



Learning Abroad
Institute for Global Engagement

LEARNING ABROAD ADVISOR WORKSHOP

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Learning Abroad Office & Staff



Learning Abroad

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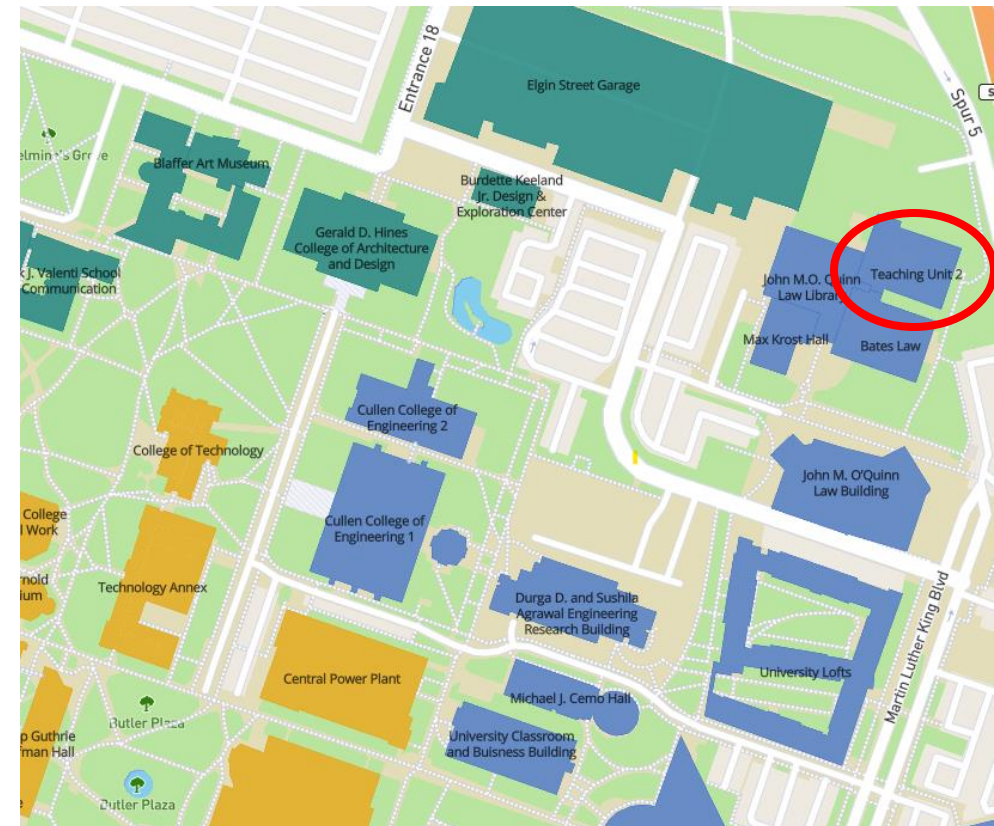
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UNIVERSITY
PARTNERSHIPS

Location: Teaching Unit II, Suite 114



LEARNING ABROAD OVERVIEW

Learning Abroad is more than just studying abroad. Students can :

- Study
- Intern
- Research
- Volunteer
- Educational “study tours”

All programs must be approved by Learning Abroad before student can participate.



GPA REQUIREMENTS

- All students must have a **2.5** to participate in an affiliated or REEP for-credit program
- Faculty-Led students must have a **2.0** at the time of application and be approved by faculty leader

Transfer GPA requirement

- If students have a 2.0-2.49, they can submit a GPA requirement waiver to their primary academic advisor and College Dean's office
- This should be done **before** they submit a course equivalency form

Learning Abroad GPA Requirement Waiver

Student Name: _____ PSID: _____ Term Abroad: _____
 Current Cumulative GPA: _____ Program Abroad: _____

Students with a cumulative GPA below 2.0 at the time of application are not eligible for participation in learning abroad programs. Students with a cumulative GPA of 2.0 - 2.499 at the time of application must receive approval from their primary academic advisor **and** from their Dean's office before consideration for their affiliated, reciprocal exchange, or non-affiliated program.

Students participating in a Faculty-Led program do not need to complete this form.

Student Acknowledgement: I understand if my GPA falls below a 2.00, I am not permitted to participate in my Learning Abroad program.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Academic Advisor Only

As the **primary academic advisor** for the student noted above, do you believe that they can successfully navigate the academics of the program abroad, recognizing that A) grades for courses taken abroad count toward the student's GPA and do not count as pass/fail courses, and B) academics abroad are often more rigorous and may be graded more harshly than at UH?

Yes No Please elaborate on your response:

Advisor Name: _____ Title & Department: _____
 Advisor Signature: _____ Date: _____

College Dean's Office Only

Approved Not Approved Approved with the Following Conditions:

Designated Official Name: _____ Title: _____
 Signature: _____ Date: _____

GPA WAIVER



FINANCING LEARNING ABROAD



Financial Aid

Students may use their UH Financial Aid to pay for Learning Abroad program.

Students can apply to the **International Education Scholarship** as well as additional learning abroad scholarships

Benjamin A. Gilman Scholarship

Students who receive Pell Grants are eligible to apply for awards up to \$5,000

Nationally Competitive

International Education Scholarship (IES)

UH Scholarship through Learning Abroad

Amounts Vary

Competitive



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LEARNING ABROAD PROGRAM TYPES

- Faculty-Led
- Exchange
- Affiliated
- Student Service Organizations



FACULTY LED PROGRAMS AND GEOS

FACULTY-LED PROGRAMS

- CREDIT BEARING

- FOLLOWS THECB GUIDELINES –
15 CONTACT HOURS FOR 1 HOUR OF COURSE CREDIT

GLOBAL EXPERIENTIAL OPPORTUNITIES

- NON-CREDIT

- EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE ABROAD WITHOUT CREDIT



EXAMPLES

- Mexican American Urban Communities in Oaxaca, Mexico with Professor Pino
 - MAS 3340
 - Summer Program
- Global Health in the Dominican Republic with Professor Solari-Williams
 - Non-Credit
 - Education- Summer
- Greece: A Study in Business, Commerce, & Culture
 - INTB 4397
 - Spring Break 2024
- Cadiz, Spain as a Classroom
 - Multiple Courses
 - Repeats every academic year

Reciprocal Exchange Programs

- UH has partnerships with Universities abroad.
- Typically for semester or academic year
- Students pay UH tuition to UH
- Other fees are paid abroad (housing, meals, travel, etc)
- UH accepts students from the host institution
- Recruitment often comes from the colleges



EXCHANGE PROGRAM EXAMPLES

- Swansea University
 - Swansea, Wales
 - Similar to UH in course offerings – Business, Engineering, Health, many NSM & CLASS majors
 - Classes taught in English
 - UK Credits (4 x US)
 - Spring semester or full year
- UH equivalent example business courses at Swansea
 - International Business
 - Global Environments of Business
 - Strategic Supply Chain Management
 - Intro to Human Resource Management
 - Selected Topics: Marketing
 - Selected Topics: General Business

Affiliated Provider Programs

- UH has partnered with 13 different companies/organizations that facilitate learning abroad programs
- Provide a Variety
 - Location – 90+ countries
 - Program types – Study, Intern, Research, Service-Learning, Combination
 - Wide variety of course offerings
 - Terms – Summer, Fall, Spring, Winter, & Academic Year
- Students pay all tuition/fees to provider directly
- Many logistics provided including housing



AFFILIATED PROGRAM EXAMPLES

- Spanish Language Immersion
 - Arcos Learning Abroad
- General Programs
 - AIFS, CEA CAPA, CIEE, ISA, KEI, SIT, USAC
- Specialty Programs
 - Semester at Sea, School for Field Studies, SRAS, International Volunteer HQ and Intern Abroad HQ
- Internships & Service Learning
 - Included with General Program Providers

INTERNSHIPS ABROAD



- Earn course credit & gain experience in their field
- Summer 4 or 8 weeks abroad
 - 1 course & 1 internship OR 1 internship
 - Semester courses & internship
 - 3-6 hours of internship credit
 - Seek approval before going abroad

CREDITS

- Courses taken abroad on a UH Learning Abroad program are considered UH in-residence credits, **not** transfer credits
- Students will receive a letter grade for their courses abroad & will count towards GPA
- Internships Abroad
 - Earn course credit & gain experience in their desired area (unpaid)
 - 3 or 6 hours of internship credit
- All exchange and affiliated program courses must be approved through the course equivalency process before they go abroad



Course Equivalency Form

STUDENT INFORMATION

Student Name: _____ PeopleSoft ID: _____
 UH College: _____ Major: _____
 Phone: _____ Email: _____
 Career: Undergraduate Graduate Post-baccalaureate

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Type: Affiliated Studies Exchange (REEP)
 University Abroad: _____ Provider: _____ Country: _____
 Term: Spring Summer Fall Winter Year: _____ Start Date: _____ End Date: _____

DEPARTMENT/COLLEGE USE ONLY

Cumulative GPA: _____ Verified By: _____ Date: _____

COURSES ABROAD			UH COURSE EQUIVALENT			UH PLACEHOLDER	
COURSE TITLE	COURSE #	CREDIT HRS.	COURSE TITLE	COURSE #	CREDIT HRS.	SUBJECT	COURSE #
DEPARTMENT/COLLEGE COMMENTS:					TOTAL		

			Andie Beer

Student Name and Signature _____ Date Signed: _____
 UH Faculty/Advisor Name and Signature _____ Date Signed: _____
 Dean Name and Signature _____ Date Signed: _____
 LA Assistant Director Name and Signature _____ Date Signed: _____

LA Office Use Only: Internship Research Service Learning Virtual Virtual Internship Multi-Destination

COURSE EQUIVALENCY FORM (CEF)

- Courses are approved by the department that administers similar course content at UH
- Students will complete a CEF listing courses per department. For example, if a student plans to take Business and History classes, they will need to complete 2 separate CEFs
- Students should not complete the “UH course equivalent” side of the form
- Students will email their CEF and the syllabus for each course to our CEF contact who will assist the student in obtaining faculty level approval.
- 2 approvals and signatures are needed
 - Faculty/Advisor level
 - Faculty will complete the "course equivalent" section as well as sign the bottom
 - Dean's level
 - Signature only
- 3 ways credit can be approved
 - Exact equivalent
 - Need exact course number
 - Elective within department/major
 - Need to know level and number of credits
 - General elective credit
 - Need to know level and number of credits

COMMON CEF ISSUES

- Old forms
- Equivalency questions – call or message us!
- Multiple courses/extra courses
 - Just in case, student won't be taking all classes
- Notes section of Course Equivalency Form
- Use these for *any* stipulations
 - Student cannot take more than X credit hours
 - Student must earn a C- or better
 - Student must meet with faculty upon return from program to double check equivalency

CEFs study + Swansea

Example #1

COURSES ABROAD			UH COURSE EQUIVALENT		
COURSE TITLE	COURSE #	CREDIT HRS.	COURSE TITLE	COURSE #	CREDIT HRS.
Intro to Digital Forensics	SMRT 223	3.0	Digital Forensics	CIS 4357	3.0

Example #2

COURSES ABROAD			UH COURSE EQUIVALENT		
COURSE TITLE	COURSE #	CREDIT HRS.	COURSE TITLE	COURSE #	CREDIT HRS.
Social Media Cultures	MS-232	20	Strategic Social Media	COMM 3374	5
Theorising the Media	MS-200	20	Media, Power and Society	COMM 4372	5

Example #3

COURSES ABROAD			UH COURSE EQUIVALENT		
COURSE TITLE	COURSE #	CREDIT HRS.	COURSE TITLE	COURSE #	CREDIT HRS.
Fashion Illustration	ACCF FDFI 190S	3	Selected Topics in HDCS	HDCS 4396	3
Intensive Fashion Design	ACCF FDIF 390	6	Selected Topics in HDCS	HDCS 4396	3
			Selected Topics in HDCS	HDCS 4396	3

CEFs Internships

Example #1

COURSES ABROAD			UH COURSE EQUIVALENT		
COURSE TITLE	COURSE #	CREDIT HRS.	COURSE TITLE	COURSE #	CREDIT HRS.
Global Experiences International Internship	GE 298	6	Finance Internship	FINA 4396	3

Example #2

COURSES ABROAD			UH COURSE EQUIVALENT		
COURSE TITLE	COURSE #	CREDIT HRS.	COURSE TITLE	COURSE #	CREDIT HRS.
Global Internship Course	430	3	Independent Study	CIS 4398	3
DEPARTMENT/COLLEGE COMMENTS: The Research project component of the Global Internship Course can be used if the project is CIS related.					TOTAL

Example #3

COURSES ABROAD			UH COURSE EQUIVALENT		
COURSE TITLE	COURSE #	CREDIT HRS.	COURSE TITLE	COURSE #	CREDIT HRS.
Global Experiences International Internship	GE 298	6	Business Internship	BUSI 4396	3
			Special Topics in International Business	INTB 4397	3

CREDITS CONTINUED

- All students participating on an Affiliated or Exchange program, must have an approved CEF in order to receive UH credit
- Learning Abroad office will enroll students in “Placeholder courses” for the term they are abroad
 - XXAF or XXRE based on Affiliate or Exchange Program
 - 15XX/23XX/33XX – first digit refers to level, second digit refers to # of credits
- Transcripts – sent to & input by Learning Abroad Office
 - Can take up to 90+ days to arrive
 - Program end dates may differ from UH calendar
 - Could delay graduation, so we highly advise students to not go abroad their last semester.



PASSPORT FOR COOGS



- Official US Passport Acceptance Facility
- Open to faculty, staff, students, and the general public
- **Faculty/Staff – free photos & copies**
- Current UH students applying to Learning Abroad programs may have the cost of their passport book reimbursed - \$130 value
- Appointments only, schedule through our office

GLOBAL CITIZENS CREDENTIAL & PEACE CORPS PREP

The purpose of the Global Citizens Credential is to...

- Develop global knowledge and skills
- Provide the opportunity to demonstrate global expertise through a credential which can help students stand-out when applying to jobs or graduate school
- Students who complete the GCC are awarded a transcript notation, a certificate from the Provost, and an honor cord for graduation.
- The GCC is now open to Graduate Students!

- Peace Corps Prep (PC Prep) is a ***certificate program*** that enhances students' undergraduate experience by preparing them for international development fieldwork and potential Peace Corps service!



QUESTIONS?

- We would love to continue connecting throughout the semester/year!
 - We are happy to speak to your Advising team
 - Classroom presentations
 - Table at any dept events
- If you have any questions, contact via TEAMS or email
 - Lauren Fedele lfedele@central.uh.edu
 - Allison Carruthers acarruth@Central.UH.EDU
 - Carlos Romero cromero9@central.uh.edu
- Students can schedule advising sessions with our Learning Abroad team in Navigate
 - Learning Abroad is under “Support Services”





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