

Study Abroad

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What is Study Abroad?

Study Abroad: any type of international travel that involves an educational component – academic course work – that is applicable to a student's degree program



Types of Programs



o Direct Exchange

o Intensive Language

o Short-term

o Provider Programs

Direct Exchanges



- o Over 45 countries (100+ universities) from which to choose
- o Pay UNM tuition
- o Most scholarships and financial aid apply
- o Credits transfer back to UNM
- o Students can take classes in English AND/OR host country language

Intensive Language



- o Tuition is paid directly to the school
- o Most scholarships and financial aid apply
- o Short and long term programs available
- o Transfer language credits back to UNM

Short-Term Programs



- o Available around the world
- o 2 types:
 - o Faculty-led
 - o Other (non-faculty)
- o Typically offered during winter/spring/summer breaks
- o Scholarships may be available

Provider Programs



- o Study Abroad Provider: an independent organization that administers study abroad programs for students.
- o Students pay provider tuition and program fee/s
- o Most scholarships and financial aid apply
- o Credits transfer back to UNM (only accredited/approved providers and universities)
- o Many provider programs are listed on our website

Financial



- o Most scholarships/financial aid can be applied to study abroad programs if they occur during the academic year
- o UNM Regents International Study Grant, Gilman and Boren Scholarships
- o Eligibility for some outside scholarships based on need, destination or language
- o Visit GEO website for an extensive list of scholarships
- o Search on your own!

Housing

- o Type of housing varies per school/university/program
- o Can be Dorms (Europe), Host Families (Latin America) , or Shared Apartments
- o Typically arranged AFTER acceptance to school
- o Paid for in Host Country (typically NOT in US Dollars)



Credits



- o All credits transfer back as “generic credit” initially
- o To transfer study abroad course work as a SPECIFIC UNM course you must follow specific procedure outlined by UNM
- o Be sure to secure these credits before leaving as well as when you return - all credits are PENDING until Transcripts AND International Exception Form are submitted after you return
- o Remember to give us your transcript by March 1 for Fall or October 1 for Spring semesters, for scholarship purposes

Credit Equivalencies



- o To earn departmental credit for courses taken during an exchange program, you must get the courses approved by your academic advisor
- o Find the course description and/or syllabus of the course you want to take on the website of the school you will attend
- o Bring it to the advisor for the department in which you want to earn credit, along with an idea of how you would like it to transfer
- o You can transfer courses as upper-level department elective credit if there is no direct equivalent at UNM
- o Ask your study abroad advisor for help at any point

Application Process



- o Visit: <http://studyabroad.unm.edu>
- o Create profile
- o Search the “STUDENTS” link to find important info on the application process
- o Make an appointment with a Study Abroad Advisor
- o Pay attention to Application Deadlines, think about Visas, etc

UNM Study Abroad Application Requirements



- o Study Abroad Questionnaire with short essays
- o Coursework Planning Draft – list of classes you are interested in taking
- o Two letters of recommendation for some programs (one must be from a professor)
- o Application fee – \$275 for semester programs; \$50 for faculty-led programs
- o After being accepted by UNM study abroad, we will guide you through the application process of your specific program.
- o **Deadlines:** Fall – February 15
Spring – September 15
Summer – Varies

GEO Advisors

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Questions?

