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Subject: ELOs for the GE Education Abroad open option, process for approval

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Dear Dr. Krissek,

Greetings from the Office of International Affairs. We are so pleased to see that the expected learning outcomes (ELO) for the GE Education Abroad category were approved by the Committee on Curriculum and Instruction on October 29. It's great to see this moving along. We anticipate that the Education Abroad open option will provide Ohio State students with even more incentives for participation in study abroad. I hope this is an appropriate time to inquire about the process through which courses on two types of study abroad programs- **Early Access** and other **Ohio State Sponsored Study Abroad Programs**- can be submitted and approved for GE Education Abroad credit.

Early Access Study Abroad Programs

With the assistance of academic units and a campus-wide steering committee, OIA plans to develop institution-wide "Early Access" study abroad programs for our first and second year students. Early Access programs will be four weeks in length and have standard course content to be delivered at multiple host institutions in different regions of the world. Our plan is for the Early Access programs to become high-capacity, low-cost, and academically relevant venues that make good use of the May session, Summer semester and fit into the General Education framework. Implementation of Early Access study abroad programs with preapproved GE Education Abroad credit will hopefully lead to wider, more inclusive participation in study abroad at Ohio State.

Standard syllabi for the two courses to be offered on the Early Access programs will be developed by Ohio State faculty and approved by the Undergraduate International Studies Program (UISP) for International Studies credit. We will submit two IS courses for GE Education Abroad credit. Question: Will approval of the two IS courses for GE credit make all of the Early Access Programs GE-approved, since the courses will be the same for each Early Access Program?

The first two Early Access programs will be offered in Brazil and China in 2011. We'll move them into the May session once we are in the semester calendar. If you would like a quick look at the programs, here are the links:

<http://oia.osu.edu/pdf/countries/China-Gateway.pdf>

<http://oia.osu.edu/pdf/countries/Brazil-Gateway.pdf>

Other Ohio State Sponsored Study Abroad Programs

Second, I would like to learn how courses offered on other Ohio State study abroad programs can be considered for GE Education Abroad credit. As you know, OIA coordinates a wide range of study abroad programs in collaboration with academic units. A number of these programs offer coursework which can fulfill major and/or minor requirements. In those cases where major/minor credit is not possible or

needed by the student, students currently have the less-desirable option of using the courses for elective credit.

Would the CCI- GE entertain a proposal to approve all Ohio State sponsored study abroad course work for GE Education Abroad credit? From the student perspective and in support of the University's internationalization goals, preapproval of all study abroad coursework for the GE Education Abroad option would be a tremendous step forward. Students will benefit from having a wide array of study abroad programs with preapproved GE Education Abroad credit. If a 'blanket' approval is not possible, OIA would like to take an active role in encouraging academic units to submit appropriate study abroad courses for GE Education Abroad credit.

Dr. Dieter Wanner, our Associate Provost for Global Strategies and International Affairs, and/or I would be happy to meet with you and/or your committee to discuss the GE Education Abroad approval process.

In advance, many thanks for your time and consideration.

Best regards,

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