

COURSE-EMBEDDED EDUCATION ABROAD PROGRAMS

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We would like to request your preliminary feedback on a model for Education Abroad programs that would take place within a semester (for example, during Spring Break). This model is in place at peer institutions, and your input will be helpful as we consider it for UK.

Embedded programs are international undergraduate or graduate programs that include a brief experience abroad as a minor component of a course (*one credit or less*) for which most of the content is provided within the United States. This category generally includes short-term, usually faculty-led programs for which an international excursion is supplemental or embedded within an academic course. Courses would be required to obtain the approval of the dean of the sponsoring UK college and must be submitted for review (not approval) by Education Abroad. For this program, no additional tuition costs are associated if the course credit is within a given student's maximum course load for the appropriate term, typically fall or spring semester. Credit is earned for the residential course, typically 3 credits. Credit for the embedded international travel component should be factored within the total course credit allocation or be supplemental to the residential course for a maximum of one additional credit (3+1). The faculty member may make the Education Abroad component a required part of the course, or may make it an "optional fourth credit." In terms of billing, EA will ensure that the pre-determined EAP program fees are assessed to student accounts, at the start of the month during which the international travel component occurs. All students will be required to pay the program fee in full prior to departure.