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UW-Eau Claire study abroad information for advisers, faculty, and staff

Foreign Language/Foreign Culture Requirement & Study Abroad

Students often inquire whether they will meet the Foreign Language/Foreign Culture Requirement by studying abroad. If students study abroad for a semester or year, and are **not** working towards a B.A. or a B.M. in the College of Arts & Sciences, they meet the Foreign Culture Requirement.

If students are working towards a B.A. or a B.M. in Arts & Sciences, they must demonstrate competency at the 102 level of a foreign language to meet the Foreign Language/Foreign Culture requirement.

If students study abroad for a short term program, they will probably meet the requirement in part. How much a short term study abroad counts toward the FL/FC requirement depends on the program: The criteria used to determine FL/FC include: foreign language, contact with the local community, whether we use local or US faculty, and the length of the program. If students take a short term program that partially meets the requirement, they can top up the rest of the requirement with FL/FC courses taught here in Eau Claire. Those are listed in the University catalog.

The table below lists how current short term programs partially fulfill the requirement.

Program & Term	Foreign Language/Foreign Culture Fulfillment
Cuernavaca, Mexico (summer)	2/3 requirement (6 credits waived)
London Student Teaching (fall/spring)	2/3 requirement (6 credits waived)
Marburg, Germany (summer)	2/3 requirement (6 credits waived)
Dalkeith, Scotland (summer)	Does not fulfill requirement
Pietermaritzburg, South Africa (summer)	1/3 requirement (3 credits waived)*
Suwon City, South Korea (summer)	1/3 requirement (3 credits waived)*
Chiang Mai, Thailand (summer)	2/3 requirement (6 credits waived)

*On the South Africa and South Korea programs, students have the option of taking a 3 credit language course. Those students who take that option will fulfill 2/3 of the requirement.

Hot off the Press

The first major advising sheet is finished! Political Science majors now have an additional advising tool.

The major advising sheet explains the best time for Political Science majors to study abroad, as well as study abroad programs with courses that best fit into the Political Science major.

We'd like to give a special thanks to department chair Rodd Freitag for working with us to complete the first advising sheet!

We are currently working on other advising sheets, and if your department would like to be involved, or would like to see a sample, contact the CIE at study-abroad@uwec.edu.



Students from Sandra Starck's art class in Dalkeith Scotland. (Photo courtesy of Sandra Starck)



International Events Calendar

Are you hosting an event that has an international focus? Please let us know! We'd love to help you publicize the event. We'll put the information in monthly newsletters we send to students, and we'll add it to our office's calendar: <http://www.uwec.edu/CIE/Calendar.htm>

To add an upcoming event, please email studyabroad@uwec.edu with a short description, date, time and location, and who is hosting the event



Pontificia Universidad de Católica in Santiago, Chile. UW-Eau Claire will send our first group of students to Chile during fall 2005.

Summer/Fall/Academic Year Programs Update

During the fall semester we are often able to extend the application deadlines for programs that do not have space limits. We have extended the deadline to January 17, 2005 for the following summer, fall, or academic year programs:

Lismore, Australia
Graz, Austria
Santiago, Chile
Sønderborg, Denmark

Harlaxton, England
Limerick, Ireland
Kansai Gaidai, Japan
Riga, Latvia
Cuernavaca, Mexico
ITESM, Mexico
Dalkeith, Scotland (fall)
Suwon City, South Korea
Växjö, Sweden
Chiang Mai, Thailand

Please encourage your advisees or students in your classes to apply.

They can get more information on all the programs on the web: www.uwec.edu/cie, or in our office, Schofield III.

For me the Graz, Austria program was perfect. It gave me a balance of responsibility and freedom that allowed me to choose what my experience was. Also, I personally think a year is much better when traveling to a foreign country to learn a language. I felt that after 4 or 5 months I was finally fitting in and Graz was now my home. I couldn't have imagined going home at that time. It was a great program for me. And I would recommend it to anyone.

Andrew Steuernagel

Aaron Schasse recipient of a Gilman Scholarship

Aaron Schasse, a UW-Eau Claire Graphic Design major, was awarded a Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship for his spring 2005 semester abroad. 859 students applied nationwide for spring 2005 scholarships, and 159 scholarships were awarded. Aaron is participating in the UW-Eau Claire Costa Rica study abroad program.

The Gilman program encourages students to choose non-traditional study abroad destinations (outside of Western Europe and Australia) and supports students who have been traditionally underrepresented in study abroad. It is a Congressionally funded program, administered by the Institute of International Education.