

STUDY ABROAD REQUIREMENT & POLICIES

Why study abroad?

Study abroad provides valuable insight into the theories and processes you study in the classroom. Living in another country and experiencing a culture different from your own adds an essential element to an international education that a student cannot obtain simply by staying at home. As a student abroad, you will learn to function within a new set of social rules and values, hopefully achieve cultural competencies, as well as proficiency in a foreign language, and return with an enhanced perspective of the world and your place in it. Students are often surprised by the insight they gain about U.S. culture and how it is perceived abroad. Your self-confidence will grow, as well as your ability to adapt to new situations, an asset you can market to future employers. Furthermore, if you are intent on an international career, meaningful cross-cultural experiences, beyond vacation travel, are vital.

INTS Study Abroad Requirement

To fulfill the INTS major study abroad requirement, students must successfully study abroad, through an approved academic program. They will need to bring credits back to DU (not necessarily INTS credit) to meet the major requirement. To be considered successful, courses need to be passed with a grade of C- or better to meet the INTS study abroad requirement.

The [Office of International Education](#) oversees study abroad at the University of Denver and offers several ways to fulfill the study abroad requirement. Those options include DU Partner Programs, Unaffiliated Programs, and International Interterm Courses.

DU Partner Programs: The [Office of International Education](#) currently offers more than 150 study abroad *partner programs* around the world. Depending on your goals and needs, you can select from a wide range of criteria including location, degree of language immersion, and level of program structure. Credits earned on DU study abroad partner programs are resident credits.

Unaffiliated Programs: While it is possible for students to participate in unaffiliated programs (i.e. non-DU partner programs), such programs must be pre-approved *first* by the Office of International Education in order for the credit to transfer to DU, *then* by INTS for departmental approval. Failure to follow this process before seeking study abroad course approvals will invalidate any INTS course approvals previously authorized.

There is also a list of about 50 “Approved Unaffiliated Programs” (AUPs) that have been pre-screened to ensure that DU can accept transfer credit from the institution provided students follow all course approval procedures. While programs on this list have been pre-screened for institutional approval, the student is still responsible for researching the program and understanding coursework, application processes, levels of support in country etc.

NOTE: Given that students are required to take their final 45 credits in residence at the University of Denver, INTS majors and minors that have reached senior standing are ineligible to participate in unaffiliated study abroad, given that unaffiliated study abroad programs earn transfer credit, rather than resident credit.

DU International Interterm Courses: Travel interterm courses to locations outside of the United States are eligible to count towards the INTS study abroad requirement. The interterm course does not need an INTS prefix to count towards the study abroad requirement. Check the [University Academic Programs website](#) to see available interterm course offerings.

If you plan to fulfill your study abroad requirement through an interterm course, ensure that you meet with an INTS academic advisor to confirm the course will meet the requirement and to ensure that we are aware that you plan to fulfill your study abroad requirement with an interterm course. Financial assistance for interterm courses is handled through the [University Academic Programs Office](#).

Learn More: To learn more about the DU partner programs, and/or other study abroad possibilities, please visit or contact the [Office of International Education](#) (2055 E. Evans Ave, Suite 3100. - 303-871-4912).

Cherrington Global Scholars & Study Abroad Scholarships

The University of Denver has introduced the [Cherrington Global Scholars](#) (CGS) initiative, which allows eligible students to study abroad at comparable cost of a term at DU, apart from variable expenses such as local transportation, books, and optional excursions. A few limited number of programs may have additional housing costs, depending upon the housing selection of the student. Cherrington Global Scholars receive benefits that help off-set additional costs associated with studying abroad on a quarter-length or longer program, such as round-trip international airfare and student visa application fees. This is an exciting opportunity for students and a dramatic statement of the University of Denver's commitment to internationalizing undergraduate education. It reflects a campus-wide commitment—in curriculum development, financing, and academic programming—to fostering international study, research, and outreach.

Students who meet the requirements to be a Cherrington Global Scholar may only apply these benefits to DU Partner Programs. DU Partner Programs are the result of formal agreements between DU and partner institutions. ***There is no separate application for the CGS; rather, qualified students automatically qualify when they submit their application to study abroad on a DU Partner program.***

INTS Course Approval and Transfer of Credits

Students are limited to transferring and applying a maximum of 13.5-quarter credit hours toward the INTS major (18 quarter credits if studying abroad for a full year, 4.5 quarter credit hours for the INTS minor). Courses must be pre-approved by the BA Program Office *prior* to the start of the program, via the [online approval portal](#). Please be aware that study abroad courses approved to be applied to the INTS major or minor will be counted as INTS elective credit only (not as INTS course equivalents), and do not count toward your selected specialization area(s). Moreover, study abroad courses that replicate INTS coursework or content already completed by a student at DU, are ineligible to be applied to the INTS major *regardless of whether such courses have been pre-approved by the INTS department*; it is the student's responsibility to avoid seeking approval for a course that is similar to one they have already completed at DU. Approved study abroad courses must be completed with a grade of "C-" or better in order to be eligible to be applied toward the INTS major/minor.

Courses taken at a semester system institution generally transfer to DU based on the following formula: x (study abroad credits) multiplied by 1.5. For example, if you take a 3-semester hour credit course during your study abroad program, it is likely to transfer back to DU at 4.5-quarter hour credits. Please be aware, however, that other credit conversion formulas may govern your particular study abroad program and that the BA Program is not responsible for these decisions. Students can check on the credit translation scale for DUPPs [here](#). In the event that approved courses exceed the total maximum credit allowed for transfer in INTS, credits may not be modified, split or divided under any circumstances. Conversely, courses that return to DU at less than 4-quarter credit hours will not be modified or rounded-up. The BA Program Office assumes no responsibility in this matter and strongly encourages all students to consult a study abroad advisor regarding credit conversions prior to departure, in order to plan accordingly for any credit deficit or overage that may arise because of applying study abroad courses to the INTS major or minor.

Finally, all students seeking INTS credit for courses taken abroad must contact an INTS advisor for course approval and future planning *prior* to departing. The BA Program in INTS reserves the right to decline the review of courses that did not receive pre-approval or were not presented to an INTS advisor in a timely manner (e.g.: submitted for review after the completion of the study abroad program). Information booklets, applications and approval forms for the various study abroad programs can be obtained from the [Office of International Education](#).