Department of English

Study Abroad Policies for Majors

The department of English believes that studying abroad can play a rich and productive role in a student’s undergraduate career. Study abroad can be an opportunity to improve language skills, to learn about the cultures that have produced literatures in English, and to take courses with faculty whose expertise differ from those of our own department. Students can also take advantage of the opportunity to study literature abroad within the context of other disciplines, such as history, music, art history, and political science. However the Department wishes to insure that each student who majors in English participates in the life of the department fully, and that all students receive an education in the literatures of English that matches the standards of excellence to which Emory University aspires. Therefore, the Department has instituted the following guidelines for English majors who study abroad. These guidelines pertain to the way in which courses taken abroad may be recognized as equivalent to Emory coursework.

Regardless of which courses one takes, the Department advises all students studying abroad to keep careful records of the work they complete while away from Emory. Course syllabi, examinations, paper assignments, and completed essays can be crucial should any confusion arise after your return to Emory.

1. Students studying in countries where English is not the primary language (France, Spain, and Italy, for instance) should consider enrolling in courses outside the English major (or minor). The Department will credit only one English course completed in such countries toward the major (or minor).

2. For those students studying in countries where English is the primary language, the Department will accept the equivalent of two Emory courses (eight credits) for the major per semester abroad. Please be aware that at some universities, your courses may count for more or less than the usual four Emory credits.

[Example: At some foreign universities, students only take two courses a semester. Emory therefore awards eight credits per each course at such universities. Under the policy above, only one of these courses will be credited to your completion of requirements for the major. You should speak to you CIPA advisor if you are unsure how many credits you will receive for the courses you plan to take abroad.]

3. Finally, the department does not usually count any course taken abroad as the equivalent of a course satisfying the General Education Requirement.

I HAVE READ THESE POLICIES AND UNDERSTAND HOW COURSES TAKEN ABROAD WILL BE CREDITED TOWARD MY COMPLETION OF THE ENGLISH MAJOR.

Student signature: __________________________________
Student name (printed): __________________

Date: _____________________________________