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Study Abroad FAQs for Academic Advisors

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General Information

What types of programs are available to students through the Office of Global Opportunities (OSU GO)?

International opportunities are typically grouped into three main categories. Within each program type, there can be significant variation.

Faculty-led Programs: Students go abroad with a small cohort of OSU students with an OSU faculty member(s) to explore a central theme in one or more locations. Most of these programs are scheduled during the summer term or a term extension. Programs average two to three weeks in duration, although can be as short as one week or as long as ten weeks. OSU GO also facilitates some U.S.-based faculty-led programs. Faculty-led programs are especially great for students who want to:

- Deepen their understanding of a specific, complex issue
- Build relationships with OSU faculty
- Experience a more supported study abroad experience, with peers and faculty from their OSU community
- Participate in a program of short duration.

Study Abroad Programs: Students take classes abroad with a group of students from OSU and other U.S. universities for a term, semester, or academic year, or directly enroll at a partner university abroad. Shorter programs are available during the summer term and some partners may offer virtual coursework as well. Study abroad programs are especially great for students who want to:

- Develop their language skills through a language intensive program in an immersive setting
- Directly enroll at a partner university to take coursework in their major, offered in English in some cases
- Take classes with other international students and/or students from the host country
- Build relationships with locals, whether in classes, homestays, or in the community
- Participate in a program with multiple program length options

International Internships: Students gain full-time professional work experience abroad in these highly independent programs. Most internships are 10-12 weeks long, with a handful of shorter or longer program offerings. Additional shorter programs are offered for students in the healthcare fields during summer term. Part-time virtual internships are also available year-round. International internship programs are designed for students who are ready to:

- Build their resume through work experience and apply their curriculum to the world of work
- Develop their international professional network and build relationships with locals
- Develop their language and cross-cultural communication skills
- Take on a more independent international experience
- Participate in a term-long program (or longer)

When is the best time for students to go abroad?

OSU GO strongly encourages students to work with their academic advisor(s) to determine the best time to go abroad, taking into consideration their degree progress, academic requirements, and goals for their international experience. Students can also work with OSU GO to discuss programming options that are a good fit for their needs and interests.

With the breadth of programs offered, there are options to meet most student needs. In general:

- Faculty-led programs are often available to students at any point in their degree program, from entering first year students through graduation.
- Study abroad programs are available to students as soon as spring term of their first year, and through graduation.
- International internship programs are designed for students with junior standing or higher.

When discussing the best timing, some considerations may include:

- Which courses must be taken at OSU
- Which requirements could be fulfilled abroad (bacc core/core education, major/minor requirements, internships/practicums, language requirements, etc.)
- A student's current language level and goals for proficiency
- When the student intends to graduate
- How long is the student willing and able to be abroad academically, financially, and personally, remembering that shorter programs are more likely to be in the summer
- Program prerequisites (e.g. junior standing for internships, sufficient language proficiency for direct enroll coursework)
- Program seasonal limitations (certain programs, classes, or internship options may only be available at certain times of year)

Can students go abroad outside of summer term?

Programs are available for every term of the academic year, and some opportunities are multiple terms in length. While summer is a very popular time for students to go abroad, there are scholarship and financial aid implications for students to consider. OSU GO program coordinators can talk through these logistical considerations with students. It is worth noting that not every program is offered every term of the year, so if students are able to be flexible with which term they go abroad, they will have a wider selection of programs from which to choose.

How and when should a student start planning an international experience?

Students are encouraged to plan ahead for any international experience. Program applications tend to open about a year in advance of departure and application due dates are 3-6 months before the program start date.

Successful preparation for an international experience can be a long process. Careful advising is necessary to ensure the program of choice integrates into a student's degree program. Students also need to plan financially for an international experience and seek out scholarships. Planning well in advance will give students the time to have the necessary conversations with their academic advisors, choose a program, plan their finances and turn in a quality application for the program and scholarships.

To support students through an initial exploration phase, OSU GO has created a Global Opportunities Advising Canvas site that walks students through the program exploration and selection process with resources on academic, financial, and identity considerations. Students can access the site by creating an OSU GO account on our [Getting Started page](#).

How can study abroad accommodate students with disabilities?

We regularly work with students who have documented learning disabilities, health considerations and questions around physical accessibility that might influence their choice of international program. Typically these students find it helpful to discuss their goals for going abroad with a program coordinator in our office and asking for feedback on locations in terms of support provided or logistical considerations. Please encourage your students to connect with our office to begin these conversations.

What if a student wants to go on a program that is not offered through OSU GO and therefore not OSU-approved?

Students are strongly encouraged to select a program that has been vetted through OSU GO for academic rigor, health/safety considerations, and outstanding academic and cultural experiences. OSU GO's extensive list of program offerings includes programs designed to meet diverse needs and interests of students in any field of study. By going through an OSU-approved program, students remain enrolled at OSU

earning resident credit for the coursework completed abroad and courses are articulated by either OSU GO or the college sponsoring the program. Students can also apply their OSU financial aid (in most cases) to the cost of the program. In addition to these benefits, OSU GO supports students through pre-departure preparations and orientations, enrolls students in international health insurance coverage, and provides emergency response to students while abroad.

How can I confirm that the program a student is asking me about is an OSU GO-approved program?

The most straightforward way to confirm that a program is sponsored by OSU is to check the [program search function](#) on the OSU GO website. You can also email OSUGO@oregonstate.edu.

I have seen the name IE3 Global around campus, on program webpages, and in signature lines. What is IE3 Global?

IE3 Global is part of OSU GO, and IE3 Global programs are administered and operated by OSU. IE3 Global coordinates and administers study abroad and international internship programs for OSU students and students from partner institutions, primarily in Oregon and the Pacific Northwest. The "IE3" in IE3 Global stands for international education, employment, and experience.

Academic Planning

What minimum requirements or prerequisites must students meet to participate in an international program?

Academic requirements will vary by program. Some programs have language requirements, minimum GPA standards, or other prerequisites based on the study program or internship placement.

For all programs, students must be in good academic standing. OSU GO will also perform a care and conduct check to identify any areas of concern.

Below are examples of requirements for some program types..

Study Abroad:

- Some programs require a certain class standing (sophomore or junior) to participate
- Language proficiency for coursework taught in another language
- GPA requirements based on admissions requirements from a partner institution

International internships:

- Junior standing or above (*virtual* internships are open to freshman and beyond)
- Current enrollment in a degree program at OSU
- Minimum GPA of 2.5
- Each internship program page outlines minimum required skills, experience, and language proficiency for that specific program.

Is program acceptance competitive? If a student applies, is it safe to assume they'll be accepted, or should we create a back-up plan?

Program selectivity varies by program. We seek to ensure that students are equipped for success abroad and will represent the University well. While acceptance cannot be guaranteed, if the student has met all of the minimum requirements for the program to which they are applying, that is a great first step. OSU GO can advise students if the program to which they are applying is particularly competitive so they can plan accordingly.

It is always advisable to create a back-up academic plan in case the student does not end up going abroad. Aside from acceptance not being guaranteed, there are many potential reasons why this could happen, including unexpected changes at the host site/partner university abroad, changes in the students' personal life or to their financial resources, changes to their academic standing or academic needs, etc.

How should a student approach their program exploration if they are wanting to fulfill specific degree requirements while on an international program?

Bacc Core/Core Education:

Many students seek to fulfill Bacc Core/Core Education requirements abroad, and they may ask academic advisors for support in identifying courses that meet the requisite learning outcomes. Here are some general recommendations we provide to students:

1. First, identify which Bacc Core/Core Education requirements have yet to be met and review the [bacc core learning outcomes](#) for those requirements.
2. Look for courses at your selected program that meet the learning outcomes.
3. Use the [Study Abroad Course Equivalency Database](#) to see if any courses from your program have already been approved for Bacc Core/Core Education.
4. If you find courses you think are a good fit for Bacc Core/Core Education that have not yet been approved, they can be reviewed by the Office of the Registrar for approval. Send an email to course.articulation@oregonstate.edu and osugoarticulation@oregonstate.edu with the following information: study abroad program name, course number and name, bacc core category, and other supporting information such as a syllabus or course description.
5. Questions from students and advisors can be directed to osugoarticulation@oregonstate.edu.

Language requirements: There are many programs focused specifically on language learning. Students should work with the relevant academic advisor and OSU GO to identify programs that are a good fit for their current level of proficiency and language goals.

Practicum or internship requirements: OSU GO regularly facilitates experiences for students that can meet internship, experiential learning, or practicum requirements through the IE3 Global internship offerings and affiliate programs such as School for Field Studies (SFS), Sea Education Association (SEA), and School for International Training (SIT).

For major/minor requirements, see the following question.

Which programs are the best fit for students in my unit?

[OSU GO staff](#) are always happy to meet with advisors to talk about relevant programs and answer questions. Over the next 2 to 3 years, we will be prioritizing collaboration with colleges to identify “best fit” programs which could include both a review of current offerings and identifying new program options. We welcome your collaboration and thoughts on what resources/deliverables you would find most helpful in your work with students.

The majors/minors I advise for have a lot of course sequences. I’m concerned that studying abroad might disrupt these sequences and delay students’ progress towards degree completion. Are there any programs that might work for my students?

Past students with strict course sequences have had successful experiences abroad in various ways, some of which include studying abroad during summer term to focus on bacc core requirements, accelerating the addition of a language minor, earning upper division coursework abroad once sequence courses are done, or doing an international internship focused on field studies or research rather than a traditional study program. As mentioned in the last question, we look forward to collaborating with colleges to overcome barriers and identify programs that meet the needs of your students.

Why is a student being directed to talk to me about their study abroad credits, when the courses they intend to take would be applied to a different part of their degree (e.g. I am a major advisor, and their credits will apply towards their language requirement)?

Thank you for helping students get to the right person! OSU GO staff are not specialists in academic requirements for your department, nor does their work require more than a basic understanding of MyDegrees. You, therefore, play a vital role as students make decisions about which program to apply to, when to go abroad, which courses to take, and ensuring that their credits are applied to the appropriate degree requirements.

That being said, students who go abroad often intend to complete courses not only for their major but for their minor, language, and/or bacc core/core education requirements. If you feel it is appropriate for the student to speak with an advisor in another department/college, please refer them on. The intention is to provide the student with accurate information prior to departure regarding which degree requirements can and cannot be completed on their program of choice.

Some students have a clear sense of which advisor works with which part(s) of their degree and what their academic goals are for their international experience, and as a result, may consult them directly without needing a referral.

I have identified specific international programs that are a good academic fit for students in the majors/minors in my unit. How can I ensure that these programs are highlighted for my students?

OSU students have access to the full breadth of programs approved by OSU GO. If your academic unit has identified programs with well-aligned outcomes or curricular offerings, you may certainly spotlight these programs with your students. Colleges and departments will typically highlight these programs in START programming, introductory courses for the major, via a Global Opportunities section on their website, and/or through advising newsletters/materials.

It's also important to keep in mind that students' academic and professional goals and motivation for participating in an international opportunity are varied and may not correspond to their major in a linear or predictable fashion. Students regularly participate in OSU approved programs that are not highlighted by their department but are a good fit for some other dimension of their educational experience. No matter the program a student selects, they should connect with their academic advisors about how credits are expected to transfer back and where in their degree they may be applied. In some cases, credits may be applied to minor, language, or bacc core/core education requirements, or be elective credits.

Our program portfolio is dynamic; programs are sometimes retired and new ones added, so we encourage you to take a fresh look at an unfamiliar program if a student brings it to your attention. And of course, you can always [ask us](#) if you have questions.

Financial Aid and Scholarship Resources

Can students use their regular financial aid, scholarships, and/or VA benefits to fund their study abroad?

While on an OSU-approved international program, students remain enrolled at OSU and are eligible to continue receiving most forms of financial aid for terms they are abroad. We encourage students to refer to the [Study Abroad page](#) provided by the

Office of Financial Aid for further information. Given the highly individualized nature of financial aid awards, students may find it most helpful to speak with a staff member in the Office of Financial Aid for specific questions.

Students with VA benefits should consult with the VA certification office to confirm if their chapter of benefits can be used for the specific international program they want to pursue as there are some limitations for which program types meet VA requirements.

Does study abroad cost more than attending OSU?

Program costs vary significantly depending on program type, location, and duration. There are many ways to keep the cost affordable including:

- Choosing a program in a lower-cost location. Large metropolitan areas, such as London, Sydney, and Tokyo come with a higher-cost of living.
- Looking for programs with lower fees. OSU exchange programs and programs through OSU's own program provider, IE3 Global, offer lower-cost programs compared to some other program providers.
- Considering programs of varying durations and comparing the costs and credits from those programs with a term at OSU. For example, a fall semester study abroad program overlaps with a single term at OSU, and typically yields more credits per term.

A few tips:

- Students should make sure to compare the full cost of attending OSU ([cost of attendance](#)) to the full cost of an international experience--this means including tuition and fees, room, meals, textbooks, spending money, transportation and travel costs, etc.
- If a student pays a program fee that includes their academic expenses (ie. tuition), they will not be charged OSU tuition in addition to that fee. In other words, the program fee is charged in lieu of OSU tuition.
- **When** you study abroad is an important consideration.
 - Spring semester abroad usually corresponds to winter and spring term at OSU. Students would have two terms' financial aid to apply to the cost of an international program.
 - Students who complete a fall semester abroad typically return to OSU with significantly more credits than they'd earn for a term at OSU. Their program is half of the academic year on a semester calendar and, as a result, may earn the equivalent of 18-22 quarter credits.

Are there scholarships available for study abroad? Where can I find them?

There are various scholarships available specifically for students who are applying to study abroad. You can find more information on our [Costs, Aid, and Scholarships webpage](#).

A noteworthy scholarship is the [Gilman Scholarship](#), which is open to Pell-eligible students. This competitive scholarship provides significant financial support to awardees. OSU students can benefit from the advising and support for applicants through OSU's [National and Global Scholarships Advising](#) office. OSU has had numerous Gilman awardees participate in study abroad and internship programs. Please strongly encourage eligible students to apply!

Many of the organizations/offices that facilitate study and internship programs offer their own scholarships. For example, IE3 Global offers scholarships specifically for students applying for IE3 Global programs.

Course Selection

How far in advance will students choose the courses they will take abroad?

The course selection process is somewhat different for faculty-led, study abroad, and international internship programs.

Faculty-led programs are coordinated by OSU faculty and staff specifically for OSU students and are focused on a central theme. Because of this, the programs typically have a prescribed set of credits that are built into the design of the program. Students generally know what course and number of credits they will earn based on the program brochure.

Study abroad programs function in different ways depending on the program. Partner institutions abroad follow different academic calendars than OSU and have different timelines for releasing course offerings. Some programs can make their course offerings, or sample offerings, known relatively far in advance while others may vary year to year. Generally, study abroad students will receive sample information about past and/or potential course offerings to help them initially select a program and discuss course options with an academic advisor. For some programs, a finalized list of course offerings may not be available until the student is abroad, and, in some cases, until after they have taken a language assessment. For this reason, it is helpful to review all courses a student could potentially take so that they are prepared to make a selection from what is actually available.

International internship students obtain information about credit processes and instructions for talking to their academic department after submitting their initial

application. They are asked to finalize plans for credit roughly between three months in advance of going abroad, depending on the term.

What are the options for students to earn credit for an international internship?

Students can earn up to 12 undergraduate credits (or 9 graduate credits) for their full-time, 10-12 week internship. There are a few 4-week internships, which yield up to 6 undergraduate credits (5 graduate credits), and part-time virtual internships yield between 4 and 10 undergraduate credits.

The choice of whether to have the academics managed by IE3 Global program coordinators or your academic department is up to the advisor and student to decide, based on the student's needs and the academic department's policies and preferences. Information to help guide this decision is made available to students after their acceptance to the internship program. It is also possible to arrange a combination of credits managed by various departments. Regardless of who supervises the credits, all students will be registered for OINT 388 or 488, and the course title will vary depending on which department supervises the academic work (whether IE3 Global/OSU GO, or the academic department at OSU).

Credit-bearing internship and research experiences are also available as one component of some affiliate programs such as School for Field Studies (SFS), Sea Education Association (SEA), and School for International Training (SIT).

Why is a student taking different courses abroad than what we'd discussed in advance?

Some programs allow students to sign up for classes far in advance, while others may not finalize course offerings until much later. Finalized course offerings are often not available until the student goes abroad. Students are encouraged to review all possible courses they'd be interested in taking with an advisor for maximum flexibility should the finalized course offerings be different than expected. Students are instructed to stay in touch with their academic advisor to avoid any misunderstandings about how courses taken abroad may apply to their degree requirements.

Additionally, students in language intensive programs could find that they place at a different level than anticipated. And of course, students can change their mind about the courses they'd like to take once they are abroad.

A student's study abroad grades are showing up as "I/N" and they are receiving emails saying they may lose their scholarship/financial aid. What is going on?

Study abroad and international internship grades will appear as I/N until the coursework is articulated or the internship requirements are completed and credits are processed by the Office of the Registrar. No action is needed on your part. However, if

you are working with a student concerned about the timeline for transcript processing, please refer them to osugoarticulation@oregonstate.edu.

Once a student is back on campus but their overseas courses aren't yet articulated, scholarship/financial aid eligibility can be an issue. Students should alert us if there is an urgent need for transcripts so we can expedite transcript processing. We will work with the Scholarship Office and/or the Office of Financial Aid to ensure students aren't penalized for delays beyond their control.

Do study abroad credits count for OSU resident credit requirements?

Yes; when study abroad and international internship credits are processed, they will appear in MyDegrees as OSU coursework.

Registration

How does registration for study abroad credits work?

Registration for study abroad credits works differently by program type.

Faculty-led programs: In most cases, OSU GO will create the study abroad courses in cooperation with the registrar's office. Students are notified by OSU GO of the CRNs they must register for, typically, during week 8 of the term prior to their study abroad program. Students are responsible for their own course registration.

Study abroad programs: OSU GO will create the study abroad courses in cooperation with the registrar's office. Students are notified by OSU GO of the study abroad placeholder credit CRNs they must register for during week 8 of the term prior to their study abroad program. Students are responsible for their own course registration. Students on multi-term study abroad programs will receive an email from OSU GO during week 8 of each term, notifying them of the study abroad placeholder credit CRN they will need to register with for the upcoming term. Students are responsible for registering themselves for study abroad placeholder credits for each OSU term they study abroad.

International Internships: The registration process differs depending on the student's department and academic circumstances. Internship program coordinators will guide students on when and how to register. Please reach out to the student's [program coordinator](#) or OSUGO@oregonstate.edu if you have questions.

How will students get their registration PINs while abroad?

Many academic advisors hold PIN appointments over Zoom to provide PINs to students while they are abroad. Students will likely have internet access while abroad, but time zone differences may be a challenge. When appropriate, advisors may also provide

PINs to students via email while they are abroad. OSU GO does not provide registration PINs to students.

How can I advise students on what to take for the term after they return, if their credits from study abroad haven't yet been finalized?

Processing study abroad transcripts is a lengthy process, and it is common for the final articulation to be completed 1-2 terms after a student returns from their program. These could be helpful resources/information to draw upon while waiting for the final articulation of overseas transcripts:

- Students are strongly encouraged to provide their course syllabi to OSU GO at the beginning of their program. Your student could therefore provide you with syllabi to inform a discussion of how courses could be applied to their degree requirements.
- Students are also encouraged to be in touch with academic advisors while abroad to discuss how courses they are taking might be applied to major/minor/bacc core/core education requirements. These ongoing conversations may help inform student's course selection for the term following their international experience.
- Some students may be able to provide an unofficial copy of their overseas transcript to help inform the conversation about future course selection, even if final information about course articulation is not yet available.

Overseas Credit Equivalencies and Transcribing

The following section focuses especially, but not exclusively, on study abroad programs. Credits for faculty-led programs and international internships use simplified processes to award credits.

How does the course equivalency and transcription process work for study abroad programs?

- 1) Students discuss course selection options with their academic advisor.
- 2) Students choose/register for courses abroad.
- 3) OSU GO helps students register for placeholder credits at OSU.
- 4) Students collect relevant course information for all courses they are taking and submit info to OSU GO / advisors.
- 5) OSU GO receives official overseas transcripts.
- 6) OSU GO works with academic departments to determine each course's OSU equivalency.

- 7) OSU GO reports credits and grades to the Registrar's Office.
- 8) Credits appear in MyDegrees, and academic advisors apply credits to degree requirements.

Where can I view examples of how credits from a student's study program have previously transferred back to OSU?

In our [Study Abroad Course Equivalency Database](#), students and advisors can view previously-earned credits and their articulations. If you have questions about course articulations, please email osugoarticulation@oregonstate.edu.

Why are so many credits coded with O-prefixes (OEEE, OAPI, etc.)?

Study abroad students typically register for "placeholder credits" using the OSAB (Overseas Study Abroad) course designator for the term(s) they are abroad. These placeholder credits allow students to maintain their OSU student status while participating in an international experience. Once a student's overseas transcript is processed, OSAB credits are replaced by the approved course equivalency for the course taken abroad.

It is common for there to be no course at OSU that is exactly equivalent to the one a student takes abroad. In these cases, departments will opt for an O-code designator (OEEE, OAPI, etc.) which indicates it was a course taken abroad. This allows flexibility to award credit for courses taken in a given academic area but that aren't offered as part of the OSU curriculum - or to award credit for a course that doesn't have exactly the same content as one at OSU.

If a course taken abroad is an exact equivalent to the course at OSU, it may be articulated with the same course designator as that course. Some departments may elect to award Special Topics credit for courses taken abroad if that is most efficient given their advising practices.

What does the course articulation look like for an overseas course and what does it mean?

You may see courses articulated in a variety of ways on a student's academic record once the overseas transcript is processed. The examples below illustrate the most common format for courses that do not have an exact equivalent at OSU:

Example course (as appears in MyDegrees): OEEE 388: FR: French Civ

Course designator: OEEE 388 = course taken abroad (O-code) at the 300 level on an IE3 Global study program (x88 are omnibus course numbers used only with O-codes)

Course Title: FR: French Civ = Subject code indicating department approving equivalency and/or department abroad offering the course followed by the foreign course title (often translated and/or abbreviated given text restrictions)

Why do I have to manually apply credits to requirements?

Because students have the opportunity to participate in myriad programs all over the world, it is impossible to load every course option into MyDegrees. Courses with O-Codes, and often special topics courses, appear in “electives” in MyDegrees once they’ve been processed. This gives you as the advisor discretion in how to apply the credits earned abroad to fulfill degree requirements.

A student has returned from study abroad and wants courses to be applied to their degree requirements, but they didn’t review these courses with an advisor prior to going abroad. Now what?

We encourage students to proactively discuss their academic plan with you in advance of going abroad, and while they are abroad if there is a change. If they failed to do this, or if the courses they took were not in line with what had been agreed to, the department has the discretion to handle it as they see fit. In order to make a determination of how to assign credits, some departments will request to see detailed course information (syllabus, course materials, notes, tests, textbooks, etc.) or otherwise ask the student to demonstrate how they have met the learning outcomes for the academic requirement to which they are trying to apply their academic credits.

How long will it take for credits to transfer back and be available in MyDegrees?

Our goal is to have overseas transcripts processed 1-2 terms after the student returns from their study abroad program. Occasionally, processing can take longer. OSU GO must receive the student’s official transcript from the international institution before processing can begin, and in some cases, transcripts do not arrive until a few months after the program has been completed.

We prioritize processing for students who have an urgent need, such as impending graduation or scholarship/financial aid requirements. Please keep in mind that credits will often not be reflected in MyDegrees in time to inform course selection for the term immediately following a student’s return. If a student is two terms from their anticipated graduation date and credits haven’t yet appeared, please contact osugoarticulation@oregonstate.edu to request expedited processing.

If you have received an email from OSU GO with questions pertaining to course articulation, thank you for responding as soon as possible. Your prompt feedback helps keep the process moving efficiently.