

Western Oregon University Study Abroad and International Exchanges

Eligibility criteria for WOU students who wish to study abroad:

- Be a student in good standing at WOU.
- Have sophomore status.
- Possess a minimum 2.50 GPA or the GPA required by a specific program if greater than 2.5.
- Meet the language requirement for the program, if any.
- Meet any other program specific requirements.
- Complete all required WOU and study abroad program paperwork.
- Complete an interview with a study abroad advisor.
- Attend pre-departure orientation and any other pre-departure meetings required for a specific program.
- Have a passport valid six months beyond the end date of the program.

Foreign language level determination by WOU modern language department:

- WOU students who successfully complete foreign language courses abroad through an approved WOU program earn the next level of credit for which they are eligible at WOU. For example, a student who has already completed first year Spanish and who successfully completes eight credits of Spanish language abroad will earn Span 201 and 202 at WOU.
- WOU students may take foreign languages abroad that WOU does not offer, and those courses will be assigned a prefix of ML (Modern Language) 199, 299, 399, or 499, depending on the level of the course. For example, a student studying in Ghana may earn ML 199 for taking Twi language courses.

Credits earned for open-ended courses:

The maximum number of open-ended courses (i.e. 406, 407, 408, 409, 199, 299, 399, etc.) that WOU students may earn is waived for students who study abroad.

Note: The eligibility criteria for study abroad, the modern language determination, and the policy regarding open-ended courses were approved by the International Education and Services Committee, the Modern Language Department, the Registrar's Office, and the Provost in 1997.