Academic Year 2017-2018

CLASS Approval Process for Faculty-Led, Study-Abroad Programs, Summer 2018

For study-abroad coursework and programs led by CLASS faculty seeking approval to be offered during the Summer 2018 academic term.

Proposal due date: Friday, October 6, 2017

BACKGROUND
Summer 2015 academic term saw a study-abroad program piloted and led by a CLASS faculty member with experience in leading study-abroad programs. Since then, CLASS has mounted successful study abroad programs in summer 2016 (UK and Brazil) and the summer 2017 CLASS study abroad program to Cuba is preparing to depart. Therefore, in collaboration with University Extension, the College has decided to extend this program for a fourth year in the Summer 2018 term.

The following document outlines the process Department Chairs, either on behalf of their faculty or themselves, must undertake in order to have a study-abroad program and its associated coursework considered for approval by the College and University Extension to be offered during the Summer 2018 term.

There are two components to the approval process for this pilot: curricular approval via CLASS and program approval via University Extension.

Course Approval Through CLASS
Because Summer 2018 will be the university’s last academic term to use quarters, no new courses based on quarters will be approved by the university’s curriculum committee. Therefore, any study abroad proposals must use courses that already exist in the catalog. Department chairs must submit the following on behalf of faculty in their departments:

- A short proposal (1-2 pp) that explains why the chosen country and courses are an appropriate match for the study abroad program. This proposal must also address the course’s potential and means for attracting significant enrollments (e.g. does it satisfy GE requirements or is it required by majors). The proposal must also address the faculty member’s history of experience with the host country and what resources in the host country that the faculty member has for ensuring success (e.g. connections with host universities, or housing providers).

- A syllabus must be submitted that specifies the dates and apportionment of class time per day devoted to direct instruction. This requirement is in place in order to clearly verify the total class time required by the course classification system and total student work required by the official definition of a credit-hour as defined in the catalog.
Please note that the use of special registration petition coursework in study abroad coursework will not be authorized. Also note that proposals must clearly identify all faculty and staff who will take part in the study abroad experience. Once a proposal has been approved, no substitutions or changes to this list of faculty and staff will be permitted.

For questions specifically about the curricular approval process, contact Associate Dean Dennis Chester (dennis.chester@csueastbay.edu).

**Program Approval by University Extension**
Program approval refers to approval of the non-curricular programmatic and logistical components of the study abroad program. This includes, but is not limited to: travel, housing, insurance, risk, and other items that require vetting in order to ensure compliance with University policies and procedures associated with the activities put forth in the program. Once Department Chairs have submitted coursework for curricular approval, they may start the process for program approval via University Extension.

For specifics regarding the University Extension process for obtaining study-abroad program approval, please contact Kelly Moran, Director of the Center for International Education (Kelly.moran@csueastbay.edu).

**Selection of Programs to be Offered in Summer 2018**
Curricular approval and program approval must be achieved before the program is considered for scheduling during summer 2018. As interest is great, this is expected to be a competitive process, and will be coordinated by the College Dean and the Associate Vice President of University Extension. Please note that this program will be limited to a maximum of two study-abroad programs scheduled for the Summer 2018 term. In an effort to afford a variety of opportunities for faculty and students, it is hoped that this opportunity will rotate through a variety of programs, geographic locations, and faculty leaders.

Requests for offering a program in 2018 must be submitted by the Department Chair to the Office of the Dean no later than October 6, 2017. No program may be advertised to students until approved to be offered in summer 2018 by the Dean and by University Extension.

**Questions**
For general questions regarding this document, please contact Dean Kathleen Rountree (kathleen.rountree@csueastbay.edu).

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