



Course Transfer for Study Abroad

International Education Office

The IEO website has a course equivalency database which allows students to view courses taken abroad that have been approved by UMD departments.

Plan ahead! Meet with your academic advisor early and discuss your plans for academic courses abroad.

Research program options thoroughly. There are many resources in the IEO to help narrow your program choices.

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UMD has a database of approved courses taken abroad at various institutions worldwide. To view these courses, go to the IEO website at www.d.umn.edu/ieo and click on "Course Equivalencies". Courses are arranged by country and institution. The database is continually updated; students are encouraged to check back frequently for the latest course information.

Follow the steps below to help plan your academic studies abroad:

1. Research course options for your program options. Collect course information, including course descriptions and course syllabi.
2. Meet with your academic advisor in your collegiate unit. Bring any course information you have collected. Talk with your advisor about your plan for taking courses abroad. If necessary, use the graduation planner online tool for mapping your graduation progress.
3. Check the IEO website to view approved courses by clicking on the "Course Equivalency" link.
4. If a course you want to take has not yet been approved, bring course a full course syllabus to the International Education Office.

How do I find out what courses are offered on my program?

Most programs have brochures, booklets or websites. Use these resources to find course descriptions. If you are enrolling directly in a foreign university, use the foreign university website and access the course listings. If information is not available, phone or email the program sponsors. Contact information is usually found in the printed material or online.

How do I know what courses will transfer to UMD?

The IEO curriculum coordinator will submit the course syllabus to the appropriate department head. Once the department head has completed the course review, the curriculum coordinator will inform you of the results. If you have already completed your term of study abroad, foreign course equivalencies will be posted on your academic transcript. All courses taken abroad will be granted academic credit. Courses will be counted as either general elective credit, credit towards a major or minor or a direct equivalency.

What do I need to do to get my foreign courses evaluated?

Bring or send your course syllabi to the International Education Office.

How long does it take for each course to be evaluated?

A course review typically takes two to four weeks.

When will my grades from my study abroad program be posted?

After the IEO receives the course equivalency paperwork, it will take approximately two weeks for your grades to be posted.