

Academic Advisor Info Sheet for Education Abroad



This sheet is to help academic advisors answer general questions about WSU's Education Abroad programs. For detailed information along with extensive help and guidance, students should be referred to the Education Abroad (EA) Office:

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First Timers Sessions and Education Abroad Advisors:

- Please encourage students to attend an Education Abroad First-Timers Session - a group meeting, held on a daily basis, where students learn more about education abroad programs, costs, processes, and are able to ask questions.
- If a student has more questions or wants help in finding an education abroad program, the student can make an appointment with an Education Abroad Advisor or stop by during walk-in hours. Advisors are able to assist students find and apply for a program, compare costs, apply for financial aid or scholarships, and receive academic credit. Our walk-in hours are 10am to 5pm daily.

Program Types:

- **Exchange** - Two or more universities agree to exchange a selected number of students. Exchange students pay WSU fees while attending a host university, making study abroad possible for approximately the cost of studying at WSU.
- **Faculty Led** - WSU faculty organize and lead academically focused student programs to sites that enhance traditional coursework.
- **Study Abroad** - Programs organized by another university or independent program provider. Students pay a program a fee to cover tuition, housing, excursions, and other expenses.
- **Internship Programs** – Credit bearing internships abroad are available for most majors!
- **Service Learning Opportunities** – These programs integrate classroom and service-oriented community involvement, often in rural or remote areas.

Deadlines:

- WSU Education Abroad Applications are due by the following dates each year:

Exchange Programs:	October 1, February 1
Study Abroad Programs:	November 1, April 1
Faculty-led Programs:	February 1 (summer), April 1 (fall), November 1 (spring)
Scholarship Applications:	November 1, April 1

Academic Credit Approval Process – Revised Fall 2003

Students participating in a WSU Faculty-Led Program receive regular WSU credit. Since Fall 2003, however, credit earned from exchange and study abroad programs is referred to as Education Abroad Credit (EAC) and handled in the following manner:

1. Students must complete an Education Abroad Course Approval Form (CAF) to specify which of the following each class taken abroad will satisfy: a major requirement; a minor requirement; an Honors College requirement; a GER; or an elective.
2. Academic advisors approve courses in their department by signing and dating the Course Approval Form.
3. Following receipt of the host institution transcript, courses are posted to the WSU transcript as follows:

Term	Host Institution				
Fall 2005	Ed Abroad - U Sevilla				<i>fl</i> Indicates course taught in foreign language
	EAC 915	Adv Span	4	B	<i>fl</i>
	EAC 900	Span Lit	5	C	Grade Earned (Converted to U.S. system)
	EAC 938 [H]	Int Art Hist	3	A	
	EAC 902	EU Politics	0	F	F's not calculated into WSU GPA.
		Foreign Course Title	Credits Earned		

4. Although a semester GPA will be calculated, grades will not be included in cumulative WSU GPA.
5. After credit is posted on a WSU transcript, each department's DARS (Degree Audit Record System) specialist will write an exception in DARS if major/minor requirements are fulfilled.

Costs, Financial Aid and Scholarships

- **How much does education abroad cost?**
The cost depends on the program. Exchanges are the least expensive full semester programs and cost about as much as studying in Pullman. Study abroad programs range from \$5,000 - \$15,000/semester, with an average cost around \$9,000. The cost of a faculty-led program depends primarily on the program's location and duration. Most financial aid applies and scholarships are available.
- **Financial Aid Requirements:**
 1. The Education Abroad office approves the program that the student has selected.
 2. Student completes and signs the Program Expense Form included in the Education Abroad application.
 3. Education Abroad provides the Office of Student Financial Aid with detailed program costs.
 4. The Financial Aid Office revises the student's aid award package. Financial aid is deposited in the student's account *on the first day of class at WSU* for the applicable semester.
- **Scholarship Opportunities Include:**
 1. WSU Education Abroad-sponsored scholarships range from \$150 - \$1,500 – availability limited.
 2. Many study abroad programs provide scholarships from \$200 - \$2,000.
 3. Scholarships available through independent sources. See an Education Abroad Advisor for information.

Re-Entry Shock for Students Returning from Abroad

Students often suffer from re-adjustment issues when they return from abroad. You may wish to ask your students how they are doing. If they are having problems, encourage them to contact Education Abroad - we have various Re-Entry Programs as well as opportunities for them to share their experience with others: serving as a peer advisor, doing presentations, helping with the study abroad fair, and so on.