

Western Oregon University

Study Abroad Capstone Project Syllabus

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I will send you all correspondence—important dates, information, and announcements—by email. **It is your responsibility to see that my office has the email address you wish to use.**

Course Prefix, Number, Title, and Credits:

INTL 399 Study Abroad Capstone Project 1 credit A-F

Course Description:

Required project for study abroad experience.

Course Objectives:

To offer students studying abroad four opportunities:

- Learn about their destination
- Enhance their cultural observation skills
- Reflect on the impact of their study abroad experience
- Articulate why the experience mattered and what hard and soft skills they developed as a result of the experience

Instructional Format:

Individual project.

Course Requirements:

The course syllabus, all assignment handouts, and the pre-post survey are on the website: www.wou.edu/studyabroad (Click on tab “Info for Student” and select capstone project from the dropdown menu. Download the syllabus, assignment handouts, and scoring rubrics to your laptop or flash drive. All assignments are typed and submitted electronically to pricemv@wou.edu. Remember to include your name, program location, term abroad, and date on each assignment. **Late assignments are not accepted.**

BEFORE YOU DEPART

- Take the pre-departure survey **prior to orientation.**
- Complete and electronically submit the “Essentials to Know” handout **prior to pre-departure orientation.**
- Complete and electronically submit the “Prior to departure” section of your journal assignment **prior to pre-departure orientation.**
- Attend the **mandatory** pre-departure orientation. Failure to attend is reason for dismissal from the program.
- Complete and submit all required pre-departure paperwork and documents.

WHILE YOU’RE ABROAD

- Complete the “While abroad” section of your journal during your program and electronically submit at the conclusion of your program. **Submit mid-way through your program.**

WHEN YOU RETURN

- Retake the return survey **when you return and prior to the re-entry session.**
- Electronically submit the “When you return” section of your journal **prior to the re-entry session.**
- Attend the **mandatory** re-entry session.
- Prepare and give an oral (7-10 minute) PowerPoint presentation. Submit to me on a CD or bring your flash drive to the office, so I can copy it. Refer to the presentation handout for information about the required elements of the presentation. The following are possible events (locations and times to be announced) where you can give your presentation, and my office will send you information about these when you return.

a. Campus information table	d. Classroom visits
b. Panel discussions	e. New Student Week
c. Study abroad orientations	f. International Education Week
- Prepare a professional resume that includes the standard resume elements but that also incorporates your international experience and the hard and soft skills you developed while abroad. I will post a handout on the study abroad capstone project website that will provide guidelines for this assignment.
- **Your presentation and resume are due:**
Summer students—5 pm Monday of fall term finals week.
Fall and fall/winter intersession students—5 pm Monday of winter term finals week.
Winter students—5 pm Monday of spring term finals week.
Spring, winter/spring, and year-long students—5 pm last Monday in October since many students do not return to campus for summer term.

Note for graduating seniors or for students who will not return to the Western Oregon University campus: Please contact me for alternative instructions.

Evaluation and Grading:

The course is graded on an A-F basis. You will receive a grade of Regular Progress (RP) on your transcript until you have completed all of the requirements. *If you don't complete the requirements by the deadlines above, you will receive a letter grade based on the work you have completed by that date. Please be aware that not completing all requirements may result in a failing grade. If you need an extension for a verifiable, legitimate reason, make arrangements prior to the deadline.*

Pre-survey	25	Resume	100
Essentials to Know handout	50	Orientation/Re-entry session	100
Journal	100	Post-survey	<u>25</u>
Powerpoint presentation	100	Total possible points	500

A	500-450 points	C	399-350 points	F	299 and below
B	449-400	D	349-300 points		