

Selection Criteria for Off-Campus Study Policy

Policy/Procedure

Successful applicants must demonstrate the following qualifications for off-campus study:

ACADEMIC BACKGROUND

- Students must successfully complete all prerequisite courses before participating in a program.
- Preference is given to students who have completed background courses for the program in which they intend to study.
- Strong language preparation is especially important for language programs.

ACADEMIC APPROPRIATENESS OF PROGRAM AND LOCATION

Applicants must justify their program choices in terms of appropriateness for their academic, linguistic, and cultural learning goals. This may be within the context of a liberal arts education, or specific academic goals, normally focused on a student's major field. The location of a program is less important than how the program uses a location to foster learning.

HOME COUNTRY OFF-CAMPUS STUDY

International students are encouraged to take full advantage of study abroad opportunities by pursuing studies outside the United States and their home countries. With the exception of approved domestic programs in the US, the CGSE not approve semester or academic year study abroad at locations where students attended intermediate and/or secondary education.

International students may take courses in their home countries during winter term or summer for transfer credit. For information about transfer credit policies, students should refer to [Dickinson's transfer credit policies](#).

GPA REQUIREMENT

Generally, a 2.8 GPA is the expectation for acceptance into an off-campus program. Some programs have higher GPA requirements. While a student's GPA is an important factor in the selection process, meeting a program's GPA requirement does not guarantee acceptance. No student with a cumulative GPA below 2.5 at the time of application will be permitted to study off-campus.

INITIATIVE, MATURITY, RESPONSIBILITY AND ADAPTABILITY

The successful completion of an off-campus program requires initiative, maturity, responsibility and adaptability. Studying off campus requires tolerance and a willingness to adjust to living and learning conditions different from those in Carlisle. While studying off campus, students are responsible for representing Dickinson College well in all their behaviors. As part of the selection process, Student Life records are considered.

PROGRESS TOWARD GRADUATION

The proposed off-campus stay may not impede students' normal progress toward graduation. Students must indicate in their applications how they plan to complete major and graduation requirements. Students should discuss their off-campus plans with their academic advisers.

DECLARATION OF MAJOR

Students will not be allowed to study off campus on a semester or academic year program until they officially declare a major.

INELIGIBLE STUDENTS

Students who are on academic or disciplinary stayed suspension or suspension are not eligible to apply for or to participate in off-campus study.

Related Information

https://www.dickinson.edu/info/20056/center_for_global_study_and_engagement/2672/policies

https://www.dickinson.edu/info/20088/registrars_office/219/policy_faqs/4

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