A&D International Engagement
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Instructions:

1. Identifying an international experience takes time and effort; schedule time to plan
2. Course selection, language of instruction, and quality of instruction vary widely
3. Research options and compare program features before making a financial commitment

RESEARCHING THE INTERNATIONAL REQUIREMENT

A&D students are eligible to apply for UM and non-UM study abroad and non-credit experiences to fulfill the international experience requirement. For further information, read the student handbook and the international section on the Penny W. Stamps School of Art & Design website.

1. UM sponsored programs. The easiest way to study abroad is through a UM sponsored program. Learn about and apply for programs and scholarships through M-Compass. The application process is extensive and continues once the student has been accepted to a particular program. It is possible to apply for only one UM program at a time. http://mcompass.umich.edu

2. External, non-UM programs. If the student decides to enroll in an external study abroad program, the student is temporarily leaving the UM during the term abroad and requesting transfer credit. This is an additional bureaucratic responsibility and the student is responsible for understanding applicable UM policies and procedures. Below is further guidance to consider:

   • Read the guidelines for non-UM study abroad programs on the LSA website http://www.lsa.umich.edu/students/studyabroad/non_um
   • Carefully research the study abroad program, just as you would any other major financial investment
   • Uncover course descriptions, syllabi and reading lists to prepare for your request for transfer credit
   • Schedule an appointment with your academic advisor (or advisors) to discuss how the transfer credit might potentially fit into your particular curriculum and fulfill graduation requirements
   • Apply for the external program
   • Simultaneously, register this program with the Stamps School.
   • This registration process starts on the A&D International website and ends in the M-Compass database. Students cannot start the process from M-Compass. The only place to start is the A&D International website.
Once the application process is underway, students can access the application starting with the M-Compass gateway.

3. Non-credit experiences. The international experience requirement can also be fulfilled through volunteer, service learning or independent research, not just study abroad for credit programs. Many organizations offer structured experiences such as Volunteers for Peace, Habitat for Humanity, UM student organizations such as Project Quito or Pantanal project in Brazil.

INTERNET RESOURCES

- Apply for UM sponsored study abroad programs through M-Compass. [https://Mcompass.umich.edu](https://Mcompass.umich.edu)

- UM International Center offers extensive resources on how to study, travel and work abroad [http://internationalcenter.umich.edu/swt/](http://internationalcenter.umich.edu/swt/)

- Global Michigan. International activities across campus are highlighted on this portal. It includes links to the International Center, area studies programs at the International Institute, and UM policies for health and safety [http://global.umich.edu](http://global.umich.edu)

- **The Institute for International Education (IIE)** offers an extensive search engine to help students identify study abroad programs. [http://www.iiepassport.org/](http://www.iiepassport.org/)

- There are many other search engines available to guide students. Three examples are studyabroad.com, transitionsabroad.com and nscs.studyabroaddirectory.com

A&D RESOURCES

Need advice identifying a program?

- Schedule a meeting with the A&D International Engagement Coordinator, Sandra Wiley. Call or stop by the SWAPC front desk to schedule the appointment.

- Stop by during international drop-in advising. Current hours posted on the SWAPC bulletin board and outside the International Engagement office, Room 1004 A&A.

- Attend an A&D international engagement info session.