Study Abroad and Exchange Programs

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The Study Abroad program enables students to gain global experience through several types of international study including Faculty Led, Exchange and Third Party Programs. Programs vary in length and cost depending on the type and location. Descriptions of each type of program are listed below.

Faculty Led Programs
Faculty or Departments may offer courses which are taught abroad as part of the UTEP curriculum. Faculty-led programs occur during Wintermester, Maymester, Spring Break and in the summer. Students who take these courses are assessed normal tuition and fees, plus additional fees to cover program costs.

Exchange Programs
UTEP has agreements with a number of universities throughout the world which allow students to attend a foreign university for a semester or academic year while paying UTEP tuition. This can be an affordable option for many students. Educational activities may include classroom study, research, internships and service learning.

Third Party Programs
Students are able to participate in study abroad programs that are offered by third – party providers. Students are required to pay the program fees to the providers.

General Requirements
To participate in a Study Abroad program, students must be registered as a UTEP student. Undergraduate students must have completed 24 credit hours (12 of which must be from UTEP), graduate students must have completed 9 credit hours at UTEP. The GPA requirement varies depending on the program selected. All prospective students must attend an information session. Sessions are offered throughout the year.

Credit
Credit earned through Study Abroad courses is processed as transfer credit.

Financial Assistance
Students who are eligible for Financial Aid may use these funds to cover the costs of studying abroad. The Study Abroad Office offers a study abroad scholarship for qualified students. Information about external scholarships is also available in the Study Abroad Office.