Undergraduate Global Semester Exchange Program
Launching 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 19 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
Czech Republic: University of Economics, Prague
Denmark: Copenhagen Business School
Finland: Aalto Business School
France: HEC Paris
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?
Here are important application dates that you should note:
- April 1st: Applications available on M-Compass (mcompass.umich.edu)
- 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. It is the goal of Global Initiatives to send as many qualified students abroad as possible. 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.

• **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 1st 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.

• **Is funding available for short-term and full semester programs?**
  Students will have the opportunity to apply for Global Initiatives funding for this experience abroad. Don’t let the cost of studying abroad stop you from applying! The funding questionnaire will be included in the exchange application. Also, discuss your study abroad plans with a Financial Aid Advisor and a Global Education Advisor to learn about various funding options.

**Academics**

• **How many credits (on average) will I take/earn abroad?**
  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.

• **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 walk-in advising hours:
    Tuesdays: 10am-noon & Wednesdays: 1-3pm
    The Global Initiatives office is located on the 3rd floor of Wyly Hall (E. University St.)

  - E-mail ross-globalinitiatives@umich.edu

- **Undergraduate Global Semester Exchange Info Session Schedule**

  **Global Exchange Introduction Sessions**
  Friday, January 23rd: 1:30-3:00pm in W0750 (lower level of Wyly Hall)
  Friday, February 20th: 1:30-3:00pm in R1220 (1st floor of Ross)
  Introduction to the exchange program, application process, and partner schools.

  **Network with Exchange Students from Partner Schools**
  Friday, March 20th: 1:30-3:00pm in R2220 (2nd floor of Ross)
  Learn more about partner schools in Germany, Hong Kong, the Netherlands, Spain, and Switzerland from visiting exchange students.

  **Application Sessions**
  Friday, April 3rd: 9:00-10:30am in R0220 (lower level of Ross)
  Friday, April 10th: 1:30-3:00pm in W2760 (second floor of Wyly Hall)
  Get tips on how to make your global exchange application more competitive!