

Study Abroad Guide for Students in the EBF General Option August 2019

Introduction:

This guide is written to help EBF General Option students who entered Penn State in Fall 2015 or later (those who have a minor or study abroad as part of their degree requirements) who would like to meet General Option requirements by taking a qualifying study abroad experience. It describes the requirements for a study abroad to count towards the EBF General Option, provides a list of programs approved by the EBF program to meet this major requirement along with courses to be scheduled for each program, and provides a checklist that students can use to have the program chair review study abroad plans.

Study Abroad as an EBF Student:

EBF students who entered Penn State in Fall 2015 or later may use a qualifying study abroad program to meet requirements for the General Option instead of taking an approved minor or concurrent major.

For any student applying for study abroad after July 15, 2018, a study abroad program must meet the following criteria to qualify as fulfilling EBF General Option requirements:

- Students must take at least 15 credits during their study abroad.
- A list of approved study abroad programs is listed in this document.
- Each approved study abroad program has a course plan for EBF students. Some study abroad courses can be used as substitutes for EBF major courses, while others cannot.
- Students must discuss their study abroad plans with and get approval from the EBF program chair before applying for a study abroad program. While abroad, students must stick with the approved plan and in cases where agreed-on courses are not available and changes are necessary, must contact the EBF program chair in advance to get approval for plan changes.
- Penn State has started to offer “study away” programs at the Penn State Centers in Pittsburgh and Philadelphia. These programs may be used instead of “study abroad” to meet EBF major requirements. Note, however, that doing a change of campus for a semester will not be approved as a substitute for study abroad.

Notes:

- **If you intend to use study abroad for EBF GEN requirements, note that before you are approved for graduation the EME Department will check to make sure you have fulfilled the approved study abroad requirements, including checking that you got approval from the program chair before going on your study abroad and that you completed the set of courses that you discussed with the program chair and that he/she approved for you to take.**
- Study abroad programs not offered through Penn State Global Programs will not be approved to meet EBF major requirements. This includes several programs run through CEA and the GREEN program.
- The GREEN program may NOT be used as a study abroad to fill this EBF requirement.

Steps for Having Study Abroad Approved

The process of having a study abroad experience approved for EBF involves a few steps, so some planning is required. You should start planning well in advance of the application deadline. Since application deadlines for many study away programs are six to twelve months prior to the start of the program, you should start planning more than one year in advance if you wish to study abroad to meet EBF program requirements.

1. Identify a program that interests you from the list below, and look up that program on the Global Programs web site (<http://gpglobalea.gp.psu.edu/index.cfm?FuseAction=Programs.SimpleSearch>). Identify specific courses that you might take and note the application deadline.
2. Make an appointment with the relevant study abroad advisor in Global Programs to discuss application procedures, course availability (some courses are only available during certain semesters) costs and other topics.
3. Before you apply, make an appointment with the EBF program chair to review your program and course selections. The program chair will make a note of approval of the program and course plan in Starfish, Penn State's on-line tool for academic advising. This note will be the official record of acceptance that the department will use as validation for graduation.
4. While abroad, stick with the approved course plan. In cases where agreed-on courses are not available and changes are necessary, contact the EBF program chair in advance to get approval for course changes. The program chair will make a note of approved plan changes in Starfish.

5. Your courses taken abroad will not automatically fulfill the requirements the EBF program chair approved them for; a petition is required for them to count correctly on your degree audit. Once you have returned from abroad, the first step is to complete the course equivalency process with Education Abroad. Once your study abroad credits have changed from temporary study abroad registration to individual PSU course numbers, you will need to petition to have them count on your degree audit in the way that the program chair approved. Petition forms are available in 115 Hosler. Fill out one form for each course, and attach a copy of your study abroad transcript to the forms. Submit the forms to the EBF program chair for approval.

Qualifying Study Abroad Programs

This section provides a list of approved study abroad programs and course selections that will satisfy the requirements of the EBF General Option. Remember that all study abroad programs must have written approval in advance in Starfish from the EBF program chair.

Information for the following programs is taken from the Global Programs listings. Students should note that course offerings may vary from semester to semester, so there are no guarantees that specific courses will be available. Please work with an advisor from Global Programs to verify the courses that will be offered during any specific term before committing to any study abroad program. Each program has a course list on the web site of the institution offering the program.

The EBF program will permit some courses to substitute for EBF major requirements. These courses are noted in the description for each program (you'll need to fill out a course substitution form). Other courses may be able to substitute for general education requirements – see an advisor in the Ryan Family Student Center to discuss general education substitutions. Courses without a Penn State equivalent can be used as electives toward the 120 credit requirement for graduation.

IES Barcelona, Liberal Arts and Business

The courses below are taken from the Global Programs list of historical courses for this program. There is another course list on the IES web site:

<https://www.iesabroad.org/study-abroad/programs/barcelona-liberal-arts-business>

Course requirements:

1. Take 9 credits equivalent from:

IB 343 (Business Ethics), IB/FI 355 (International Finance), IB 360 (European Entrepreneurship), SO/ES 352 (Sustainability: Challenges and Responses), GE 320 (Mediterranean Oceanography), GT 361 (Science and Society), IR/IB 393 (Leading Across Cultures), MG 345 (Management Across Borders)

- IB 343 (Business Ethics), IB/FI 355 (International Finance) or IB 360 (European Entrepreneurship), are allowed to substitute for IB 303 if you haven't taken it already.
 - SO/ES 352 (Sustainability: Challenges and Responses), GE 320 (Mediterranean Oceanography), or GT 361 (Science and Society), are allowed to substitute for the 400-level elective if you haven't completed this requirement already.
2. Take at least 6 credits of any course whose credits can be transferred back to Penn State (this includes the 3 credits of Spanish required of all students in the Barcelona program, and can include additional courses from the list above if more than 9 credits of them are taken).

IES Freiburg, Environmental Studies and Sustainability

The courses below are taken from the Global Programs list of historical courses for this program. There is another course list on the IES web site:

www.iesabroad.org/study-abroad/programs/freiburg-environmental-studies-sustainability. The Freiburg program is probably the best fit if you want to study sustainability or renewable energy while abroad.

Course requirements:

1. Take 9 credits equivalent from:

IB/ES 311 (Multi-Sector Strategies for Sustainability), BL/ES 306 (Ecosystem Management), PO/ES/EC 303 (Sustainable Energy), ES 305 (Renewable Energy Technology), ES/PO 315 (Environmental Policy), US/ES 3604 (Freiburg Green City), US/ES 313 (Urban Design), ES 300 (Forest Ecology), BL/ES 307 (Climate and the Swiss Alps)

- IB/ES 311 (Multi-Sector Strategies for Sustainability) is allowed to substitute for IB 303 if you haven't taken it already.
 - BL/ES 306 (Ecosystem Management), PO/ES/EC 303 (Sustainable Energy), ES 305 (Renewable Energy Technology), ES/PO 315 (Environmental Policy), or US/ES 3604 (Freiburg Green City), are allowed to substitute for the 400-level elective if you haven't completed this requirement already.
2. Take at least 6 credits of any course whose credits can be transferred back to Penn State (this includes the optional one credit of German language, and can include additional courses from the list above if more than 9 credits of them are taken courses from the list above)

IES Sydney

The courses below are taken from the Global Programs list of historical courses for this program. There is another course list on the IES web site:

<https://www.iesabroad.org/study-abroad/programs/sydney-direct-enrollment-university-sydney>.

[Note that many courses in Sydney are 4 credit equivalents, so many students who go through the Sydney program will have the equivalent of a 16-credit semester.](#)

Course requirements:

1. Take 12 credits equivalent from:

ECON 1002, IBUS 2101 (International Business Strategy), N 3203 (Electricity Networks), EN 2850 (Project Finance), GEOS 2111 (Natural Hazards), GEOS 2115 (Oceans and Climate Change), ECOS 3002 (Development Economics), ENGG 3853 (Project Risk Management), STAT 3011 (Time Series Analysis)

- ECON 1002 is allowed to substitute for ECON 104 if you haven't taken it already.
 - IBUS 2101 (International Business Strategy) is allowed to substitute for IB 303 if you haven't taken it already.
 - EN 3203 (Electricity Networks), EN 2850 (Project Finance), GEOS 2111 (Natural Hazards) or GEOS 2115 (Oceans and Climate Change), are allowed to substitute for the 400-level elective if you haven't completed this requirement already.
2. Take at least 4 credits of any course whose credits can be transferred back to Penn State (this can include additional courses from the list above if more than 12 credits of them are taken).

IES City University, London

The courses below are taken from the Global Programs list of historical courses for this program. There is another course list on the IES web site:

<http://www.iesabroad.org/study-abroad/programs/london-direct-enrollment-city-university>. The IES program at City University is a great option if you want to go abroad and focus on courses in business, economics or finance. There are fewer options here in sustainability or the environment.

Course requirements:

1. Take 9 credits equivalent from:

EC 2015, EC 2017 (Econometrics), BS 1106 (Business Law), BS 2111 (European Business Culture), EC 3012 (International Finance), EC 3013 (Financial Economics),

EC 3017 (Applied Econometrics), EC 3022 (Industrial Organization), BS 2208 (New Venture Thinking), BS 3111 (Entrepreneurship), FR 2202 (Financial Econometrics), ECOS 3002 (Development Economics), ENGG 3853 (Project Risk Management), STAT 3011 (Time Series Analysis)

- EC 2015 is allowed to substitute for ECON 104 if you haven't taken it already.
 - EC 2017 (Econometrics) is allowed to substitute for STAT 401 if you haven't taken it already.
 - BS 1106 (Business Law) is allowed to substitute for BLAW 243 if you haven't taken it already.
 - BS 2111 (European Business Culture) is allowed to substitute for IB 303 if you haven't taken it already.
 - EC 3012 (International Finance), EC 3013 (Financial Economics), EC 3017 (Applied Econometrics), EC 3022 (Industrial Organization), BS 2208 (New Venture Thinking), BS 3111 (Entrepreneurship), or FR 2202 (Financial Econometrics), are allowed to substitute for the 400-level elective if you haven't completed this requirement already.
2. Take at least 6 credits of any course whose credits can be transferred back to Penn State (this can include additional courses from the list above if more than 9 credits of them are taken).

EBF Study Abroad Planning Checklist

This checklist should be used by EBF General Option students in discussions with the EBF program chair to determine if a specific study abroad option would satisfy requirements for the EBF General Option.

Student Name: _____

Program Name and Location: _____

Semester Abroad: _____

Intended Course List:

Course Number	Credits	Course Name	EBF Equivalent

Total Penn State Equivalent Credits: _____