



# Tentative Study Plan

## Why do I need a study plan this early in the study abroad application process?

You will receive transfer credits for courses taken overseas. To ensure that you receive credits and grades for courses that will satisfy your degree requirements, and so that you do not have to extend your time at UW needlessly, it is a good idea to develop a study plan as early. Additionally, many host institution application forms ask for a tentative list of courses at the time of application. To avoid delays, you should have your study plan pegged down as early as possible.

### Instructions:

- Step 1: Discuss your study abroad plans with your education abroad advisor to learn about program types, scholarships, and academic planning. Once you have decided on a program, you need to find courses that will fit into your degree path.
- Step 2: Research course offerings for your study abroad program by consulting a program catalog or going to the program's website. Obtain course descriptions, and if available, syllabi. Check availability and mark courses that seem like they would be appropriate substitutes for your UW requirements.
- Step 3: List your desired study abroad courses and alternate courses on the attached worksheet. If specific course titles are not available, list the subjects you want to study.
- Step 4: Schedule an appointment with your academic advisor to discuss your study abroad plans and how courses completed abroad will fit into your UW degree program. Make changes to your course selection based on the meeting with the academic advisor.
- Step 5: Meet with the department head to get pre-approval for the courses you've selected. Bring any syllabi or course descriptions. Make sure to keep record of any pre-approvals, as you may need to show your degree analyst these records when you get back from studying abroad.

### Questions to ask your academic advisor:

- Does the department have preferred study abroad programs?
- When is the optimum time for me to study abroad?
- What degree requirements do I have left to complete?
- Which degree requirements can I take abroad?
- Do I have major/minor/core requirements that I should not take overseas?
- What should I do if I get abroad and can't take these classes? May I email you for guidance in making alternate choices?

### Questions to ask the department head:

- I have copies of course descriptions for courses I am considering taking while abroad. Do these courses meet any of the degree requirements my academic advisor and I listed?
- What do I need to do to follow up with you when I return from studying abroad? What should I bring back with me?



**Example:** Sandy Smith, Spanish major, plans to spend the spring term at Universidad de Salamanca (Salamanca, Spain)

Study Abroad University	University of Wyoming Courses
Spanish Culture & Civilization (Cultura española)	Spanish Culture & Civilization (SPAN 3200)
Intensive Intermediate Spanish	Second Year Spanish (SPAN 2040)
Intermediate Spanish Grammar	Second Year Spanish II (SPAN 3050)
Translation	Spanish Translation (SPAN 4095)
Poetry, Theater and Novel in Spanish Literature of the 20 <sup>th</sup> Century (Literatura española)	20-21 <sup>st</sup> Century Spanish American Texts (SPAN 4190)

**Example 2:** Pistol Pete, Economics major, who plans to spend the spring term at University of Birmingham (Birmingham, UK)

Study Abroad University	University of Wyoming Courses
International Trade Policy	International Trade Policy (ECON 4720)
Public Economics	Public Economics (ECON 4520)
Economic Policy & Political Economy	International Economics & Policy (ECON 4720)
Health Economics	Health Economics (ECON Elective)
Labor Economics	Labor Economics (ECON 4800)
Economics of the European Union	Economics of the European Union (ECON Elective)



## WORKSHEET: TENTATIVE STUDY PLAN

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Term: \_\_\_\_\_

Major: \_\_\_\_\_

Program: \_\_\_\_\_

University of Wyoming Courses	Study Abroad Courses

### Alternate Courses:


**NOTE:** This is just a preliminary worksheet to determine that the program you have selected will have the courses that will count toward graduation requirements.