Study Abroad @ UNH: Policies and Procedures

Eligibility

You must meet the following academic criteria at the time of application:

- Be in good standing with the Student Conduct System (at the time of application as well as prior to departure).
- Have earned at least 32 credit hours, at least 12 of which must have been earned at the University of New Hampshire at the baccalaureate level.
- Have a minimum 2.5 cumulative grade point average at the time of application as well as prior to departure. Some study abroad programs have higher GPA requirements.
- Have a declared major. Transfer students, including those from the Thompson School of Applied Science (TSAS), are not eligible to study abroad during the first semester of their baccalaureate program at UNH.

Students enrolled in the degree programs of the Thompson School of Applied Science may participate only in approved study abroad programs appropriate for two-year degree candidates. TSAS students must meet the following eligibility criteria at the time of application:

- Must have earned 32 credits, at least 12 of which must have been earned at the University of New Hampshire at the associate degree level.
- Must have a minimum of a 2.5 cumulative grade point average at the time of application as well as prior to departure. Some study abroad programs have higher GPA requirements.

Travel Health and Safety Restrictions

- UNH policy prohibits student activities, undergraduate and graduate, in countries for which a U.S. State Department Travel Warning is in effect.
- There may be instances when an individual UNH student or a UNH-sponsored group considers that there is a compelling educational interest to conducting an activity in a country on the U.S. State Department Travel Warning list and that it is possible to mitigate the risks. In these cases an individual student or a unit may petition to the International Travel Risk Review Committee (ITRRC) for prior approval. For more information, please visit: http://www.unh.edu/cie/student-petition.
- For a list of countries on the U.S. State Department Travel Warnings list, please consult www.state.gov/travel.
- Students who study abroad in countries on the U.S. State Department Travel Warning list without petitioning and receiving written approval from ITRRC will not be eligible to earn UNH credit or transfer credit nor will financial aid be available.
- ITRRC may require travelers to petition for permission to travel to locations or participate in programs that pose a specific health, safety, or security concern as indicated by sources other than the U.S. State Department Travel Warning list. Students should contact the Center for International Education with any questions or to receive assistance in preparing their petition.
- ITRRC evaluates education abroad activities when a significant health or safety concern is raised and decides whether to suspend that international activity. ITRRC may decide to suspend an education abroad activity before a program starts or while it is in process.

Individual Study Abroad Policy

If after reviewing all the UNH Managed, Approved and Exchange programs, you cannot find a program that meets your academic requirements, there are a few options:

- Review them again because the other two options below involve significantly more individual work and responsibility.
- Petition to the Center for International Education (CIE) to have a non-approved program granted a One-time Approval.
  ◇ Programs that are less than four weeks in duration cannot be considered for a Study Abroad One-time Approval
Petition.
◊ For more information, please consult http://www.unh.edu/cie/documents-forms.
◊ Officially withdraw or take a leave of absence from UNH for the semester or year abroad.

**UNH Study Abroad Fees**

◊ **Study Abroad Insurance Fee:**
  ◊ Summer/J-term/Spring break/Maymester: $70
  ◊ Semester: $150

◊ **Study Abroad Administration Fee***:
  ◊ Summer/J-term/Spring break/Maymester: $100
  ◊ Semester UNH Managed and Exchange Programs: $200
  ◊ Semester UNH Approved Programs: $300

*Students who are continuing on the same study abroad program in the same location for a consecutive term will not be charged the Study Abroad Administrative Fee a second time.

◊ **Technology Fee**

**Transfer Credit from Abroad**

◊ Only a grade of C (or its foreign equivalent) or better will be accepted for transfer credit.
◊ Credit will not be awarded for courses that review or repeat those taken at UNH or another institution per the university’s Repeated Course Rule.
◊ All grades received from coursework taken abroad will appear on your official UNH transcript, but they will not be calculated into your UNH GPA.
◊ Credit will not be awarded for language study that is part of a study abroad orientation.
◊ A course taken for the equivalent of three (3) U.S. semester hours abroad will transfer to UNH as three (3) credits. Courses measured in quarter hours, term hours or course units will be converted to semester hours to determine the UNH credit award. The conversion process may affect whether a course will meet UNH standards for General Education/Discovery or Major requirements. A course must be valued at a minimum of three (3) semester hours to be used to satisfy General Education/Discovery, Major or Minor credit. Two courses valued at fewer than three (3) semester hours may be combined to fulfill one requirement.
◊ If a Bachelor of Arts student plans on fulfilling the language requirement while abroad, s/he must meet with a faculty member within that language department to receive approval during the registration process.
◊ Any UNH student who is ineligible to study abroad on a UNH Approved, Managed or Exchange Program and enrolls in a non-UNH Study Abroad Program may NOT transfer credits earned in that program to his or her UNH degree.

**Study Abroad following or during Health Withdrawals**

Students are prohibited from participation on a study abroad program while withdrawn for health reasons or during their first semester following a health withdrawal. Exceptions to this policy will be granted only for unusual circumstances by the Academic Standards and Advising Committee, upon consultation with the Center for International Education or National Student Exchange, Health Services, and the Associate Dean of the student’s college.