

**PROPOSAL FOR NEW STUDY ABROAD or EXCHANGE PROGRAM**  
*Adding USAC AACSB-accredited partnership programs*

**RATIONALE:**

In January 2019, UW-Eau Claire became the 34<sup>th</sup> affiliate member campus of the University Studies Abroad Consortium (USAC). We currently offer 20 USAC programs and have found them to have very good support and structure.

The Center for International Education is seeking to add programs with AACSB accreditation to better meet the needs of the College of Business. We request approval for the following USAC programs based at universities that have AACSB accreditation. We do not anticipate implementing all of these programs immediately; however, we would like to have the option to add them as we see a need for College of Business students:

**Australia**

- [Deakin University](#)- Semester/Year, *Winterim term approved in March 2019*
- [Griffith University](#)- Semester/Year

**South Korea**

- [Yonsei University](#)-Semester, Year, Winterim, Summer

**Netherlands**

- [Maastricht University](#)-Semester, Year, Summer

A breakdown of the USAC programs we want to add are on the attached spreadsheet.

**ENROLLMENT LIMITS:**

USAC has enrollment limits more many of their programs. While UWEC's expected application rate is unknown, due to our earlier timelines, we have not had issues with any of the other USAC programs and do not foresee this to be an issue with any programs being added.

**ACADEMIC LOGISTICS:**

- **Can UW-Eau Claire accept credit from this program? What other UW System colleges/universities or U.S. universities are accepting credit from the host institution?** Yes, all are accredited institutions.
- **How are grades reported?** Grades are reported on an official transcript from the host university. It can take several months after the end of the host institution semester for transcripts to be received.
- **What language is used on the above document? If not English, what resources are required for an English translation?** Transcripts will be in English.

- **What credit system is used and how does it translate into U.S. credits?** See pages 3-4.
- **How is course level determined?** See pages 3-4.
- **What grade scale is used and what is the conversion to UWEC grades?** See pages 3-4.

#### **ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:**

GPA requirements vary by program:

##### Australia

- *Deakin University*, 2.6
- *Griffith University*, 2.5

##### South Korea

- *Yonsei University*, 2.5

##### Netherlands

- *Maastricht University*, 3.0

For all programs except the Netherlands, students may apply as first year student, but must have sophomore standing by program start. Maastricht generally requires junior standing but will consider “sophomores with excellent academic qualifications”.

All programs require good academic, conduct and financial standing

#### **FOREIGN CULTURE REQUIREMENT:**

If we have a student who is in the 2015 catalog year or earlier, we will work with them to determine if a study abroad program will fulfill their foreign culture or not. (Students earning a B.A., B.F.A., or B.M. degree in the College of Arts and Sciences cannot use study abroad to fulfill their foreign language/foreign culture requirements. See the university catalog for details.)

#### **LIBERAL EDUCATION CORE:**

For students in catalog year 2016 and later, this program can fulfill an integrated learning (II) requirement upon completion of the integrated learning assignments.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** The first opportunity that UWEC student would have to participate in any of these programs would be *Winterim and Spring 2021*. *As stated, programs will be activated as needed.*

**AUSTRALIA – Deakin University**

Transcripts arrive: January—mid April | Fall—early December | Spring—mid August

Australian Grade		US Grade	
HD	High Distinction	80-100	A
D	Distinction	70 – 79	A
C	Credit	60 – 69	B
P	Pass	50 – 59	C
PC	Pass conceded		D
UP	Ungraded pass		Pass
N	Fail		F
WL	Withdrawn w/o penalty		W
WN	Withdrawn Fail		F

1 Deakin Credit = 4 US credits

Lower Division Numbering = 100

Upper Division Numbering = 200-400 Level

**AUSTRALIA – Griffith University**

Transcripts arrive: Fall—early December | Spring—late July

Australian Grade		US Grade	
7	85 - 100	A	
6	75 - 84	A-	
5	65 - 74	B	
4	50 - 64	C	
1-3	0-49	F	
WL	Withdrawn w/o penalty		
WN	Withdrawn Fail		

10 Griffith Credits = 4 US

Credits Lower Division Numbering = 1000

Upper Division Numbering = 2000 and higher (Griffith)

**KOREA – Yonsei University**Transcripts arrive: Summer—late October | January- mid March | Fall—early February |  
Spring/Yearlong—late July

Uses US grading, credit and course level system

Summer registration 6-9 credits/six-week session

January- 3 week session or 5 week (3 week + 2 week)

**NETHERLANDS – Maastricht University**  
 Transcripts arrive: Summer—late September | Fall—TBD | Spring—TBD

Maastricht Grade	US Grade
8.0-10	A
7.7-7.9	A-
7.4-7.6	B+
7.0-7.3	B
6.7-6.9	B-
6.4-6.6	C+
6.0-6.3	C
5.5-5.9	C-
5.4	D+
5.0-5.3	D
0.0-4.9	F
NG	F

Uses ECTS credit system ( 2 ECTS = 1 US)  
 Lower vs Upper division is difficult to determine. Students must consult their home university departments.

**SOUTH AFRICA--Stellenbosch**

South African Grade	UW-Eau Claire
75-100	A
70-74	A-
60-69	B
56-59	B-
50-55	C
0-49	F

Uses South African credits and grading system  
 16 Stellenbosch credits = 4 US  
 12 Stellenbosch credits = 3 US  
 8 Stellenbosch credits = 2 US  
 Lower vs. Upper Division Credit: Lower division = 100; Upper division = 200 and higher.