

Study Abroad/Away 101 for Academic Advisors

Why Study Abroad or Away?

- Improves academic performance
- Students broaden their perspective and expand their TU experience
- Study abroad participants graduate faster, find jobs quickly, and earn more!
- Increases professional and financial potential
- Prepares students for global workforce
- Gain cross-cultural communication skills and competencies



What's My Role as Advisor?

- Discuss study abroad and away opportunities and the value of these experiences with your advisees early and often!
- Review Academic Requirements Report and discuss how study abroad could fit into their TU degree
- Review and sign DocuSign Study Abroad Course Forms as the student's Academic Advisor (courses will be reviewed and equated by department chairs)

Who Can Study Abroad/Away?

- TU faculty-led programs open to all students
- Semester/year programs open to students with 30 credits and at least one semester at TU
- Must be in good academic and disciplinary standing
- Can study abroad/away in final year or semester and can participate more than once
- Opportunities for graduate students



Financial Aid and Scholarships

- Most loans and grants can be used for study abroad
- Students can request additional aid to help cover study abroad costs
- Study Abroad scholarships are available
- All TU students with a 2.5 GPA can apply for the TU Study Abroad Scholarship

Courses, Grades, Registration

- Students can take courses for their major, minor, Core, or electives
- All courses are posted to the TU record
- Letter grades are posted to the TU record but not calculated into the GPA
(Exception: Grades are calculated into TU GPA for TU faculty-led programs, the TU Global Internship Program, independent study abroad and independent internships abroad)
- Students are registered by the Study Abroad Office

Study Abroad/Away Steps

- View the Study Abroad 101 video at www.towson.edu/abroad
- Attend a Study Abroad group advising meeting (Monday – Friday at 2 pm in PY 408)
- Meet with a Study Abroad Advisor to compare program options and discuss goals*
- Explore approved program opportunities online at www.towson.edu/horizons

*(not required for students participating in TU faculty-led programs)