Gustavus Study Abroad Policies

Gustavus students are encouraged to incorporate international aspects of education into their academic plans. The following policies govern student participation in semester and academic year International Education programs:

1. The Student must complete an application and receive approval for the study program from the Office of International Education. Extensions of stay and change of programs must have the College’s approval.

2. Applications for all programs must be submitted before March 1 preceding the academic year for summer, fall semester, spring semester and year programs.

3. A student normally should have a minimum grade point average of 2.75 when making application for study abroad. Some programs require an even higher standard. The student should have junior or senior class standing while overseas.

4. Study overseas must include study of native language, if other than English. Advanced language study is strongly encouraged.

5. The student account in the Finance Office must be paid in full or receive special clearance as a part of the application process.

6. Students studying abroad for either a semester or year must be registered as full-time Gustavus students.

7. Finances for study abroad are as follows:
   - Students on Gustavus exchange programs pay tuition to Gustavus and a program fee. The program fee covers housing and meals, host tuition and other required costs.
   - All students abroad for a semester or a year pay at least the Gustavus comprehensive fee (tuition, room and board).
   - Students on summer study abroad programs pay a $100 administrative fee.
   - The Office of International Education provides cost estimate sheets for each student approved for study abroad. This cost estimate sheet includes Gustavus tuition plus a program fee which comprises host institution tuition, room, board, international transportation and other required costs.

Generally, any study abroad program will cost more than studying on campus. Financial aid, with the exception of student employment, applies only towards Gustavus approved programs. No Gustavus financial aid applies to non-approved Gustavus study abroad programs. These policies apply to all Gustavus approved study abroad programs. For a complete list of these, consult the approved list.

8. If a student studying abroad for the Fall semester wishes to enroll in a January Term course at no additional cost, that student must attend Gustavus on a full-time basis in the following Spring semester. If a student is studying abroad for both Fall and Spring semesters, that student may enroll for a January Term courses.

9. Credit earned by the student on approved programs will normally transfer as credit toward graduation, and may fulfill major/minor requirements subject to departmental approval. One successful semester of study abroad in a non-European country satisfies a Non-Western culture requirement (NWEST). Credit may be applied toward other area requirements only with the prior approval of the Registrar.

10. In order for the credits to be transferred to Gustavus, the student must obtain at least a C- abroad. A grade of D+ or below does not transfer back to Gustavus. Grades earned on a study abroad program appear on the Gustavus transcript but are not figured into the GPA unless instructed by a Gustavus faculty member.

11. Students may not register for or participate in a study abroad program while on academic or disciplinary probation.

12. Leaves of absence are not applicable to International Education programs.
Participation in any of the study abroad programs is available to all qualified and accepted students.