

GUIDELINES

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Study Abroad

Study abroad is an important part of many individualized majors' plans of study. Study abroad can help you build academic and personal strength, and test your mettle in a new environment. If the core of a university education is to help you build new knowledge, acquire new skills, and see the world from new and varied perspectives, then study abroad is an incomparable part of university education.

UConn Study Abroad Programs (<https://secure.sa.uconn.edu/sap/studioabroad/>) give you the opportunity to take courses in a foreign institution of higher education. The Study Abroad Office works very hard to ensure that you are given study abroad options in high quality foreign institutions, but you have to make good use of the myriad of course choices available to you. In particular, you should take care that your particular course choices will meet the academic standards that UConn expects for its programs of study. Therefore, know why you want to take particular courses. You have more leeway to take an exciting elective (LEISURE 101 Surfing and the Leisure Industry of Australia) if all you want is the experience. However, if you really need course credits, especially in your major, think hard about the level and content of your courses. A few guidelines:

- If the course you are taking is described as “an introduction” or “core” and is the first course in a sequence of courses at the foreign university, then it will almost certainly gain you only 100-level (from 2008/09: 1000-level) credit at UConn.
- Some introductions to specialist fields that come after the first year of a university degree course may be recognized as a 200-level course (from 2008/09: 2000-level or higher). Pay attention to the prerequisites for the course.

It is best to seek approval for your study abroad courses before you take them. But this is not always feasible. If you seek approval upon your return you will be asked to present not only the course description, but also the course syllabus, copies of the work you completed for the course, and a study abroad transcript or grade sheet.

The Study Abroad Office provides detailed guidelines on how to receive academic credit for the courses you take while you are abroad. (See the heading Academic Credit at <https://secure.sa.uconn.edu/sap/studioabroad/index.cfm?FuseAction=Abroad.Home>.)

If you would like one or more of the courses you are taking to count toward your individualized major, you will need to seek approval from your faculty advisors and the program director, either at the admission stage or as a proposed change of plan of study once you are in the program.