dropped, actual courses and grades added
- How study abroad courses and equivalencies appear on transcripts
- Typical study abroad course numbers:
  - 197, 297, 397, 497, 597, 697, 797

# UWM-Sponsored Program

Fall 2019			UWM Credit - Undergraduate		
ART	297	Study Abroad	3.00	A	12.00
Beginning Painting FLORENCE, ITALY					
Study Abroad Topic					
ARTHIST	497	Study Abroad	3.00	B	9.00
The Italian Renaissance FLORENCE, ITALY					
Study Abroad Topic					
L&S HUM	297	Study Abroad	3.00	A	12.00
Food as Culture: Italian Cooking and Culinary Culture FLORENCE, ITALY					
Study Abroad Topic					
ART	297	Study Abroad	3.00	B-	8.01
Sustainable Clothing and Ethical Fashion FLORENCE, ITALY					
Study Abroad Topic					
Term GPA:	3.418	GPA Credit:	12.00	Progress Credit:	12.00
Cum GPA:	3.562	Cum Totals:	136.00	Cum Totals(Degree):	145.00
					41.01
					484.43

# Non-UWM-Sponsored Program

SPR 2019	Transfer Credit - Undergraduate	UWM Equivalent			
XAFR 1001	Setswana Lang & Cult Practicum	2	A-	TRAN-L&S X	2.00
XAFR 5301	Africa & its Past on Film	2	A	AFRIC U	2.00
XCRW 5301	Creative Write/Theory/Practice	3	B+	ENGLISH 233	GERA 3.00
XINT 3003	Internship	3	A	TRAN-FREX	3.00
XPSY 5302	Health Psychology	3	B+	PSYCH 555	3.00
XPSY 5303	Psyc of Adulthood & Aging	3	B+	PSYCH 680	3.00
From Tulane University					16.00

Spring 2019	UWM Credit - Undergraduate				
EXMURAL 99	Non-UWM Study Abroad		12.00	NR	0.00
Term GPA:	0.000	GPA Credit:	0.00	Progress Credit:	0.00 0.00
Cum GPA:	3.894	Cum Totals:	50.00	Cum Totals(Degree):	50.00 194.69

# Takeaways

- Work with students to integrate study abroad into their degree program.
- Help students understand the different advising roles.
- Set expectations for transcript processing timeline.
- Understand that students can earn exact course equivalencies for study abroad coursework to stay on track for graduation.
- Collaborate with the study abroad office to provide students with the opportunities to academically integrate study abroad.



# Important Resources to Know:

## For Students

- [Academics](#)
- [Travel Logistics](#)
- [Culture Shock](#)

## For Academic Advisors

- <http://uwm.edu/cie/study-abroad/for-academic-advisors/>





# Contact Information



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