

Course: IDS 297
Credit Hours: 3

Course Title: International Culture & Study Abroad
Department: Student Success

General Education Area:
PUBLIC AFFAIRS - Cultural Competence (*GEC 115*)

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Typically Offered During:

Fall Full Semester:	YES	Fall 1 st Block:	NO	Fall 2 nd Block:	NO
Spring Full Semester:	YES	Spring 1 st Block:	NO	Spring 2 nd Block:	NO
Summer:	YES				

Typical Instructional Modality:

Traditional (seated):	YES	Blended:	NO	Internet:	NO
Online Video:	NO	Web Conference:	NO		

May Also Count Toward Department Offering:

Major:	NO	Minor:	NO	Certificate:	NO
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Please see online published semester class schedule and undergraduate catalog for detailed course offering information.

How do you describe the course to students when they ask “What is this class about?” (without using the catalog description)?

Study away cover a broad range of activities. You may travel with a faculty member and other students to learn about various topics as seen through the lens of another country. You may also complete a study away on your own and request credit for that activity. In both cases, you experience other cultures and learn about your culture at the same time. As such, we allow students to use a study away experience to count up to three hours in the Cultural Competence requirement in General Education.

Beyond meeting a General Education requirement, what benefits can students realize from choosing this course?

It's obvious--visiting another country and being immersed in another culture is its own benefit. It's that immersive experience that allows you to learn in action and get college credit towards your degree requirements. You will expand your view of the world as a result of this experience.

Other than your major/minor/certificate students, what groups of students could find this course relevant to their degree program or career path?

Because one of our pillars is Cultural Competence, completing a study away program gives you the chance to experience that pillar in action. It's an immersive learning experience that benefits any student who wants to challenge themselves and learn deeply about another culture. You may also have the opportunity to understand your major or minor coursework from another worldview.

Catalog Description (Fall 2022 Undergraduate Catalog)

An interdisciplinary study of other cultures while living and studying in an international venue. Through history, language, literature, sociology and other disciplines the student will acquire a deeper understanding of another culture and of the American culture.