

TOP 5 THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

BEFORE STUDYING ABROAD THROUGH A
NON-UM PROGRAM

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DETERMINING CREDIT TRANSFER

Before You Go



Can I get graduation credit for a non-UM program?

- Yes, if the Office of Undergraduate Admissions (OUA) decides that the class meets transfer credit criteria
- Transfer credit criteria for LSA students:
 - The class was completed at an accredited institution
 - The class counts toward a degree or certificate program at the institution it was taken at
 - Letter grade of C or higher
 - Note that the grade doesn't transfer over to your U-M transcript

How do I find out if a class is transferable or not?

- Check the Office of Undergraduate Admissions (OUA) [Transfer Credit Equivalency Search](#) for international schools and [Transfer Credit Equivalency Search - Study Abroad](#) for third-party providers
- If the class is NOT listed in the database, then submit a [pre-evaluation request](#) BEFORE the class starts
 - Evaluation can take up to 6 weeks, so plan ahead
 - Pre-evaluation [demo](#)
- Note:
 - Engineering has its own [study abroad database](#) and [transfer credit approval form](#) (TCAF)
 - Check LSA department websites. Some departments list classes that have already been approved to count towards major/minor requirements

Transfer Credit Terminology

- Equivalent Credit
 - Close match to a U-M class so assigned a specific course catalog number, e.g. “ECON 101 Principles of Economics I”
- Departmental Credit
 - NOT a close-enough match to a specific U-M class so assigned to a U-M department and level, e.g. “ECON 101X Departmental” for an intro-level class
- Interdepartmental Credit
 - Contains content from more than one LSA department: INTERHUM, INTERID, INTERNS, and INTERSS
- General Transfer Credit
 - Doesn't fit into any of the above categories but can still count towards graduation: TRGENCR

They ALL result in credits that can count towards graduation.

Can I fulfill specific requirements with a non-UM program?

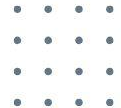
- Meet with a **department advisor for major/minor approval**
 - Policies and procedures vary between departments
 - Gather course info such as course descriptions and syllabi
 - Retain course materials like papers and exams for post-completion evaluation
- Meet with a **general advisor for distribution approval** for “departmental” credit
 - If EQUIVALENT credit, then check [LSA Course Guide](#) for distribution designation
 - Written petitions are required for the [Race & Ethnicity \(RE\)](#) requirement
 - Upper Level Writing Requirement (ULWR) must be fulfilled in-residence



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SCHOLARSHIPS & FINANCIAL AID

and Non-UM Programs



Can I get financial aid for a non-UM program?

- Yes, but ONLY federal aid (Pell grant, federal loans) and private loans. You must have a FAFSA on file for federal aid
- You must have at least 6 credits transfer back to U-M in order to be eligible for any aid
- You will not be able to use any institutional financial aid, as you will not be an enrolled U-M student for that term

A Consortium Agreement is Key

In order for the Office of Financial Aid to process your federal aid, you must have an approved Consortium Agreement on file with us.

- Part I completed by you, the student
- Part II completed by your academic advisor here at Michigan
- Part III completed by your host institution

You must also register your travel on M-Compass.

How do I get an approved Consortium Agreement?

- Email finaid.abroad@umich.edu to set up a meeting with a study abroad financial aid advisor (Zoom or in person)
- Complete and submit the agreement to our office
- Register your travel on M-Compass and purchase the Travel Abroad Health Insurance (GeoBlue).

Important Notes

- Aid disburses 10 days before the start of the U-M term
- There are no advances of financial aid for study abroad
- Set up direct deposit **before** traveling abroad

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ENROLL IN HEALTH & SAFETY RESOURCES



Do I need to register my program travel dates with U-M?

- The [U-M Travel Registry](#) is required for [U-M Related Travel](#) (UMRT) and *recommended* for non-UMRT such as your non-UM Study Abroad program or “side travel”
- Why register my non-UMRT study abroad program?
 - Allows U-M to locate, communicate with, and provide support to our community members abroad during emergency situations
 - Eligible to use U-M’s GeoBlue Travel Abroad Health Insurance and AlertTraveler (more about these on the next slides)

Should I purchase U-M's GeoBlue Travel Abroad Health Insurance?

- [GeoBlue](#) is not required for non-UMRT (such as your non-UM Study Abroad program)
- Your program likely provides you with sufficient insurance to meet entry requirements
- Why consider purchasing GeoBlue?
 - If you plan for any personal “side travel” not covered by your program’s insurance (check terms to verify)
 - GeoBlue provides a pre-departure travel health consultation program
 - 100% coverage of reasonable costs; evacuation insurance

Preparing For Your Health, Safety, And Wellbeing While Abroad

- [UHS Travel Health Services](#) offers immunizations and consultations on managing allergies, prescription meds, etc. while abroad
- Receive timely notifications about nearby travel safety issues by subscribing to [AlertTraveler](#) and/or enrolling in the U.S. Dept. of State's free [Smart Traveler Enrollment Program](#) (STEP)
- Review helpful non-UM resources, including:
 - [Travel.State.Gov Before You Go](#)
 - [CDC Travelers' Health website](#)
- Visit the following pages on our [Global Michigan](#) website...

Global Michigan Travel Prep Resources

- [International Travel FAQs](#) & [Student Travel Preparation](#) (covers logistics and other common travel considerations)
- [Travel Safety & Wellness](#) resources, including:
 - [Travel Health Preparation Guide](#)
 - [Managing Mental Health Abroad](#)
 - [Resilient Traveling: Managing Stress and Enhancing Your Experience Abroad](#)
 - [U-M's Safety Abroad Orientation](#)
- [U-M General and Specific Emergency Protocols](#)



REGISTERING FOR FALL 2025



How do I obtain a registration appointment for Fall 2025?

- Ignore your Wolverine Access Backpacking/Registration appointment for your non-U-M study abroad term.
- Mid-semester (while abroad), email the Registrar's Office to [request a Wolverine Access registration appointment for the following term.](#) Include documentation of your study abroad enrollment so that your credits can be factored into your registration priority.



TRANSFERRING CREDITS

After Your Program



How do I get my courses to show up on my U-M transcript?

- Have an official transcript of your study abroad classes and final grades sent directly to Undergraduate Admissions at transcripts@umich.edu. Student-issued transcripts will NOT be accepted.
- After your transfer credits appear on your U-M transcript, follow up with advisors to have exceptions entered into your advising file.



QUESTIONS?
