

• History of Art Studies Abroad Advising Information •

EAP Forms: Students must meet with a faculty major adviser, well before departure, in order to obtain a signature on the Education Abroad Program academic planning form.

Transfer Credit from Abroad: The maximum number of courses from abroad that can be given credit to the major is seven, no more than three of which can be upper division (no courses taken abroad may fulfill the seminar requirement). However, no credit for the History of Art major is guaranteed prior to a student's departure. Before going abroad, students must propose overseas courses (based on available course descriptions, etc.) to a faculty adviser who will assess the compatibility of each course with the major program. Upon return to campus, students must petition for transfer of credit to the major. Petitions should be based upon a transcript or grade report, course syllabus, reading list, assignment sheets, exams, papers, and any other coursework brought back by students. An adviser will evaluate the course, based upon these materials, for its content and rigor and will determine whether or not the course is commensurate with those taught in the department. Students are advised before departing that they should return with these materials as evidence of coursework completed; if a given course does not appear to have sufficient work to be commensurate with courses in the department, students are encouraged to seek advising from the overseas instructor of Art History to prepare an additional research paper while abroad. This paper must be in English, with full art historical apparatus; e.g. foot/endnotes, a bibliography, and illustrations. Please see a faculty major adviser for details. While petitions for the transfer of credit for lower division major requirements are granted in most cases, petitions to transfer upper division credit must meet higher standards and are not always granted.

Scheduling for Return Semester: With regards to proposed schedules for their returning semester, we expect EAP students to contact us from abroad in a timely fashion via email. Students should include in their proposed schedules a brief description of what they are currently doing, so that the faculty adviser can get a sense of whether or not courses may be approved for major credit upon a student's return. They can advise the student accordingly for the returning semester and then release the AC code. As the proposed schedule is often pending transfer credit approval for courses students are currently enrolled in abroad, it is a good idea to have alternate courses in mind for the returning semester. Courses taken abroad may not yield expected major credit and there are often changes in our department schedule.

Departmental Honors Students: Students wishing to pursue an honors thesis are allowed to do their H195 thesis-writing course upon return from abroad. However, the assumption is that potential honors students have already done at least one semester of seminar or independent study with a faculty member before starting their thesis with that faculty honors adviser. This semester does not need to immediately precede the thesis-writing semester, but it usually does, for better continuity in the research and writing process.

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