Global Study Proposal Review Criteria

Faculty Experience

• Does the faculty demonstrate significant experience in the host location and/or expertise about the academic content and the significance of the content at the location?

• Does the faculty have adequate experience abroad to prepare and lead students in an international experience?

• Does the faculty have experience managing groups while traveling?

• Have all faculty and traveling program support staff been vetted by the department?

• Has the department cleared conflict of interest issues between all faculty leaders and/or traveling support staff?

Logistic and Organizational Considerations

• Does the faculty offer sufficient justification for the amount of travel and site visits proposed?

• If the program partners with a host organization or third party provider for program logistics, is it a well-established, trusted organization experienced with foreign groups? Note: volunteer/work abroad programs must partner with a host organization.

• Is proposed housing safe, clean, culturally appropriate, and sufficiently vetted?

• Is proposed transportation safe and reliable?

Academic Standards

• Does the program have clear academic and/or experiential goals that are specific to the host site?

• Are the learning opportunities clearly connected to the academic and/or experiential goals?

• Does the program provide opportunities for meaningful interactions with the host culture that enable students to increase their cultural competence?

• Is there an adequate balance of classroom time and experiential learning in the host location?

• Is the length of the program appropriate for number of credits offered? Does it allow for enough contact hours?

Marketing and Recruitment

• Are the course prerequisites, recruitment strategy, and selection process transparent, fair, and inclusive?

• Does the faculty have a clear and robust marketing plan?

• Are there sufficient and qualified academic and administrative faculty/staff for the number of students proposed?

• Will the faculty member be present on campus to recruit students?

Health, Safety, and Risk Management

• Is the program designed to minimize and mitigate potential risks?

• Is the faculty thoughtful and thorough in his/her articulation of the health and safety risks and risk mitigation measures for the host location?

Budget and Finance
• Is the program affordable given the location, program length, nature of the activities, and number of credits? In recent years, the threshold for the total program cost of a successful program has been approximately $5000 or less (not including airfare).
• Does the draft budget include comprehensive estimates for program costs, including excursions, supplies, classroom space, transportation, and accommodations?
• Do the estimated number of students justify costs associated with a second faculty or program support staff? Note: OGE requires that a minimum of 10 students enroll in programs with one faculty leader and a minimum of 12 students in programs with two faculty co-leaders.