



## Study Abroad Policy

- I. Foundations
  - a. Students can fulfill any of the following Foundations General Education courses abroad: Arts, Historical Analysis, Life Sciences, Mathematical Sciences, Philosophy and Literature, Physical Sciences, Social and Behavioral Sciences
    - i. You will need to secure a general course equivalency for GVSU to transfer your course. See the [Course Approval Process](#) page for more information about how to do this.
    - ii. Students may not earn credit for both a Foundations requirement and an Issues requirement for the same course.
- II. Cultures
  - a. Global Perspectives
    - i. The General Education Global Perspectives requirement is \*AUTOMATICALLY FULFILLED\* by taking ANY 3-credit course abroad.
    - ii. You will need to secure a general course equivalency for GVSU to transfer your course and assign Global Perspectives credit. See the [Course Approval Process](#) page for more information about how to do this.
  - b. U.S. Diversity
    - i. U.S. Diversity cannot be fulfilled abroad. The only exception is if a faculty-led course is in the General Education Program as a US Diversity course. In this case, students will receive U.S. Diversity credit and not Global Perspectives credit.
    - ii. A single course cannot earn both Global Perspectives and U.S. Diversity.
- III. Issues
  - a. Issues courses can be taken abroad regardless of class standing.
  - b. Courses must be at least three credits.
  - c. Students may not earn credit for both a Foundations requirement and an Issues requirement for the same course.
  - d. A reflection essay and form must be submitted through the [online portal](#).
  - e. Independent study, independent research, and independent readings (XXX 399 and XXX 499) courses cannot be used to satisfy Issues credits.
  - f. If an Issues course taken on-campus is cross-listed in two disciplines, your second Issues course must be taken from a third discipline.

IV. EDI 320 Abroad

- a. Students enrolled in EDI 320 and EDI 430/431 through the COST program can fulfill ONE of their 2 Issues courses while student teaching abroad.
- b. Students must take ONE existing GVSU Issues course before or after their return AND submit their [reflection](#) to complete their **entire** Issues requirement. The second Issues course, can't have an EDI prefix or be cross-listed with EDI.
- c. Students enrolled in EDI 320 and EDI 330/131 can fulfill ONE of their 2 Issues courses while student teaching abroad.  
Students must take ONE existing GVSU Issues course before or after their return AND submit their [reflection](#) to complete their **entire** Issues requirement. The second Issues course, can't have an EDI prefix or be cross-listed with EDI.
- d. Students will also automatically fulfill their Global Perspectives requirement (no reflection needed).