

Policy on the Awarding of Credit for Study Abroad UNLV-Credit Courses

The University of Nevada, Las Vegas grants credit for courses taken through University Studies Abroad Consortium (USAC). Generally, with the approval of department chairpersons, courses taken via USAC will be articulated exactly to existing UNLV courses. However, as programs have evolved and more students have chosen to study abroad, it has grown difficult to find exact UNLV equivalencies for study abroad courses in all cases. Accordingly, this policy spells out a procedure by which the Office of International Programs, in conjunction with the Office of the Registrar, will seek to grant academic credit for study abroad. In developing this process, we seek to gain approval from appropriate academic units and also to streamline student enrollment, progression, and graduation processes.

The Office of International Programs will continue to prioritize exact articulation of study abroad course work to UNLV courses and will work with department chairpersons to identify course equivalencies for courses taught abroad. When appropriate, those equivalencies will be used to apply academic credit to student records. However, in cases where no equivalent UNLV course exists, the Office of International Programs may take any one of the following steps can be taken depending on the situation:

- 1) Use a current topics course in consultation with the appropriate department chairperson to award credit for the study abroad course work.
- 2) If the course abroad is only to be taught for one or two terms, initiate an "X" course in consultation with academic departments and with approval of the Faculty Senate Curriculum Committee. An "X" course created under these circumstances would be available for scheduling during the semester immediately following approval.
- 3) If there is no departmental match for the course taught abroad, seek course sponsorship from a College, with approval of the Dean of that College.

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