

PROPOSAL FOR NEW STUDY ABROAD PROGRAM: ISEP DIRECT AFFILIATION

RATIONALE: ISEP is a consortium of 245 universities throughout the world that participate in a large scale exchange program. The exchange process is somewhat unwieldy (schools must exchange point-to-point), and we are not seeking ISEP exchange membership. We are seeking the ISEP affiliation - which enables us to access 30 of their campuses in 17 nations on a study abroad basis.

This means that UW-Eau Claire students will be able to choose from an additional 30 destinations. Some of those destinations are in countries where we currently have programs, but many of them are new for Eau Claire. We have occasional demand for those destinations, and this will help us meet that demand. Examples of that demand include Italy, Brazil, The Netherlands, Argentina, New Zealand, Malta and Ghana. Malta and Italy offer Mediterranean Study Abroad programs, currently absent from our programs. Countries where we will see overlap are – most significantly Spain, United Kingdom and Australia. UW-Eau Claire demand for those destinations is so high, that this will relieve some pressure on those sites. Other overlap includes France, Germany, Chile, Costa Rica, South Africa and Thailand, but we do not anticipate negative competition with our existing programs in those nations, for a couple of reasons – our current costs are competitively low, (France and Germany) or our existing programs in those destinations is unique to Eau Claire, and they will remain competitive.

ENROLLMENT LIMITS: These programs can accommodate as few or as many students as are interested.

CURRICULUM: Varies by individual institution, but students can access any courses for which they meet pre-requisites.

FACULTY INVOLVEMENT: Not a faculty-led program.

EXCURSIONS: Varies by individual destination.

ACCOMMODATIONS: Varies by institution either with host families or in university residence halls.

CALENDAR: Varies by institution

STUDENT SERVICES: The CIE study abroad staff have worked with ISEP at other institutions and are confident of both the academic quality, the level of student services, and the process of student advising. ISEP provides excellent placement services, orientation materials, and student assistance.

FEES: The ISEP Direct affiliate program charges the actual program cost plus a \$500 placement fee, and is an affordable option for our students.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: Varies by institution

FOREIGN LANGUAGE/FOREIGN CULTURE REQUIREMENTS: Semester programs all meet Foreign Language/Foreign Culture requirements. Summer programs will be evaluated individually by CIE, and the level will be posted on our website and in print material, per current practice.