

### Study Abroad Information for Advisors

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#### About Study Abroad at UNLV

UNLV offers NSHE approved undergraduate study abroad programs through [USAC](#), University Studies Abroad Consortium. USAC is a consortium of 33 US universities, including UNLV. The universities provide oversight, support, and strategic planning to USAC and its programs. USAC offers over 50 different programs in 6 out of the 7 continents with course offerings on a wide variety of subjects. For a full program list visit the [Advisor page on the International Programs website](#) and select the [Semester/Year](#), [Summer](#), or [Winter Break](#) buttons. You can also access all programs on the [USAC Program Page](#).

#### UNLV Credit vs Transfer Credit Programs

USAC offers two different program models: UNLV Credit (Specialty) Programs & Transfer Credit (Partnership) Programs

UNLV Credit (Specialty) Programs	Transfer Credit (Partnership) Programs
USAC staffs and manages the program directly	The host university staffs and manages the program directly
Students will receive UNLV credit for the courses they take	Students will receive transfer credit for the courses they take
UNLV GPA will be affected by grades	UNLV GPA will NOT be affected by grades, but students need to pass to use the credit for a degree requirement
All USAC courses are listed with corresponding UNLV course equivalents on the <a href="#">International Programs website</a>	Students have access to host school's entire international student course catalog. The course information can be <a href="#">accessed through the USAC website</a>
Course approvals are completed by International Programs	Students will seek course approvals for courses from their academic advisor

#### Language Information

- Most programs offer courses taught in English, and there are English-speaking locations for students who are uninterested in language acquisition
- Lyon, France, is currently the only program that requires prior language experience
  - Two semesters of college-level French

- Summer programs do not require students to enroll in a language course. Semester/Year programs do require students to take language courses. To find the amount of language courses that students are required to take, on the USAC website, go to the “courses” page, and look under the “Academics” section.
- Programs will have a language track system, or language courses will be available individually. Students may be asked to take placement exams on-site to confirm their language level.
- To understand a program’s language learning offerings for UNLV credit programs, please refer to the program’s Course Details on [the International Programs website](#) in the “Courses” column.
- To understand language offerings/requirements for transfer credit programs, please refer to the program’s “Courses” page on the [USAC website](#). The “Course Description” section should link to the host university’s website or a USAC data base where students can access course information.

## Frequently Asked Questions:

### ADMISSION:

#### **What are the eligibility requirements for study abroad?**

- For most UNLV credit programs, only a preferred minimum 2.5 GPA
- For transfer credit programs, at least the same above or higher depending on the program. Eligibility requirements can be found on a program page in the “Quick Details” section towards the bottom of any program page.

#### **Is admission to a USAC study abroad program competitive?**

- USAC admits students on a rolling admission model. If a program has available spots students will be admitted as long as they meet the minimum requirements for their program, are in good standing at UNLV, and their application is properly completed.

#### **How does a student apply?**

- Students are required to attend a study abroad information session before they schedule an individual appointment with an advisor. Once they have met with our office, they can apply online at [USAC.edu](#) by selecting the “Apply Now” button at the top of the navigation bar.

#### **Can a student study abroad during senior year?**

- Yes.

#### **What about the Resident Credit Requirement (the last 30 credits on-campus rule)?**

- UNLV credit programs abroad do NOT interrupt the Resident Credit Requirement (participating in these programs counts as if the student is still on campus).
- For transfer credit programs, the 30-credit rule drops to 15 if the student has completed at least  $\frac{3}{4}$  of their credits at UNLV. Often, students with many transfer credits are not eligible for this exception, which is officially stated in the UNLV Undergraduate Catalog.

### COURSE APPROVALS:

#### **How does a student get credit for study abroad?**

- For UNLV credit programs, the credits show up on the student's UNLV transcript as if they had taken the classes at UNLV.
- For transfer credit programs, International Programs transfers the credits back to UNLV for the student automatically. However, students should complete the course approval process to ensure that the credits they receive fulfill their graduation requirements.

#### **How can a student find out what the course number is for a UNLV credit class abroad?**

- For UNLV credit programs, the Course Details link on [the International Programs website](#) in the "Courses" column.

#### **How can students obtain course numbers for transfer credit programs?**

- Students should obtain course syllabi from their host university to submit to their academic advisor for review and approval. We provide students with a [Transfer Credit Guide](#) that explains the process.

### FINANCIAL AID:

#### **Can students apply for aid from the Federal Government (FAFSA) toward studying abroad?**

- Yes. Additionally, International Programs will provide students with a study abroad budget sheet to adjust their aid to match the cost of attendance for the program they plan to attend.

#### **Can students use the Millennium Scholarship to study abroad?**

- Yes

#### **What other scholarships can students use?**

- Most scholarships they already receive through UNLV can apply toward study abroad costs.
- International Programs, in partnership with CSUN, offers study abroad scholarship opportunities for students through the [Education Abroad Scholarship Application](#).
- Numerous private and public scholarships outside of UNLV are available for studying abroad. We offer students a [Study Abroad Scholarship Opportunities](#) document that we update yearly with some of the opportunities on our office's radar.
- USAC also offers information regarding scholarship opportunities for students on the [Money Matters](#) page of their website.