

Study Abroad Experiential Learning
(General Education Category IX)
University Studies 197D

Studying abroad provides both an international and an experiential learning experience. In order to fulfill UCI's General Education category IX by studying abroad, you must participate in a study abroad program and complete a critical reflection on one or more of the topics listed below. The reflection may take the form of a written paper, a web blog, or other medium as approved by the instructor.

Grading: Pass/Not Pass

Units: 1

Timing: You are recommended to enroll in Uni Stu 197D the quarter immediately after your study abroad program ends. However, it is possible to enroll in Uni Stu 187D in the same quarter that you study abroad.

Enrollment: A course authorization code is required in order to enroll. Obtain the course authorization code for Uni Stu 197D from the Center for International Education.

Course content: You will receive detailed instructions from the instructor once you are enrolled in the class. In general, you will be required to reflect on one or more of the following learning outcomes from your study abroad experience:

1. A unique academic learning opportunity such as a topic, approach, pedagogy, field research experience, etc. that is uniquely available in the specific country, institution or study abroad program.
2. International learning:
 - Your host country and its culture (history, cultural practices and habits, contemporary issues of concern, etc.)
 - Your host country's language
 - The position and role of the U.S. in the community of nations
 - An understanding of similarities and differences among cultures
3. Personal growth and development:
 - Understanding there is more than one way to do anything
 - Successfully dealing with unexpected challenges
 - Developing a deeper self-understanding/Clarification of one's own values
 - Becoming more adaptable/flexible
 - Developing more patience, self-confidence, independence, responsibility
 - Developing increased tolerance/ Becomeing less judgmental
 - Clarified career goals (i.e. changed/focused/clarified/broadened)