



## Undergraduate Global Semester Exchange Program Winter Semester 2016 Frequently Asked Questions

### General

- **Where can I study abroad with the full semester exchange program?**

As a U-M undergraduate, you can now study business abroad for a semester at one of 22 partner schools worldwide. An exchange experience will allow you to learn about business from a different perspective, experience another culture, and network with students, faculty, and professionals from around the world.

**Here is a current list of global semester exchange partner schools:**

[Argentina: CEA Buenos Aires Center](#)

[China: IES Shanghai Program](#)

[China: Tsinghua University School of Economics and Management](#)

[Czech Republic: University of Economics, Prague](#)

[Denmark: Copenhagen Business School](#)

[Finland: Aalto Business School](#)

[France: HEC Paris](#)

[France: ESSEC Business School](#)

[Germany: WHU - Otto Beisheim School of Management](#)

[Hong Kong: Chinese University of Hong Kong](#)

[Hong Kong: Hong Kong University of Science and Technology](#)

[Israel: Tel Aviv University](#)

[Italy: Bocconi University](#)

[Italy: University of Padova](#)

[Netherlands: Rotterdam School of Management](#)

[Singapore: National University of Singapore](#)

[Spain: ESADE Business School](#)

[Spain: University of Navarra](#)

[Spain: IE Business School](#)

[Switzerland: University of St. Gallen](#)

[Thailand: Thammasat Business School](#)

[UK: Cass Business School](#)

For more information on the partner schools, please see the [Global Initiatives website](#).

- **When do I apply?**

Applications are [now available on M-Compass](#)! Get started on your application today.

- **September 11th:** Applications due by 11:59pm EST on M-Compass
- **September 24th:** Students are e-mailed decisions
- **September 28th:** Student deadline to accept/decline offer

- **Who is eligible to apply to this exchange program?**

University of Michigan undergraduates who are academically eligible to participate in this experience abroad. All students must review their academic requirements with their Academic Advisor before applying to this program.

- **How competitive will the exchange program application be?**

As this is the first time that undergraduate students have the opportunity to study abroad at Ross partner school for a full semester, it's difficult to gauge exactly how competitive the application process will be. However, Global Initiatives is anticipating the process to be competitive. In particular, it looks like some of the partner schools will be highly competitive (i.e., those in Spain) so students will want to be sure they explore all of the partner schools and rank as many as they are interested in order to have the best chance of going abroad. All of the schools offer unique and interesting experiences! Additionally, students will want to explore all of their study abroad options (i.e., through CGIS, other UM programs, etc.). It is the goal of Global Initiatives to send as many qualified students abroad as possible.

**Applicants for Winter Semester 2017:** Be sure to attend the information sessions this winter semester to learn more about the application process and see how you can make yourself a more competitive applicant. There will be information sessions starting mid-fall - details of the sessions will be sent via e-mail so stay tuned!

- **Will I be able to recruit for a summer internship if I participate in a full semester exchange?**

Yes, yes, yes! Ross' Career Services team has worked with companies to change the on-campus recruiting schedule for summer internships. You'll now be recruiting in the fall semester which ensures you're able to spend winter semester abroad.

- **Am I able to participate in a Global Initiatives short-term global course/program as well as the full semester?**

Yes! You can and are encouraged to do both. Just keep in mind that there are separate application processes. The Semester Exchange program application will be available on M-Compass on April 1<sup>st</sup> and due mid-September. Global Study and Intern, Global Immersion, and Global Practicum applications are typically due late in the fall semester or the beginning of the winter semester. Be sure to attend an information session this winter semester to learn more about the process.

## Academics

- **What is the required *MO 319: Developing Cultural Competency* course in the fall?**

Students who are selected to study abroad in the Undergraduate Global Semester Exchange Program will enroll into Fall B's MO 319: Developing Cultural Competency course. This exciting, new 1.5 credit course will help students get the most out of their experience abroad by building students' ability to intelligently engage with their host culture. Students will learn how to best reflect on their exchange experiences while abroad - leading to a more successful study abroad term. As part of the exchange program, students attend class with all outgoing exchange students - providing opportunities to network and connect with other exchange students prior to leaving Ross.

If you're interested in applying to the Undergraduate Global Semester Exchange program, be sure to make an appointment with your Academic Advisor to ensure MO 319 fits into your schedule.

- **How many credits (on average) will I take/earn abroad during the winter semester?**

During the winter semester, you will take a full course load abroad – so anywhere from 12-18 credits. On average, you'll take the equivalent of 12-15 credits. Please note that you will also b

- **What types of classes will I take abroad?**

You'll enroll into mostly business elective courses at the partner school. Depending on your interest and partner school course availability, some schools will offer coursework beyond business (i.e., history, politics, etc.). You should work with your academic advisor to petition this coursework towards your University of Michigan distribution credits.

- **Do I need to complete any Ross floating core course requirements before going abroad?**

While Ross BBAs don't have to complete all Ross floating core prior to going abroad, we strongly recommend that these students get the majority completed. This will ensure that these students have prerequisites that are required to enroll into certain electives at some of the partner schools.

- **Can I complete Ross floating core course requirements abroad?**  
No, Ross BBAs must complete all core on campus by the finish of fall semester of their senior year. These students have three terms to complete it on campus - Winter Sophomore year, Fall Junior year, and Fall Senior year. Students only receive business elective credit for the semester exchange so be sure to work with your academic advisor to ensure you're on track to graduate.
- **Can I complete coursework towards a minor or double major while on exchange?**  
Perhaps – it will depend on the exchange school and course offerings. You'll want to work closely with a Global Education and Academic Advisor to explore this option. You'll also need to confirm your coursework with your minor/dual advisor in advance.
- **Who will I take classes with while abroad?**  
As you'll be directly enrolling into the partner school, you'll take class alongside the local business school students. It's likely that there'll also be other exchange students (including other U-M students) in your classes.
- **Who will teach the classes I take while abroad and will the quality of the classes be good?**  
As an exchange student, you'll be directly enrolling into the partner school and taking class from the local faculty. The partner schools have all been vetted by Ross faculty and are top-notch business schools. Faculty at the partner schools will be on par with Ross faculty. They will have different areas of specialty which will be an excellent opportunity for you to learn about business practices from a different perspective.
- **Are classes in English?**  
Yes, English coursework is offered at all of our partner schools.
- **Can I take classes taught in a foreign language while abroad?**  
English is offered at all of our partner schools so you don't have to be fluent in another language in order to study abroad. Some of the schools offer a credited language course for visiting exchange students. If you're fluent in the local language, there may be the possibility of enrolling into business classes in that language – it depends on the partner school.
- **Where will I live abroad?**  
It depends on the partner school but many schools offer on-campus housing or shared apartment options. The coordinator at the partner school will be able to assist you with securing housing.
- **How do I arrange housing for next year if I don't know if I'll be accepted to go abroad?**  
Good question – most students are securing a year-long lease with the hopes of subleasing for winter semester. While there's no guarantee, we will have a group of incoming exchange students visiting for winter semester so you can offer the sublease to them (as well as to the entire University of Michigan community).
- **Where can I get more information?**  
Connect with Global Initiatives and attend an information session to learn more.
  - Speak with a Global Education Advisor during Global Initiatives drop-in advising hours:  
Tuesdays: 10am-noon & Wednesdays: 1-3pm  
The Global Initiatives office is located on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of Wyly Hall (E. University St.)
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