

Transfer Credit Policy for Study Abroad

I. UGA Study Abroad Programs

UGA Faculty-led study abroad programs issue UGA resident credit, and no transfer steps are needed. A list of UGA Faculty-led study abroad programs is available at:

<http://www.uga.edu/oie/saprograms.htm>

II. Independent study

Students pursuing independent study such as directed readings, research, or internships and receiving credit through supervision by a UGA professor are getting resident credit and no transfer steps are needed. However, there are some additional requirements related to insurance and documentation, since the student is not on an organized study abroad program. Please contact the Director of Study Abroad, Kasee Laster, at klaster@uga.edu.

III. Exchanges and External Study Abroad Programs

For UGA exchanges and for external study abroad programs, courses will be reflected on another institution's transcript and will count as transfer credit at UGA. Please note the following important policies:

- A credit approval form is required prior to departure. The Credit Approval Form allows students to plan how courses will transfer in and to maintain student status at UGA for financial aid and other purposes.
- Courses may transfer as major, minor, core, or elective credit. The appropriate UGA academic department(s) will determine how the course will transfer and how courses will apply towards degree requirements.
- For detailed policies and procedures, both undergraduate and graduate students should see a study abroad advisor as early in the planning process as possible (706-542-2900 or jpevans@uga.edu for an appointment). The advisor will provide you with the appropriate Credit Approval Form and go over the steps required for completion.
- A CAF fee (currently \$125.00 or \$250.00 depending on the program) also applies.

A. UGA exchange programs

Courses taken on UGA exchanges or with UGA exchange partner universities are counted as transfer credit. A list of UGA exchanges is available at:

<https://www.oie.uga.edu/ProgramSearch>

B. Affiliated external study abroad programs

Transfer credit will be given for courses that are from:

- accredited United States universities and colleges
- study abroad programs operated by UGA study abroad affiliates and consortia:

http://www.uga.edu/oie/sa_prog_affiliates.htm

C. All other external study abroad programs

Whether or not transfer credit will be awarded will be determined on a case by case basis. The Office of International Education will make this determination in consultation with the Admissions Office and the relevant academic department. Many excellent options exist; students should contact the Office of International Education early and work closely with an advisor in finding a program.

D. Important note re: language schools

In order for credit to transfer into the University of Georgia, it must originate from an institution of higher learning in the US or abroad. Therefore, neither transfer credit nor financial aid is normally available for private language schools not affiliated with a university.

IV. Important note re: countries under Travel Warning

Please see the link below for UGA's policies regarding study abroad in countries under U.S. State Department Travel Warning:

http://www.uga.edu/oie/rs_travel_policy_warning.htm