

**Petition for WCAS Foundational Discipline/Perspective Credit  
for Courses Taken Abroad****Submit the completed form to: WCAS-forms@northwestern.edu**

This form is only for WCAS students who matriculated after Spring 2023. All requests will be evaluated by the Office of Undergraduate Studies and Advising. You do not need to meet with anyone to complete this form.

Student: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_ ID#: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last Name, First Name Middle Initial

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ @u.northwestern.edu Month/Yr Intended Grad: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

SA Program Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Program Term: \_\_\_\_\_  
Country: \_\_\_\_\_ (e.g., Fall 2025)

Was your study abroad program a Northwestern-run course? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

*If yes, you cannot use this form. See note on page 2.*

Has this course been previously evaluated for FD/perspectives credit? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

Is this particular course also being submitted for major/minor approval? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

Do your abroad credits appear on your Northwestern unofficial transcript? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

*You cannot submit this form until your abroad credits have posted.*

- You may apply for only ONE foundational discipline credit per semester/term completed abroad. If abroad for two terms, the foundational discipline credit requested must be in different areas.
- You may apply for either a US or a Global Perspectives overlay. The same course can potentially be approved for both a Perspectives and an FD, but you can petition for only one course total per term abroad to count toward College requirements.
- A single course can do double or triple duty with an approved major/minor course, e.g., counting toward a major/minor, an FD, and a perspectives all at once, if approved.
- Advanced Expression courses must be done at Northwestern.
- Before petitioning, read about the foundational discipline and perspectives areas [here](#). If unsure which area to petition for, discuss with your College Adviser.

**Areas:** FD-Natural Sciences; FD-Empirical and Deductive Reasoning; FD-Social and Behavioral Sciences; FD-Historical Studies; FD-Ethical and Evaluative Thinking; FD-Literature and Arts

**Perspective:** US or Global

**Consider:**

- Did the abroad course have the same or similar content to an FD course in that area at NU? Did the abroad course consider the same kinds of issues as an FD course in that area at NU? Did the abroad course use a methodology typical of that area?
- **OR** Did the abroad course consider the same kinds of issues and use a similar methodology as NU courses in that area, even though the content was different from any NU course approved as an FD in that area?
- Did the abroad course meet the same learning objectives as described for the foundational discipline area [here](#)?

- Attach the following to your email:
  - a copy of the study abroad transcript;
  - a copy of the weekly schedule of topics;
  - a copy of the course description;
  - a copy of the abroad syllabus;
  - a copy of the reading list.
    - If items are not available, you must re-create them from your course materials.
    - If any items are not in English, you must attach a short summary in English of the syllabus and course description, and a translation of the primary titles on reading list.

Failure to provide these materials or to complete any part of this process will delay your petition and may prevent it being accurately considered.

NOTE: If your program was run by Northwestern and your credits already appear on your NU transcript with course names and numbers followed by the designation "SA," you cannot petition for foundational discipline or perspectives credit. See policies regarding abroad credits on the WCAS website.

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COMMENTS (OPTIONAL):