Education Abroad Advising Sheet: Faculty of Education

Education Abroad can help you...

- Understand your field of studies from an international perspective
- Expand and enhance your cross-cultural communication and competency
- Improve your problem-solving skills
- Broaden your outlook and understanding of the world
- Take a step toward personal, academic, and professional goals
- Prepare to work in an increasingly diverse and international workplace
- Experience another culture and language environment first hand
- Challenge yourself to discover new strengths and perspectives
- Enhance your critical and independent thinking skills
- Improve your language skills
- Gain confidence academically, personally and professionally
- Network and develop academic and professional contacts

Set goals and plan for results

- Begin at least 12 months in advance of participation in education abroad. It is never too early to start planning;
- Set some goals. There is no single program that is best suited for you in the Faculty of Education. There are many good education abroad programs, and the best one depends on what you aim to achieve;
- Prioritize goals. Consider your long term academic and professional goals, as well as UAlberta degree requirements;
- Give yourself time to research and talk to Education Abroad Program Office and Faculty advisors, as well as students who have returned from education abroad programs.

Can I afford education abroad?

Yes, you can afford to go abroad through financial planning such as saving, applying for scholarships, and student loans. Seeking financial support through student loans and scholarships will help offset costs incurred by international travel and accommodation. Even though you are studying abroad, you are eligible to apply for student loans. The University of Alberta International (UAI) offers more than $500,000 in scholarships to support students participating in study abroad. Faculties and Graduate Studies may also have awards to encourage student participation in education abroad. Personal savings provide another great way to finance your sojourn abroad. If you work, you should consider saving for education abroad when setting spending priorities.

For funding information, consult the Education Abroad Program website at or visit the Education Abroad Program (EAP) office in 3–600 Enterprise Square Building, 10230 Jasper Ave.
What are the next steps?

Research

- EAP/UAI and Faculties have online resources and websites where you can find useful information on education abroad programs and options.
- Get a general overview of the types of Education Abroad programs offered, eligibility information, costs of studying/working abroad, etc. by visiting the Education Abroad website.

Investigate Programs and Options

The University of Alberta provides a variety of education abroad programs such as semester/year exchange, short term/summer, faculty-led and various types of work abroad programs.

Learn more by viewing the definitions of the different types of education abroad opportunities available at the University of Alberta.

To search for international opportunities provided through the Education Abroad Program office and across campus, you can use:
- EAP’s Go Abroad Program Finder (searchable database)

Talk to EAP and Faculty Advisors

The EAP coordinators and advisors in your Faculty will be able to provide guidance, consultation, and detailed information on the program(s) of your interest. They will be able to help you identify suitable program(s) and viable options based on your academic need and interest.

- Education Abroad Drop-In Advising Schedule
- EAP will provide you with forms to obtain approval and permission to participate. Faculty of Education Student Advisors review and approve these forms on behalf of the Faculty. The Student Advisors are located in the Undergraduate Student Services (USS) office, 1-107 Education Centre North. The USS office is open from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm, Monday-Friday and the Preliminary Approval and Permission to Participate Forms can be dropped off at the USS office and will normally be processed and ready for pick up within 10 business days.

Understand the Application and Selection Process

The application process differs for exchanges, summer/short term and internship programs. Please click on the appropriate program link to find more information on how to apply, what documents are required, and how participants are selected etc.

- For application for exchanges or summer/short term programs, please click here: Apply for an Exchange/Summer/Short Term Program
- For application for internship programs, please go to Apply for an Internship Program

Research and Apply for Funding

- UAI offers Education Abroad Group and Individual awards for students going abroad. To see what scholarships are available, please consult the UAI Awards and Funding webpage
- Students may also find funding opportunities within their own faculties and through external sources. To see what scholarships are available, please consult the Faculty Awards and Other Funding webpage
Risk Management

Pre-Departure Training
Students going abroad must receive pre-departure training which is comprised of two parts:

- **Online Pre-departure Moodle course**: this course is part of the pre-departure training offered by EAP and is designed as resource to support students before, during and after their experience abroad. Students will cover relevant topics such as cultural adaptation, financial issues, academic matters, risk management, etc.

- **In-person Pre-departure workshop**: students will attend an interactive workshop to prepare for cultural encounters and risk management through the review of case studies and scenario simulation. As well, students will have the opportunity to meet and talk with returned education abroad participants for helpful and practical advice.

Travel Registration
Before students go abroad, they must register with:

- [UAlberta’s UGo Off-Campus Travel Registry](#)
- [Government of Alberta’s Registration of Canadians Abroad](#)

Academic Considerations
You should discuss the specifics for going abroad, as well as regarding choosing and taking academic courses with the Faculty of Education, Undergraduate Student Services office. Below are aspects you should be aware of as part of academic considerations.

Faculty approval

All students participating in an Education Abroad program must get approval from their Faculty to go abroad. You need to take the following steps to get Faculty Approval:

**Exchange and Summer Abroad Programs**

1. Once you have created an online application and submitted the initial application, the initial application will be reviewed by the program coordinator;

2. If the initial application is approved, you will be granted access to the rest of the online application system to submit the final application;

3. As part of the application, you are required to complete and submit the Preliminary Approval form (Exchange) or the Permission to Participate form (Summer Abroad). These forms are available to the students through their online application;

4. You are required to download the Preliminary Approval form (Exchange) or Permission to Participate form (Summer Abroad) from the online application, print the form, complete the required sections of the form and take the form to your Faculty for the Faculty to sign the form; Faculty of Education Student Advisors review and approve these forms on behalf of the Faculty. Both the Preliminary Approval Form and the Permission to Participate Form can be dropped off at the USS office.

5. The Faculty of Education requires a minimum of 10 business days to process and complete requests. Planning ahead is key!
6. Once you have received the signed form from the USS office, you must scan and upload the completed form to your online application.

Credit Transfer
Approval for transfer credit is only provided after completion of coursework, due to external requirements placed on the BEd degree program through the Teacher Certification and Qualifications processes. Students may be eligible to receive academic transfer credit if the coursework they complete abroad fits into the program requirements of their UAlberta degree. The Faculty of Education will assess credit on a per-course basis. The Faculty of Education will require 6 – 8 weeks to assess transfer credit and will begin the assessment once the official transcripts and required documentation has been received. Factors considered in the evaluation of transfer credit are:

- **Courses need to be completed at an accredited institution** (contact the International Office at the Registrar’s Office for more information)
- **Courses need to have 32-39 or more contact hours to be considered**
- **Courses need to have grades of 60% or C- and higher on our scale**

Courses cannot be repeated content as courses previously taken. Transfer credit for courses may need to be approved by Subject Area Specialists.

Please note that it is imperative that you keep and submit course outlines, course materials/assignments and also submit official transcripts in a timely manner, to be evaluated for potential transfer credit.

Education Abroad Programs for students in the Faculty of Education

General Program Information
As a student in the Faculty of Education, you are eligible to apply for and participate in all of the education abroad programs that are open to all UAlberta students. Use the **Go Abroad Program Finder** to view all education abroad programs you are eligible for.

Specific Program Information
Faculty of Education-Managed Programs
The Faculty of Education offers **international programs that are specifically for students in the Faculty of Education**.

**Africa and Middle East**
GHANA
   EDFX 490: Global Citizenship Field Experience in Ghana
TANZANIA
   Aga Khan University Institute for Educational Development, East Africa [Graduate Exchange]

**Asia and Oceania**
SOUTH KOREA
EAP/UAU-Managed Programs

Exchange
The following are examples of programs in which Education students have participated in the past:

Asia and Oceania
SOUTH KOREA
  Yonsei University
  Chungnam National University

NEW ZEALAND
  University of Otago

AUSTRALIA
  University of New South Wales
  University of Wollongong

CHINA
  University of Hong Kong

JAPAN
  Chiba University
  International Christian University

Europe
UNITED KINGDOM
  Queen’s University Belfast
  University of Leeds
  Lancaster University

FRANCE
  Université Catholique de Lille
  Université Catholique de Lille

GERMANY
  Eberhard Karls Universität Tübingen
  Ludwig-Maximilians Universität

THE NETHERLANDS
  Utrecht University

Summer and Short-Term Programs
The following summer and short-term programs are recommended for students in the Faculty of Education based on past participation from students in the Faculty, credit-transfer, and relevance.

Americas
BRAZIL
  PUC do Rio de Janeiro – Portuguese as a Second Language Pre-Term Intensive Course
MEXICO
    Universidad Autónoma de Guadalajara – Spanish Language and Culture

Asia and Oceania
SOUTH KOREA
    Yonsei University – International Summer School

Europe
FINLAND
    University of Jyvaskyla – Summer School in Human Sciences

FRANCE
    Universités Catholiques de Lille – European Summer Program

GERMANY
    e3 in Berlin Program

UNITED KINGDOM
    Queen’s University Belfast – International Summer School in Irish Studies

Work abroad programs
The following work abroad programs are recommended for students in the Faculty of Education based on past participation from students in the Faculty and relevance.

Europe
GERMANY
    Alberta-Saxony Internship Program
    e3 in Berlin Program
    Berlin Initiative Program

Worldwide
    Aga Khan University Internship Program (Kenya, Tanzania, India, Tajikistan)

Who to Contact:

Wanting to participate in EAP/UAI-Managed Programs?
Please contact the Education Abroad Program.

Wanting to discuss the transfer credit process?
Please visit Undergraduate Student Services, 1-107 Education Centre North.

Want to learn more about Specific Programs offered by the Faculty of Education?
Please contact the Faculty of Education, International Office, 5-182 Education Centre North.