

Fulfilling UCOR requirements with Education Abroad courses

Seattle University's Core Curriculum was constructed with study abroad in mind. Module III of the Core is called "Engaging the World." Building on the various disciplinary approaches in Modules I and II, Module III courses are meant to help you effectively understand, engage, and respond to important challenges in our global world. But because SU's Core courses are very unique and developed by instructors with specific areas of expertise and interest, it is unlikely that you will find directly equivalent courses at other institutions. That's okay! We don't expect you to. Instead, we will accept study abroad transfer credit for UCOR 3100, 3400, 3600, and 3800 courses as long as they fulfill the following general guidelines:

- » UCOR 3100 Religion in a Global Context: Look for courses that apply theological/spiritual perspectives to better understand global or social issues. Additionally, look for courses that address diverse religious perspectives, non-Christian or non-Catholic religions, or that emphasize dialogue with persons from various religious perspectives.
- » UCOR 3400 Humanities and Global Challenges: Areas of study in the humanities include: English literature [except composition courses], history, philosophy, theology, non-performance based fine art courses [art history, music appreciation or history, drama history, etc.], and communication/speech/journalism [except journalism writing courses]. Modern language and ASL classes do not fulfill this requirement. To fulfill UCOR 3400, look specifically for courses that use the humanities to think through important global or social issues.
- » UCOR 3600 Social Sciences and Global Challenges: Areas of study in the social sciences include: anthropology, criminal justice, economics, geography, government/political science, psychology, and sociology. To fulfill UCOR 3600, look specifically for courses that use the social sciences to think through important global or social issues.
- » UCOR 3800 Natural Sciences and Global Challenges: Areas of study in the natural sciences include: biology, chemistry, physics, astronomy, geology, environmental sciences, and engineering. Some computer science courses may work here, but only courses that address some kind of global, social, or ethical issue (not coding or web design courses). To fulfill UCOR 3800, look specifically for courses that use the natural sciences to think through important global or social issues. These courses may include a lab or field work, but neither is required.

Important Notes: The UCOR 3X00 courses you are required to take are determined by your major. Look at your Program Evaluation or the Academic Catalog to confirm which courses are required for your major.

It is possible for a student to receive study abroad credit for some Module I courses, *excluding* UCOR 1400 and UCOR 1600. Courses will only be considered for Module II if you are attending another Jesuit institution.

Getting Education Abroad courses officially preapproved for Core credit: Once you have investigated the course offerings at your institution abroad, your next step would be to fill out an Education Abroad Course Approval Form. (Ask the Education Abroad Office where you can find this form. They'll be happy to help!)

After obtaining signature for the approval from the various major/minor departments and academic advisor signature, submit the form with your proposed UCOR courses and general electives to the Education Abroad Office located in James C. Pigott Pavilion, 124 by the Education Abroad Office Deadlines.

EAO will work with Core to review everything that you include and determine which course or courses will count for which Core requirement(s). We will not approve or pre-review courses via email. Instead, feel free to include as many courses on your form for review that you think might fulfill the course guidelines outlined above, and for additional course approvals, please email your education abroad advisor.

HAPPY TRAVELS & BEST WISHES FOR SUCCESSFUL STUDIES ABROAD!