

## University Honors Program Honors Study Abroad: Guidelines

### Introduction

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One of the UHP's major objectives is to stimulate global awareness of issues both within and outside your discipline(s). Traditional and seminar courses taken outside the continental USA bring a scholarly enrichment component to the undergraduate experience. Consequently, we encourage you to participate in study abroad experiences, and incorporate those experiences into your UHP plan. You may use up to three hours of study abroad course credit to fulfill UHP requirements in the following ways. Please note that you must earn a B- or better in a study abroad course and submit a [Reflection Paper](#) to the UHP Office (219 Clark Hall) prior to the last day of classes of the semester involved to receive program credit.

### If you were admitted to the UHP from Fall 2000-Spring 2003

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Your program requirements include both H-sections of regular courses and HON seminars. A significant study abroad experience that involves approximately 12-15 contact hours per credit hour offered in another country brings you that extra dimension of study/experience that you currently obtain from H-sections and HON seminars. This Honors Study Abroad experience may therefore be used in lieu of one H-section or HON seminar, or, if the experience focuses on research/special project, Honors Study Abroad may be used in lieu of HON 298 (Honors Independent Study).

### If you were admitted to the UHP beginning Fall 2003

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Your program requirements do not include H-sections, although we encourage you to take as many H-sections as you desire. Four Honors seminars are required, consequently Honors Study Abroad may be used in lieu of one HON seminar, except for HON 201, which is required of all UHP students.

It is possible that Honors Study Abroad can serve to satisfy three of the six hours of the required junior/senior honors capstone project. However, this substitution is approved on a case-by-case basis. A key consideration in that approval will be the relationship of the substituting course/experience to the capstone project and the overall plan of study of the student. Students should discuss their particular situation in advance with the UHP Director.

### Application Process

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If you plan to participate in an Honors Study Abroad experience, you must complete the NC State Study Abroad application process: please visit <http://www.ncsu.edu/studyabroad/> for more information. You must also complete the [Honors Study Abroad Contract](#), and turn it, along with copies of your Study Abroad paperwork, in to 219 Clark Hall for UHP Director approval. Please plan to obtain this approval the semester before your study abroad experience. You will be notified of this approval via e-mail response.

### At Least One Semester Prior to Your Study Abroad Experience

1. Review your Plan of Study with your faculty advisor to determine how your study abroad experience fits into your academic plan.
2. Meet with a Study Abroad advisor to discover your options and choose the experience that best meets your interest and academic needs.

3. Work with both your faculty advisor and the Study Abroad office to determine how your study credits will transfer.
4. Complete Study Abroad paperwork and Honors Study Abroad Contract.

### **While Studying Abroad**

1. Take advantage of all educational, social, and cultural opportunities available.
2. Keep in touch with both your faculty and UHP advisors.
3. Take the time to reflect on your experience. We encourage you to keep a journal, take photos, and keep mementos.

### **Completing your Experience**

1. Keep in contact with the Study Abroad Office to ensure that your course credit has transferred.
2. Consult your faculty advisor to ensure that your transferred course credit has been applied correctly.
3. Consult your UHP advisor to ensure that your transferred course credit (up to three credit hours) has been applied correctly toward your program completion.
4. Submit your [Reflection Paper](#) to the UHP Office (Clark 219) prior to the last day of classes of the semester involved.

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**The UHP makes available financial support in the form of study abroad scholarships. When submitting your Study Abroad application, be sure to check the appropriate eligibility box.**

