



STUDY ABROAD

ADDRESSING STUDENT & ADVISOR QUESTIONS

Office of Study Abroad & Student Exchange

Please note the difference...



INTERNATIONAL
AFFAIRS

STUDY ABROAD AND STUDENT EXCHANGE

Advantages

- ▣ Approx. 250 programs in over 60 countries!
- ▣ SASE staff to assist students & staff
- ▣ All students registered for UA credits while abroad
- ▣ UA program directors & int'l support staff for UA questions

Most programs on SASE website:

www.studyabroad.arizona.edu

(3rd party program providers include:

AustraLearn, CEA, CIEE, ISA, Semester at Sea – search under “Multi-country”)

Non-UA SASE programs

Students may need to

- ▣ Confirm accreditation
- ▣ Take a Leave of Absence
- ▣ Defer scholarships
- ▣ Complete consortium agreement with OSFA

Students should pick up “Non-UA Sponsored program” packet from SASE:

www.studyabroad.arizona.edu/sas/forms/basics/NonUAPacket.pdf

Types of programs and credits

Faculty-led Programs

- ▣ Organized & chaperoned by UA faculty & staff (usually summer programs)
- ▣ Direct UA credit programs, with credits impacting UA GPA

Exchange Programs

- ▣ “Swap” students between universities for 1 - 2 semesters
- ▣ Transfer credit (Usually foreign transcripts)

“Study Abroad” Programs

- ▣ Usually hosted by affiliate 3rd party program providers or universities with allow direct enroll options
- ▣ Transfer credit (Foreign or domestic transcripts)

Resources for academic advisors

SASE “Academic Advisors” link:

<http://studyabroad.arizona.edu/advisors>

Includes links for:

- ▣ [Upper/Lower Division Designation Chart](#)
- ▣ [Course Selection for Study Abroad](#)
- ▣ [UA Direct Credit Programs](#)
- ▣ [International Grade Conversion Guide for Higher Education](#)
- ▣ [Online Guide to Educational Systems Around the World](#)

SASE advice to students regarding credit pre-approval...

1. Research program options and courses
2. Look for courses which may be compatible with UA degree requirements
3. Print course descriptions and syllabi prior to meeting with academic advisors
4. Bring upper/lower division designation information, if available
5. THEN meet with academic advisors to determine degree applicability and sign “Course Selection” form
6. In case of changes, get more courses pre-approved than what will actually be taken

More advice...

- While abroad, email academic advisor with any course changes for re-approval
- Seniors should also look at Graduation Services requirements so that they don't overlook any policies
- Save ALL documentation including
 - ▣ Course Selection forms
 - ▣ Emails
 - ▣ Course materials – syllabi, assignments, etc.

Any other pre-approval advice suggestions??

Once students return...

UA Faculty led programs

- Grades/courses will be posted directly in term
- Usually about 2-6 weeks after program completion (depending on when we receive the grades from faculty)

Transfer credit programs

- Transcripts for UA SASE programs should be sent/given to Office of Study Abroad & Student Exchange
- Copies will be made & saved in SASE student files
- Original transcripts will be sent for transfer credit evaluation
 - ▣ International Admissions (Foreign transcripts)
 - ▣ Registrar (Domestic transcripts)

And then what??

Once transfer credits can be seen in UAccess under “Transfer credit”...

- Students should meet with academic advisors again to make sure transfer credit is appropriately applied towards degree credits
- With departmental support, students can appeal transfer credit evaluation

Who to contact...

For general study abroad questions:

Office of Study Abroad & Student Exchange

Front Desk Tel: 626-9211

3 offices west of main campus, near Marriott Hotel

For administrative questions contact our regional advisors:

<http://studyabroad.arizona.edu/saseforms/basics/AdvisorSchedule.pdf>

Procedures outlined in our “Things to Know” section (See *Academic Sections*”)

- <http://studyabroad.arizona.edu/FAQApplication>
- <http://studyabroad.arizona.edu/FAQPredeparture>

Please let us know if you would like to visit our offices or meet staff!

www.studyabroad.arizona.edu