

## 1. Will I need to apply for readmission to UW–Madison if I study abroad?

If your study abroad program is one term (fall or spring) or longer, you will need to apply for readmission to UW–Madison. (See step 9 on the *Instructions* page.) If your program is only for the summer or winter break, you do not need to reapply.

## 2. My study abroad (SA) program application requires a signature. What should I do?

If your SA program requires a signature for approval of the program, complete the *Program Approval Request* form and take it to the appropriate office (Admissions/Registrar) for verification.

## 3. How do I arrange for financial aid for my study abroad?

Complete the *Student Financial Aid Information* form and submit it to the Office of Admissions along with the rest of your materials. After you receive your materials back, submit the form to the Office of Student Financial Services, 432 N. Murray St. You will also need to read carefully the *Financial Aid Consortium Information* and follow the instructions listed there.

## 4. What happens if the program I want to attend cannot provide course descriptions before I leave?

Save all syllabi, reading lists, exams, and papers so courses can be evaluated upon return to campus. If these documents are in a foreign language, you may need to obtain English translations.

## 5. Can I find out how my courses will transfer for more than one SA program?

We have lists of course equivalencies for the most common programs. If you do not find your courses in these lists, you may request preliminary equivalencies for one SA program only.

## 6. What is the senior residency requirement?

This requirement states that students must take their final 30 credits in UW–Madison residence programs (i.e. on campus or via a UW–Madison sponsored study abroad program). Check with your major advisor to ensure that your study abroad plans will not violate this requirement.

## 7. Can I take a course abroad to fulfill the ethnic studies requirement?

No. The faculty instituted the ethnic studies requirement with the understanding that suitable courses would focus on minority populations within the United States.

## 8. I've taken some foreign language here. How do I know what language course to take on my SA program?

Almost all SA programs will give you a placement test. Just be sure you don't enroll in a course that is offered at a lower level than a course you've already taken here because you won't receive credit for it.

## 9. I want to take an intensive language program this summer, but it's not at an accredited, degree-granting institution. Will I get credit?

You cannot receive transfer credit, but you may earn credit by departmental examination. If faculty in the language department are willing to do so, they may administer an evaluation to determine how many credits, if any, you may receive for your work abroad. Please see the College of Letters and Science "Credit by Departmental Examination" in the General Academic Information section of the *Undergraduate Catalog* for important details on this option.

## 10. How can I ensure that I will receive important information from UW–Madison while I'm abroad?

Before you leave, update your address information carefully on MY UW ([my.wisc.edu](http://my.wisc.edu)). Your UW student e-mail account may no longer be valid, so be certain another valid e-mail address is listed on MY UW. You will also need to list a U.S. mailing address where family or friends will be able to watch for university mail for you. If your mailing address is the same as your permanent home address, you may simply list the permanent address and leave the mailing address blank. Do NOT list a foreign mailing address.

## 11. After I go abroad, what happens next?

We will send you a letter or e-mail acknowledging receipt of your application. We will then process your reentry application, readmit you with general elective credits to give you the best enrollment time, and send you a letter of readmission. Be sure that your address information on MY UW is correct. Do NOT list a foreign mailing address. Instead, list a U.S. mailing address where family or friends will be able to watch for university mail for you.

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**12. If I have questions after I leave, whom do I contact?**

Under most circumstances, questions about course changes and other matters can be addressed upon return to campus.

**13. How does the university decide what date and time I will have for course enrollment?**

The Office of the Registrar assigns the date and time based on the number of credits you had before you left plus 12 credits per semester you study abroad.

**14. If I'm abroad during the enrollment period, will I be able to enroll as a senior?**

If the sum of the number of credits you earned before you went abroad plus the number of study abroad credits is 86 or higher, you will have senior standing.

**15. What happens if I need to change my reentry term (e.g. from fall to summer)?**

You may contact the Office of Admissions via mail, fax, or e-mail. If you submit your request in writing, you must include your signature and date. If you send your request via e-mail, we must be able to verify that the message came directly from you (i.e., it must be sent from your e-mail address listed on MY UW and not from friends or family members).

**16. I received a transfer credit evaluation for my work abroad, but I don't understand it. Who can help?**

Refer to the *Guide to Transfer Credit Evaluation* we sent with your evaluation explaining how to read the document. You should also consult the *Timetable* and *Undergraduate Catalog*. Finally, you may wish to schedule an appointment to meet with your major advisor to go over your transfer credit and degree requirements.

**17. Will the transfer credits I receive for my work abroad satisfy degree requirements?**

Because study abroad courses are typically not exactly like UW–Madison courses, most of your study abroad transfer credits will be elective credits in the relevant department. To determine if any of these elective credits will satisfy degree requirements, you'll want to first request and review a DARS report. If you believe a course should satisfy a requirement but it does not, you may take detailed course information to your academic advisor. If your advisor believes it satisfies the requirement, your advisor will take the necessary steps to reflect fulfillment of the requirement in future DARS reports.



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