Credit Transfer Policy

For non-CU Denver, credit-bearing study abroad programs, students are required to register for the variable-credit placeholder course STDY 3995/5995 (Undergraduate/Graduate) each term they are abroad. The Office of Global Education will only transfer credit back to CU Denver from an accredited institution. Registration in STDY 3995/5995 maintains full-time enrollment and student status at CU Denver and authorizes the release of financial aid.

Courses taken through an accredited non-CU Denver study abroad program will be treated as transfer courses: the credits will be included in hours toward graduation. Letter grades must be assigned by the host institution for credit to transfer. Students who receive a D- or above for a course abroad will receive a “P” or pass on their CU Denver transcript. Students who receive an F grade for a course abroad will receive an “F” or fail on their CU Denver transcript. This F will affect a student’s overall GPA.

Internship credit cannot be transferred from another institution, whether domestic or international. More specifically, internship credit awarded by a third party study abroad provider or host institution cannot be approved to transfer back to CU Denver. If you wish to receive academic credit for an international internship, you must work directly with CU Denver’s Experiential Learning Center in order to have your internship pre-approved and to enroll in the appropriate CU Denver internship course.

For further information please refer to CU Denver’s Administrative Policy on Academic Internships.

Before a student studies abroad, he/she must have all courses pre-approved by the appropriate academic departments as well as his/her primary school/college advisor. This pre-approval process must be completed via the Study Abroad Course Approval Form. This form can be found in a student’s StudioAbroad application or students can pick up a blank copy in the Office of Global Education. After being signed by all relevant advisors, this form must be submitted to and signed by the Office of Global Education.

Students must contact their academic advisor for university policies about minimum and maximum course loads allowed per term.

Study abroad transcripts must be sent directly to the Office of Global Education in order to be processed:

The Office of Global Education
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