

Smeal Study Abroad Planning Worksheet

This is a guide for SMEAL students on initial course planning for abroad. How courses may be used from abroad varies depending on the college. Refer to appropriate department/college for minor and non-Smeal major course advising.

Name: _____ Major(s): _____ Minor(s): _____

Study Abroad Program: _____ Semester Abroad: _____

Possible Smeal degree requirements to complete abroad:

IL, US, Inter-Domain, GN, GA, GH, GS, elective, IB minor, other minor, or language	Credits	Notes

Possible academic plan (recommended to review with your academic adviser):

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Preparing to Go Checklists:

<https://ugstudents.smeal.psu.edu/international-programs/study-abroad/preparing-to-go-checklists>

General Education Requirement Descriptions

<https://gened.psu.edu/updated-learning-objectives-and-foundation-and-domain-criteria>

Arts (GA)

In Arts (GA) fields, students focus on exploring or creating works of art. Students should become familiar with the importance of significant creative works, the traditions and history associated with those works, and the important role that the arts play as expressions of the cultural values of society and the human condition.

*Content areas that typically fall in this domain include **Art History, Architecture, Music, Photography, some Film courses, and other studio art courses.***

Humanities (GH)

In Humanities (GH) fields, students focus on exploring important works of literature, history, religion, philosophy, and other closely related forms of cultural expression, thereby broadening their understanding of diverse ways of seeing, thinking about, and experiencing the self and society. Students will enlarge their intellectual horizons and knowledge of the world through encountering humanistic representations of both lived experiences and imaginative or speculative constructions, past or present. Students thus become increasingly prepared to live as thoughtfully engaged members of multiple communities, whether local, regional, or global.

*Content areas that typically fall in this domain include **Literature, History, Philosophy, Religion, Cultural Studies and some Film.***

Social and Behavioral Sciences (GS)

In Social and Behavioral Science (GS) fields, students focus on analyzing the forces that influence behaviors, values, habits, attitudes, and institutions. GS courses allow students to explore the multiple perspectives and methodologies useful in analyzing and addressing complex social issues.

*Content areas that typically fall in this domain include **Economics, Political Science, Psychology, Sociology, and Anthropology.***

Natural Sciences (GN) – Not commonly found on study abroad programs

In Natural Science (GN) fields, students develop the skills necessary to make informed judgments about scientific information and arguments. Along with building knowledge of foundational scientific principles, students expand their understanding of how and why science works, why it is an effective tool for knowledge generation, and how it can address contemporary questions and challenges.

*Content areas that typically fall in this domain include **Physics, Biology, Geology, and Earth Sciences.***

Health and Wellness (GHW)

You may NOT take sport or physical activity courses abroad (i.e., sailing, bowling, yoga, etc.).

Integrative Studies (Inter-domain)

Study abroad courses that satisfy Integrative Studies are typically courses in a gen ed domain where the course content primarily focuses on the country or region of study. For example: Art History of Florence, Czech Literature, Economics of the European Union, etc. In Smeal, a course that satisfies both IL and a (GN, GA, GS, or GH) can be used for Inter-domain credit.

International Cultures (IL)

Approved Penn State Education Abroad programs may be used to satisfy the International Cultures (IL) requirement.

US Cultures (US) – Not commonly found on study abroad programs

Approved Penn State Education Abroad programs may be used to satisfy the US Cultures (US) requirement although these courses are not commonly offered abroad.

CAUTIONS: As a reminder, the following course types abroad may NOT be used toward Smeal major/minor requirements, not even as elective credit. They do still count towards overall GPA.

1. Smeal business major courses cannot be taken abroad.
2. Duplicate courses. Take care not to repeat courses taken at Penn State.
3. No language courses lower or equivalent to the level already achieved on Penn State Record.
4. Internship course credit is permissible but does not count towards Smeal major/minor.