

HANDOUT – PLU Study Away guide

PLU's commitment to global education is based upon the four central values of justice, health, sustainability, and peace, understood in the broadest and most inclusive sense. Rooted in the campus curriculum, PLU has approved international programs around the globe. The study away experience involves many components including ensuring that courses taken in these approved programs will transfer and assist in completion of the student's PLU degree.

This course equivalency guide is a tool for advisors to use with students in considering which study away programs and courses will best serve particular academic goals and needs. This course list currently covers featured programs in which PLU faculty and the Wang Center for International Programs are actively engaged in academic and administrative aspects. These featured programs include:

- Chengdu, China – PLU directed program
- Hedmark, Norway – PLU directed program
- Oaxaca, Mexico – PLU directed program
- Trinidad and Tobago – PLU directed program
- Granada, Spain – ILACA consortium
- London, England – ILACA consortium
- Namibia – PLU gateway, w/semester program run by Center for Global Education at Augsburg College

Students are responsible for working with their advisors and others on campus to complete the assignment of credit process before leaving campus for their study away experience. Doing so best ensures making the most of the study away experience. For fall study away, forms are due to the Wang Center for International Programs by May 15th of the previous spring term. For spring study away, forms are due to the Wang Center by December 15th of the previous fall term.

Resources and their roles in this assignment of credit course planning process include:

Academic advisors	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Advise students in evaluating degree requirements and how study away classes fit them.• Recommend possible transfer credit for standard courses listed in this study away equivalency guide.
Wang Center for International Programs	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Advise students regarding study away options that will best match their academic and personal goals.• Serving as the Registrar's designee, approve transfer credit for standard courses listed in this document for featured study away programs including China, Norway, Oaxaca, Trinidad & Tobago, ILACA London, ILACA Granada, and CGE Namibia.
Department chairs	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Approve transfer credit for study away courses NOT listed in this document and determine which courses satisfy major, minor, or GUR requirements.

When students don't complete the Assignment of Credit form before departure for their study away programs, credits are awarded as elective credits for courses or programs not listed in this guide. International transcripts for study away are sent to the Wang Center for International Programs and reviewed prior to submission to the Registrar's Office, which is responsible for evaluating all transfer records regarding the completion of university requirements.

General Guidelines for transfer equivalency for study abroad courses

- Courses must be posted on an official college or university transcript to be transferable. Official transcripts should be sent to the Wang Center.
- Students must complete and obtain appropriate signatures on the Assignment of Credit form and submit it to the Wang Center before departing campus for their study away programs.
- College-level courses completed with a grade equivalent to C- or higher normally will be accepted for graduation credit. Credits awarded from PLU-approved off campus programs are recorded with letter grades but *are not* calculated into the PLU cumulative grade point average except when calculating honors at graduation. Credits from other programs including non-U.S. institution or college work transfer as pass/fail credit.
- Courses from all institutions are subject to course-by-course evaluation if deemed necessary by the Registrar's Office.
- Transfer classes must be a minimum of 4 quarter hours or 3 semester hours to fulfill a PLU requirement.
- All courses transfer as 250/350 in the PLU equivalent academic department in which the credits were earned.
- A course listed as GENR 250/350 indicates transferable credit with no specific PLU equivalent.

CHENGDU, CHINA courses	PLU Equivalent	PLU General University Requirement (GUR) credit
CORE COURSE Chinese Culture and Society, 4 credits	CHSP 350 INTC 200, Language & Society ANTH 345 ANTH 300 level HIST 300 level POLS 300 level BUSA elective	C, S1 (if Core I) I2 (if Core II)
CORE COURSE Western China: The Rural and Minority Experience, 2 credits	CHSP INTC 200, Language & Society	I2 (if Core II)
Calligraphy, 1 credit	ARTD 350	AR
Chinese Arts: Traditional and Modern	ARTD 390	AR
Chinese Politics, 4 credits	POLS elective	S1
Global Management, 4 credits	GLST elective CHSP elective BUSA 352	None
China's Business Environment	BUSA 350 GLST elective CHSP elective	None
International Settlement	BUSA 288	None
Introductory World Economy	BUSA 288	None
Music Instrument Lesson, variable credits	MUSI	AR
International Commercial Law	BUSA 288	None
Financial Engineering	BUSA 288	None
International Finance	BUSA 388	None
International Competitive Bidding	BUSA 388	None
Sunzi's Art of War and Management Strategy	BUSA 388	None
South Asia Economy	BUSA 485	None
International Marketing	BUSA 460	None
International Human Resource Management	BUSA 488	None
International Internship	BUSA 495 COOP 495	None
Chinese Mandarin	CHIN 101, 102, 201, 202 CHSP elective GLST elective	C
Liberalization, Regulation, Competition Policy	ECON elective	S2
Introduction to the Chinese Economy	ECON 338 BUSA 350	S2
Tai Chi, 1 credit	PHED 250	PE
20 th Century History of China, 4 credits	CHSP HIST339	S1