

AC209: Global Learning

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BACKGROUND

Definitions:

Study for Credit: Study for credit is defined as students undertaking virtual or in-person study at institutions outside of Canada for credit(s) to be applied to their Program of Study at St. Lawrence College. This includes undertaking placements for credit where the placement will meet the requirements of the Program of Study at St. Lawrence College.

Non-Credit International Study: Non-credit international study includes global learning opportunities undertaken by students or student groups that does not result in credits being obtained that will be applied to their program of study at St. Lawrence College. This category includes short term international experience trips, short term exchange programs and may include semester or year studies as an exchange student.

Purpose:

St. Lawrence College encourages students to undertake global learning opportunities, involving virtual or physical mobility, as part of their learning journey to be globally minded and career-ready graduates. The purpose of this policy is to provide guidance to students or student groups (including faculty participants) on the required process required.

Scope:

This policy includes all formats of virtual and in-person global learning from short term visits to full semester and one-year exchange studies for course work or placement opportunities. This policy does not apply to graduates who articulate to higher credentials at institutions outside of Canada.

POLICY STATEMENTS

1. Academic Eligibility for Global Learning Opportunities

While acknowledging that all programs and overseas institutions have their own criteria for admissions, St. Lawrence College students are held to current institutional standards before being allowed to participate in a global learning opportunity for credit or to go on placements for credit outside of Canada. The minimum cumulative grade average required for SLC students wishing to study abroad is (65% or GPA 2.0). A student with a lower grade must obtain permission from his/her academic Dean or Associate Dean before he or she will be approved for a global learning opportunity.

2. The Global Learning Application

SLC students wishing to participate in a global learning opportunity must complete an application at least two months prior to departure and prior to obtaining any relevant bursaries. Students who fail to submit a properly completed Application by the deadline will not be permitted to participate. The Application will require a signature from the Dean/Associate Dean or his/her designate.

Please note: All students travelling abroad must complete the requirements of the Safety Abroad policy and all associated documentation.

3. Students Under Academic or Code of Conduct Sanctions

A student who is on academic or code of conduct probation or does not meet academic progression requirements will not be permitted to participate in a global learning experience during the period the sanction is in effect, regardless of the student's acceptance in a program. Students who have been dismissed for any code of conduct reason or any academic reason must complete at least one semester with no further infractions prior to being eligible for a global learning experience. Students may not apply for global learning experiences while suspended from St. Lawrence.

4. Insurance and Immunization Requirements

Students must make themselves aware of all insurance and immunization requirements and follow through accordingly.

5. Financial Assistance

Students are responsible for the cost associated with undertaking global learning opportunities. Financial aid programs normally available to St. Lawrence College students may continue to be available for exchange programs. The College may provide bursaries to help offset some of the costs.

6. Behavior and Program Participation

As a participant in any SLC-approved or administered global learning opportunity, each student is

a representative of St. Lawrence College and of Canada and should deport himself or herself in a manner that reflects favourably on both. All students are expected to participate willingly in all activities central to meeting the requirements of global learning opportunities. St. Lawrence College gives discretion to the sponsoring institution to discipline a student or dismiss him or her from the program for behaviour detrimental to the program and the student. A dismissed student will not receive a refund of any tuition or fees paid.

7. Course Credit Approvals

All global learning opportunities, taken for credit on a SLC-administered or SLC-approved program must be approved in advance by the program coordinator of the appropriate academic department at SLC before academic credit will be granted by the Registrar in accordance with the SLC Transfer Credit Policy. Students must complete the Application for International Transfer Credit form and have it signed by the appropriate program Coordinator.

8. Course Load – Exchange Students

Exchange students must undertake the minimum number of courses for credit that would make them full time students at the institution in which they are studying. Students are encouraged to take courses that can be used for credit in their program, but they may undertake courses during their studies abroad that will not be for credit at St. Lawrence College as part of their full course load at the international institution.

9. Travel Risk Assessment and Approval

The risk assessment and approval processes articulated in the Safety Abroad policy must be followed.

MONITORING

Academic and Student Success

POLICY REVISION DATE

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SPECIFIC LINKS