

Provider Information

Study Abroad at Carnegie Mellon

We have created this document for program providers at our study abroad fair or tabling events to enable them to better serve our students. Since study abroad at every institution works differently, we thought a brief explanation of the process at Carnegie Mellon would be useful for our providers. We want to ensure that our students have the best abroad experience possible, and this requires an accurate and up-to-date flow of information between Carnegie Mellon and the program providers. We hope you find this information valuable.

There are multiple methods for studying abroad and paying for study abroad at Carnegie Mellon:

1. External and Direct Enroll

- a. We have an open study abroad system. A student may study abroad through any program provider or direct enroll in any foreign university that will accept U.S. students, as long as the student's academic advisor(s) will accept the credits he/she receives.
- b. The student will always have access to all federal and state funding as well as any loans he/she may have.

2. Sponsored

- a. Sponsored programs are programs that students have proposed to the Study Abroad Advisory Committee as programs on which students may use all their financial aid. Programs are proposed one year in advance of the study abroad experience and must meet certain criteria. The program must be one that either has the potential to benefit many students at Carnegie Mellon or fulfills a special niche.
- b. Using this options students have access to *all* financial aid that they have now, except for work study, which makes this an ideal option for students with a significant amount of Carnegie Mellon scholarships or grants.
- c. Students pay Carnegie Mellon for tuition, room and board. Carnegie Mellon pays the program or school.
- d. For a current list of sponsored programs visit <http://www.studentaffairs.cmu.edu/oie/sab/gettingstarted/opportunities/programsSponsored.html>

3. University or Departmental Exchange

- a. Exchange programs are established directly with a foreign university or academic department within a foreign institution. They are reciprocal arrangements, meaning we send as well as receive students. Students on exchanges pay tuition to Carnegie Mellon and have access to all financial aid that they have now, except for work study.
- b. Departmental exchanges are handled directly by the Carnegie Mellon department involved. For a full list of departmental exchanges visit <http://www.studentaffairs.cmu.edu/oie/sab/gettingstarted/opportunities/programsDepartmental.html>

- c. University exchange applications are processed within our office. For a full list of university exchanges visit <http://www.studentaffairs.cmu.edu/oie/sab/gettingstarted/opportunities/programsUniversity.html>

Regardless of which method a student chooses, the following applies:

1. There is no pre-approved list of courses. Students must obtain course descriptions and/or syllabi and gain approval from their academic advisor(s).
2. The credit counts as transfer credit, giving the student credit for the course without affecting his/her GPA/QPA. A student must receive a "C" or better ("B" or better for business courses) in order to get credit for the course. The academic departments assess credit.
3. Departments often have recommendations about when a student can study abroad and what he/sje should take while abroad. Students should discuss these details with their academic advisor(s).
4. In order to be registered for study abroad and get credit for their study abroad experience, all students must attend a Pre-Departure Orientation. The Office of International Education holds Pre-Departure Orientations every semester. For more details about our Pre-Departure Orientation visit <http://www.studentaffairs.cmu.edu/oie/sab/before/planning/predeparture.html>
5. When in doubt tell them to call 412-268-5231 and schedule an appointment with a study abroad advisor or email us at goabroad@andrew.cmu.edu.
6. We appreciate your role in making study abroad happen at Carnegie Mellon! If there is any way we can better serve you, please do not hesitate to ask. We hope you enjoy your visit with us.