



# Finding Courses Abroad

Penn State offers dozens of programs abroad for engineering students in every major, all of which are designed to help you achieve your goals and keep you on track for graduation. Work with an academic adviser and/or a faculty adviser to determine how the credits may be applied to your major requirements.

## WHEN LOOKING FOR A PROGRAM:

- Take note of the courses offered and the number of credits earned.
- All courses you take abroad count toward your GPA.
- In most cases, you don't register for courses until you reach your foreign institution.

Once you have identified the right program for you, review the historical course list.

Historical course lists are linked on each program brochure page with the title "Program Historical Course List". This is a list of Penn State-equivalent courses Penn State students have taken while at this university abroad.

If you also take a course from the historical course List while abroad, once your foreign transcript is received here at Penn State, the equivalent course code that appears on the historical course list will be added to your transcript and will be visible in LionPath.

If you don't see a course you want/need to take on the historical course list, this doesn't mean the course isn't available. To establish equivalency, you will need to submit the course syllabus for review.

[global.engr.psu.edu](http://global.engr.psu.edu)

- To have the course(s) given a PSU course code, first find the syllabus on the provider website (download it, ask the foreign institution for it, or wait until you take the course).
- Submit it via the course equivalency process found on the [Global Programs website](#).
- Once the department approves the request, it will show up on the historical course list.
- **Important:** Before the Education Abroad Office can post grades from your time abroad, there must be a Penn State course code established for each course you took.

**Engineering students only:** If you want a course to count for a degree requirement outside of engineering (ex. an approved GH to count as a GA), or you want a course that was approved as a \*99 or \*97 to count toward an elective, you will need to complete an ePetition and [submit the syllabus](#) along with your petition.

**\*IMPORTANT** to note for semester study abroad: Check the program website to ensure that the course(s) you intend to take will be offered in the semester you plan to study abroad. Since you may not register for courses until you arrive at the foreign institution, you should find several additional optional courses you can take (a plan B) in the event your first choices are not available.



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