Guidelines and Options for Study Abroad/International Experience or Cross-cultural Competency in Partial Fulfillment of Requirements to Minor in Honors Studies

Note: The Honors College must approve your study abroad/international experience or cross-cultural competency. Choose one of the following options to fulfill this requirement:

Study Abroad:

• If you complete a Texas State faculty-led study abroad program, let your academic advisor know, and contact honors@txstate.edu so we can update your records to reflect completion of this requirement.
• If you complete a study abroad program unrelated to Texas State, submit a 2-3 page essay.

International Experience:

• If you have had international experience(s) beyond that of tourism, make an appointment through honors@txstate.edu to discuss the experience and learn about how it can count for this requirement.
• A 2-3 page essay is required.

Cross-Cultural Competency:

• In lieu of traveling outside of the borders of the U.S.A., you may arrange to encounter another culture nearby. Contact honors@txstate.edu to make an appointment to arrange to fulfill this requirement. Some guidelines:
  o The cross-cultural component should reflect both quality of experience and quantity in time spent with another culture.
  o Students have fulfilled this requirement by volunteering and starting programs in areas such as the Hays County Food Bank, El Centro Cultural Hispano de San Marcos, the Calaboose African American Museum, nursing centers (working with Alzheimer’s patients), etc.
• A 2-3 page essay is required.

The 2-3 page essay should summarize your experience and indicate how you are different having encountered another culture. Submit to dm14@txstate.edu. After the essay is approved (or faculty-led study abroad course is on your transcript), the Honors College will contact your academic advisor to confirm that you have fulfilled this requirement.