1. Schedule an appointment to meet with your Graduate Advisor to discuss all aspects of how you might best incorporate study abroad into your academic program. These are some suggested questions you can ask your advisor:

- My study abroad program can earn transfer credit. How does that affect my academic planning?
- Are there any particular requirements you recommend I should/should not try to complete abroad?
- Will you recommend to the Graduate College that the transfer credit be used toward my degree requirements?

Do this early, since Graduate Advisors’ schedules sometimes fill several weeks in advance. For your appointment, bring course descriptions and/or syllabi in English.

2. Pay the Study Abroad Transfer Credit Fee of $25 (this fee is non-refundable and is subject to change). This payment can be made using either of the following two options:

   A) Online payments go to: http://uweb.txstate.edu/gao/study_abroad/
   B) Cash and check payments are accepted at Student Business Services located on the first floor of JC Kellam Administration Building. Be sure to bring your Texas State ID number with you, and indicate to the cashier that you are paying for a Study Abroad Fee.

3. Complete the Transfer Credit Agreement form and submit it for approval to your Graduate Advisor and Graduate Dean. Be sure to attach course descriptions or syllabi in English, which you can find in catalogs, web sites, etc. Obtain as much information as possible about each of the courses you plan to take. It is your responsibility to obtain course descriptions.

4. The Study Abroad Office will review your Transfer Credit Agreement Form after it has been approved by your Graduate Advisor and the Graduate Dean. Students can make changes to their scheduled courses upon arrival at the host institution after the necessary approvals have been obtained.

5. At the end of your study abroad program, request that your host institution send an official transcript to:

   Texas State University  
   Graduate College  
   601 University Dr.  
   San Marcos, TX 78666  
   USA

6. Courses and grades will not appear on Texas State transcripts until official transcripts from the study abroad program are received.

7. Be aware that some institutions are not prompt in providing official transcripts. It is your responsibility to make sure that the transcript is sent. Texas State cannot request transcripts on your behalf. It is recommended that students bring back with them at least two official transcripts, one for Texas State records, and one for the student’s personal files.
Students are welcome to participate in study abroad programs that are not offered by Texas State. This includes affiliated programs (for current list of affiliated programs contact the Study Abroad Office) and non-affiliated programs. It is important however, that students understand the following:

- The Texas State Study Abroad Office is unable to provide advising for non-Texas State programs and students must work independently with the program provider. Texas State cannot take responsibility for the academic quality of non-affiliated programs, nor does the university carry any liability for Texas State students who choose to participate in them.

- All coursework on non-Texas State programs is considered “transfer credit”. Students must obtain approval from their Graduate Advisor and the Graduate Dean to use coursework for degree credit prior to going abroad. After completing the program, students should submit an official transcript to the Graduate College.

- Students are encouraged to keep all documents (syllabi, course descriptions, tests, papers, etc.) from the program in case transfer credit evaluators have questions regarding the coursework taken abroad.

- Students should research the academic quality of their selected study abroad program, as well as their health and safety practices. Students are strongly advised to speak to former participants in order to verify the quality of the program and have realistic expectations. Contact the program provider and request contact information of previous participants.

- While participating in a non-affiliated program, students are NOT considered Texas State students, thus students may not have access to some of the services provided by Texas State to matriculated students only.

- Students who are not enrolled at Texas State University are not eligible to receive financial aid through the university. Therefore, students participating in non-affiliated programs should apply for financial aid through the institution offering the program. Students are strongly encouraged to discuss their study abroad plans and financial situation with the Texas State Financial Aid and Scholarships Office before they commit to any study abroad program.

- A minimum of 15 classroom hours must be completed and reported to receive one semester hour of credit (15 class hrs = 1 semester hr). Class hours are restricted to actual classroom instruction. Other activities such as field trips, family/community interactions, etc. do not apply.

- A minimum stay of two weeks is required for each three-semester hours of credit.

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- Texas State cannot guarantee credit upon return to Texas State for any courses taken that are not pre-approved by the Graduate Advisor or Graduate Dean. If a student decides to take a course that is not pre-approved, the student will risk not receiving credit for that course, which might cause complications such as delaying course registration for the next semester, affecting financial aid eligibility, and/or delaying graduation.

- Students who apply to study abroad in a country for which the U.S. Department of State has issued a travel warning will not receive approval from the Study Abroad Office.

- Students who have selected programs that are deemed to follow insufficient academic quality and/or health and safety will not receive approval from the Study Abroad Office. You are advised to contact the Study Abroad Office for an updated list of programs under this status.
GRADUATE STUDY ABROAD TRANSFER CREDIT AGREEMENT

Name: ___________________________________________ Student ID#: _______________________

Classification: ___________________________ Major: _________________________________

Mailing Address: __________________________________________

Phone: ___________________________ Email: _________________________________

Program Provider: __________________________________________

Contact Information: _________________________________________

Institution you will attend: _______________________________________

Street Address: _____________________________________________

City: ___________________________ State: ___________________________ Zip: _____________

Program Dates: From ______/_____/______ To ______/_____/______

Institution issuing the transcript: _______________________________________

You MUST attach course description and/or syllabi. This form WILL NOT be processed if the required
information is not attached.

Course numbers should be listed just as they appear in the catalog or official publication. If more courses are being
requested, please attach an additional form.

NOTE: Course work reported differently on the final transcript might not be awarded the same evaluation.

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I have read the “Study Abroad Transfer Credit Policies” and understand my responsibilities as stated.

_________________________________________  ______________________/

Student’s Signature  Date

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Receipt number: ___________________________ Study Abroad recommendations: Yes  No

Signature: ___________________________________________ Date: ______/_____/______

Evaluated by: ___________________________________________ Date: ______/_____/______

Attended institution FICE Code: __________________________

Institution issuing the transcript FICE Code: __________________________