

GLOBAL STUDIES DOUBLE DEGREES— FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

STUDY ABROAD OR GLOBAL STUDIES INTERNATIONAL INTERNSHIP PROGRAM (GSIIP) — COURSE ADVICE

Who do I contact to ask questions about Global Studies?

Please contact the Student Services team on your local campus.

What are the benefits of the Global Studies International Experiences?

Going overseas will help you to become more globally aware. You will be able to learn in a global context and gain confidence, developing work-ready skills and independence. This can build your CV. There is more information on our LEO site <https://leo.acu.edu.au/course/view.php?id=14982>. Current students can self-enrol into the site.

What are the options for International Experiences in Global Studies?

There are two options to choose from and both are worth 40cp towards your degree, an international exchange program or an internship.

Exchange Program

You can choose to go on an Exchange program to study abroad with one of ACU's partner universities. You would then undertake the equivalent of 40cp of units at the partner organisation. Note that you need to have completed 120cp of study and have a GPA of 4.5 to partake in this program. (See information later on GPA requirement.) Details on the exchange program can be found at: <https://www.studentportal.acu.edu.au/acuinfo/cao/so>

The contact email for study abroad: studyabroad@acu.edu.au

OR Internship

The internship involves work experience overseas where you can apply your university learning in the real world. The experience needs to be 10-12 weeks fulltime. You are also required to undertake some studying and assessments prior to, during and post your internship. You need to have completed 120cp of study, must apply in December of the previous year and must have your application approved by the Faculty of Education and Arts well before your departure.

The contact email for internships is: FEA.GlobalStudies@acu.edu.au

How does the international experience fit into the degree?

Note that it is COMPULSORY to undertake an international experience during your degree. See the course map to see where it is scheduled:

- Students who start the course in February will undertake this in their sixth semester of study (or second semester of their third year)
- Students who start the course midyear will undertake this in their seventh semester of study (this will also be a second semester but would be the first semester of their fourth year).

These times are not changed easily as they need to fit in with your full degree structure and also allow you to apply for certain types of funding.

What do I need to do?

First Year Students:

- Watch out for emails about information sessions and make sure that you attend them or listen to them online
- Start thinking about where you would like to go and whether you would want to do an exchange or internship
- Work hard so that you maintain a GPA of more than 4.5 (see information on this at the end)
- While some of your costs will be covered, there may be additional costs associated with your living expenses or internship.

Second Year Students:

- Watch out for emails about information sessions and make sure that you attend them or listen to them online.
- Identify a couple of partner universities if you want to do an exchange.
- Identify possible internships or organisations you might do an internship with, if you want to do an internship.
- After learning all you can about the process, start getting all your documentation together in second semester of year prior to your experience.
- Apply in December of the previous year.
- Obtain a working with children check.

Third Year Students (Feb intake)/Third-Fourth Year Students (Midyear Intake):

- Obtain sign-off on all documentation.
- Internship students undertake course work prior to undertaking their internship.
- Go on your experience, work hard, learn about other countries and people, have fun.

Can you tell me about the costs and funding of international experiences?

Costs and Funding

The university can contribute through the Vice Chancellor's International Travel Grant to the cost of your international experience. Providing certain conditions are met, and students may be partially supported through OS-HELP. There will be a number of additional costs associated with the overseas exchange or internship that are not covered by your fees, for example, accommodation, food, additional travel and airfares. If you use an organisation to find you an internship, they may also charge you. Please ensure that you save for these and/or apply for appropriate funding. The information sessions that you will attend will provide you with additional information on funding options.