

# SUMMER STUDY ABROAD FAQ

## (Excluding Whitman Crossroads programs)

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### 1. How do I find information about non-Whitman summer study abroad programs?

Whitman does not have a set list of programs for summer study abroad transfer credit. Students who wish to study abroad in the summer, on a program other than Whitman Crossroads, should initially look for programs through the following sources:

- Organizations that Whitman is partnered with for off-campus studies during the academic year such as CIEE, IES, IFSA-Butler, SIT, and SFS
- [www.iiepassport.org](http://www.iiepassport.org)
- [www.GoAbroad.com](http://www.GoAbroad.com)

*Note: Programs must meet certain criteria in order for Whitman to transfer credit. Please see #2.*

### 2. What summer study abroad programs can I attend for credit?

If you are thinking about studying abroad during the summer on a non-Whitman program and wish to transfer the credit to your Whitman degree, the OCS Committee will consider the following factors when approving credit:

1. **CREDITS** must be documented on an official transcript from an accredited foreign university or U.S. institution, or an institution that is recognized by the Ministry of Education in that country. Note: credit cannot be transferred from language schools abroad that are not part of a degree granting university.
2. **TRANSCRIPT** must include the course title, number of credits, and a letter grade.
3. **PASS/FAIL** courses are not acceptable for transfer credit.
4. **The OCS COMMITTEE** reviews the course description/syllabus and determines that the course(s) are suitable for transfer credit at Whitman College.

Please note that approval for summer transfer credit is **not** guaranteed and is decided after review by the faculty Off-Campus Studies Committee. Therefore, students should wait to pay program enrollment deposits/program fees and to purchase flights until they have received official notification from Off-Campus Studies about transfer credit approval.

### 3. Is financial aid or other scholarships available for summer study abroad?

Because Whitman does not have a summer term on campus, the College does not have any regular financial aid funds for summer studies with the exception of Whitman Crossroads programs. Therefore, students who wish to study abroad in the summer will need to cover the costs themselves. Most summer study abroad programs do not offer any financial aid or scholarships. However, there are a few exceptions:

- Whitman Crossroads Courses: <https://www.whitman.edu/off-campus-studies/ocs-programs/crossroads-faculty-led-courses>

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- Critical Language Scholarship Program: [www.clscholarship.org](http://www.clscholarship.org)
- IES: [www.IESabroad.org](http://www.IESabroad.org)
- School for Field Studies: [www.fieldstudies.org](http://www.fieldstudies.org)

### 4. How do I apply for transfer credit from non-Whitman summer studies outside the U.S.?

- **COMPLETE** a **Whitman Summer Study Abroad Transfer Credit Application** and submit it to the Off-Campus Studies Office (Mem 205) at least **three weeks** before your program's application deadline.
  - ✓ Transfer credit for any course taught outside the United States must be approved prior to participating in the program. Whitman does not award summer study abroad transfer credit retroactively.
  - ✓ Note: Students taking any summer courses taught in the United States need to request transfer credit approval in advance through the Registrar's Office, not OCS. (This includes The Philadelphia Center and American University's Washington Semester program.)
- **COMPLETE** a **Program Admission Application** and submit directly to your study abroad program.
  - ✓ In addition to the Whitman application, you will need to submit an application for admission directly to your actual study abroad program. The application for admission to your program can be found on the program website. The deadlines for most summer programs are typically between February and April.

### 5. Who can help me with all of this?

Off-Campus Studies has two advisers, Susan Holme, OCS Director, and Barbara Hoffman, OCS Assistant Director, in Memorial 205 who can assist students in identifying credit-worthy summer study abroad programs and also help with questions related to financing summer study abroad.

To schedule an advising appointment, please email: [offcampusstudies@whitman.edu](mailto:offcampusstudies@whitman.edu)

We look forward to assisting you with your summer study plans!