

Study Abroad Committee: Report to the Faculty of Arts and Sciences, February 2007

The Study Abroad Committee was newly constituted in Fall, 2006 with the following charge: to oversee academic matters affecting undergraduate study abroad experiences (e.g., curricula, course content of study abroad programs, enrollments, transfer credit, and academic issues relating to resident directors), which were formerly under the jurisdiction of the now-expired ISCAPC.

Members are:

- A. Basu (Fall semester only), Arts and Sciences faculty
- B. Campbell, Arts and Sciences faculty
- B. Fisher (ex-officio) Director of Global Studies
- B. Geary (co-chair), School of Business
- G. Ghosh, Director of Global Education
- T. Heacox, Arts and Sciences faculty and previous director of the Cambridge Program
- L. Koloski, Director of the Reves Center
- T. Longo (co-chair), Arts and Sciences faculty and previous director of the Morelia Program
- S. Peterson, Dean for Educational Policy
- K. Turck, student

(1) William and Mary Summer Study Abroad Programs:

The following William and Mary faculty directors and teaching faculty were approved for the College's summer study abroad programs in 2007: Beijing: Jian; Cambridge: Corney, Rublein and Schwartz; Florence: De Groft; Goa: J. Charles; Montpellier: Compan; Prague: Feyock and Haulman; St. Andrews: Costelloe; St. Petersburg: Ginzursky-Blum. Decisions on the directors' positions for programs in Barbados, Cadiz, Morelia and Siracusa are pending and will be decided at the next meeting of the committee.

The Committee approved a new summer program in Galway, Ireland. Kate Slevin and Tom Heacox will serve as co-directors and teaching faculty in Summer, 2007.

(2) Transfer Credit: The committee discussed the problem facing some students who cannot attend semester programs like La Plata because they receive transfer, rather than W&M credit for their courses. These W&M programs are created and assisted by W&M faculty, but W&M faculty members do not lead the programs. This is a particular problem for transfer students who, because they are at or near the upper limit for total transfer credits that can be applied to their degrees, find they can attend W&M summer programs but not a semester program.

The committee recommended to EPC that the policy governing the transfer of credits be changed to the following (proposed changes are in bold):

All students who plan to study abroad must register with the Reves Center for International Studies. Pre-approval of transfer credits by an appropriate department chair, program director, or designee is required for all study abroad programs *except the William and Mary faculty-led or faculty-assisted programs*. Approved study abroad transfer credits count towards the graduation requirement of 120 academic hours. [...] Grades are not posted on the William & Mary transcript nor calculated into a student's GPA *unless the courses were taken on a William & Mary faculty-led or faculty-assisted program*.

Respectfully submitted,
Teresa Longo and Bill Geary