

Study Abroad Process

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Studying abroad takes persistence and a commitment to see through the phases of the process. Here is a quick overview of what students must do in order to have a successful study abroad experience. For more details or questions visit [Your Study Abroad](#) or email studyabroad@montana.edu.

| Phase | Action Item |
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| Phase 1 | Students attend an advising session with Study Abroad. |
| Phase 2 | Students apply to their chosen program by completing the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Complete MSU online application through My Global Connection2. Interview with Study Abroad3. Complete host university application |
| Phase 3 | Students work with their academic advisors to determine the course equivalencies. If needed, students meet with financial aid or identify possible scholarship opportunities. |
| Phase 4 | Attend the mandatory Pre-Departure Orientation and Travel Health and Safety Course. |
| Phase 5 | Students have an international experience. Advised to keep in contact with their academic advisor regarding curriculum changes. |
| Phase 6 | Students return to MSU and credits are evaluated and processed. May take up to a semester to transfer credits. |

Study Abroad Credit Transfer Process

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Study Abroad credits and grades usually take up to a semester to fully register in MyInfo. Students may request an update on the status of their transcript, request a copy of their foreign transcript, or send their updated course approval form by sending an email to studyabroad@montana.edu.

| Topic | Courses, Grades, and Transcripts |
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| Grades | All grades come back to MSU as Pass / Fail. |
| Courses | Upper / lower division credit is determined by the academic department offering the equivalent course at MSU. Core designation is approved by the MSU Registrar's Office. All students are required to submit a Course Approval Form prior to departure |
| Transcripts |]Please note transcript processing time depends on the host country. A student can request prompt processing time for graduation requirements. |
| DegreeWorks | Approved courses are listed as upper or lower elective credits on DegreeWorks. Each department exceptions manager will need to make the appropriate degree adjustments. |