

Education Abroad

Office of Education Abroad

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Mission

The mission of the UAB Office of Education Abroad (UABEA) is to administer, establish, and send UAB students on high-quality education abroad opportunities to prepare them for success in the globalized world.

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The Office of Education Abroad is a member of the Forum for Education Abroad (Forum), Institute of International Education, and Association of International Educators (NAFSA). The Office of Education Abroad strives to meet the Forum's [Standards of Good Practice for Education Abroad](#), 6th Edition, and [Code of Ethics](#).

Pursuant to our mission, UABEA engages in the activities described below.

- **Study Abroad:** Take courses for which academic credit is received and transferred to UAB on our supported study abroad programs. This includes academic credit for student exchanges, UAB affiliate programs, and faculty-led programs that feature traditional classes, research, service learning, internships, volunteerism, shadowing, clinical rotation, and observations.
- **International Internships, Research, & Service-Learning:** Take courses for which academic credit is received and transferred to UAB on our supported study abroad programs. These opportunities are designed to enhance your resume with hands-on experiential learning abroad and offer credit-bearing outcomes.
- **Virtual/COIL Experiences:** UAB students may participate in a variety of virtual/remote learning experiences, which vary from COIL courses, group internships, part/full time internships, and remote academic courses. Explore these opportunities to immerse yourself in a virtual remote experience while earning academic credit at UAB.
- **Student Organizations Abroad:** Travel abroad as part of a UAB student organization; including Outreach Abroad, Outdoor Pursuits, artistic performances, athletic activities, or other student organization travel. Our office can help students register travel with the university, obtain the necessary [education abroad insurance](#), and prepare for travel.
- **Student Conference Travel Abroad:** Present at or attend a conference that takes place abroad as a UAB representative. Our office can help students register travel with the university, obtain the necessary education abroad insurance, and prepare for travel.
- **Passport Office:** Apply for a passport conveniently on campus. As an official U.S. Department of State Passport Acceptance Facility, we are happy to accept passport applications for students, employees, and members of the community. Our passport service is open to the public.

Eligibility

To be eligible to apply for our programs, one must:

1. be an enrolled UAB student;
2. be 18 years of age or older (or have parental permission); and
3. be in good academic, disciplinary, and financial standing with UAB.

Some programs have additional eligibility requirements, such as GPA minima, listed on the individual program webpages.

Students may petition to the Associate Director of Education Abroad for a possible exception to the eligibility criteria.

Grade Posting

All grades earned while abroad will be posted to the student's UAB transcript and included in GPA calculations. Letter grades are used rather than pass/fail marks. In all cases, students must participate fully in all course activities and meet all stated course requirements. Auditing of any course abroad is not permitted. The process of grade posting varies depending on the program type.

UAB Exchanges

Students earn direct UAB course credit. Courses taken on student exchanges will begin with IN ("International" indicating that the course took place at an international UAB exchange location) and a two-letter subject code such as ME (Mechanical Engineering), GN (German), SP (Spanish), etc. to indicate the subject that was studied. Additionally, each of the courses are numbered. All courses are variable in the number of credit hours students can receive based upon their enrollment at the host university. INxx courses are repeatable. INxx courses include:

Subject	Description
INAB	Study Abroad Arabic
INAH	Study Abroad Art History
INAN	Study Abroad Anthropology
INAR	Study Abroad Art Studio
INAT	Study Abroad Astronomy
INBE	Study Abroad Biomedical Engineering
INBU	Study Abroad Business
INBY	Study Abroad Biology
INCH	Study Abroad Chinese
INCM	Study Abroad Communication Studies
INCS	Study Abroad Computer & Information Science
INCY	Study Abroad Chemistry
INDC	Study Abroad Digital Community
INEC	Study Abroad Economics
INED	Study Abroad Education
INEE	Study Abroad Electrical Engineering
INEH	Study Abroad English
INES	Study Abroad Earth Science
INEV	Study Abroad Environmental Science
INFN	Study Abroad Finance
INFR	Study Abroad French
INGN	Study Abroad German
INHY	Study Abroad History
INIS	Study Abroad International Studies

INIT	Study Abroad Italian
INJP	Study Abroad Japanese
INJS	Study Abroad Justice Sciences
INMA	Study Abroad Mathematics
INME	Study Abroad Mechanical Engineering
INMG	Study Abroad Management
INMK	Study Abroad Marketing
INMU	Study Abroad Music
INPC	Study Abroad Physics
INPE	Study Abroad Physical Education
INPH	Study Abroad Philosophy
INPS	Study Abroad Political Science
INPY	Study Abroad Psychology
INSC	Study Abroad Sociology
INSP	Study Abroad Spanish
INTH	Study Abroad Theatre
INTL	Study Abroad Special Topics

For all other programs, visit [UAB Education Abroad's website](#) for details.

Residency

Courses taken on UAB Exchanges, USAC programs, ISA programs, CISAbroad programs, U.S. - UK Fulbright Commission Summer Institutes, U.S. Department of State Critical Language Scholarship Program, Clinton Scholarship at the American University in Dubai, UAB Faculty-Led Programs, and UAB Internship/Practicum Courses Abroad will satisfy the UAB residency requirement. Students must contact UABEA to ensure their Graduation Planning System records are noted accordingly.

Changes of Grades

Requests for grade changes to UABEA must be accompanied by official documentation sent directly from the host university.