

Guidelines for study abroad

Hispanic Studies

majors and minors

Students at Boston College may study abroad for credit toward their degree via two kinds of programs: (1) Boston College sponsored programs, which charge BC tuition; (2) approved external programs, with which Boston College has no direct affiliation and which do not charge BC tuition.

For students seeking credit in Hispanic Studies for study abroad, a list of Boston College programs and one currently approved external program* may be found at this [link](#):

Spain ([see advisor](#)):

Universidad de Comillas , Madrid
Universidad Complutense de Madrid
Universidad Carlos III, Madrid
Universitat Pompeu Fabre, Barcelona
Universidad de Deusto, Bilbao/San Sebastián
Universidad de Granada

*Granada Institute of International Studies in Granada, Spain (only students improving their Spanish language skills may attend this program for credit in Hispanic Studies. Language courses at the Granada Institute are excellent and advance the student's fluency in preparation for entering the major or minor in Hispanic Studies.)

Latin America ([see advisor](#)):

Universidad San Francisco de Quito (Ecuador)
Universidad Iberoamericana (Puebla, Mexico)

CAUTION: Programs for study abroad that have been "approved" by the Office of International Programs are for university students at large and do *not* necessarily meet the criteria for approval for credit in Hispanic Studies.

Where to get advising for study abroad:

Majors and minors in Hispanic Studies should meet with the Hispanic Studies advisor for study abroad in [Spain](#) or [Latin America](#) as they make their plans, to avoid taking classes abroad for which credit will not be possible.

Students who decide to become majors or minors while abroad should contact the appropriate [faculty advisor](#) as soon as possible while abroad for guidance on enrolling in classes that will fulfill program requirements.

General guidelines:

- Majors may transfer up to 5 appropriate courses from a year-long, *approved* program abroad; they may transfer up to 3 for one semester.
- Minors may transfer up to 3 appropriate courses from a year-long, *approved* program abroad; they may transfer up to 2 for one semester.
- While abroad, majors and minors should enroll in classes that take optimal advantage of their host country, whether those courses count toward the major/minor or not. Students abroad should take classes they cannot take at Boston College.
- Studying abroad does not exempt students from the residency requirement: majors must take least one 600-level class each semester of their senior year; minors must take a least one during their senior year.

What kinds of courses will transfer into the major or minor?

- Courses devoted to the advanced study of narrative arts, such as all genres of literature, film and/or multi-media culture, taught in Spanish at a level equivalent to courses taught at Boston College (see below).
- Equivalents of CCR II or Naturalmente I or II, provided those courses keep up with the progression of our ongoing linguistic proficiency program.
- A student may not take a class at a level lower than the last course she or he took at BC, nor a class with content included in another course.

What kind of course counts as a 300-level class versus a 600-level class?

- 300-level classes: advance the student's linguistic proficiency as their primary objective. They develop the ability to narrate and describe, emphasizing close work with primary texts. They have at least 38-42 hours of class time, require increasing amounts of reading as the course progresses, a minimum of 10 pages of writing and at least one exam. A student may not enroll in a 300-level class after taking RL395, Contextos.
- 600-level classes: develop a student's ability to think critically, articulate abstractions and construct an intellectual argument about a text and its contexts. They have at least 38-42 hours of class time, emphasize complete works, require a minimum of 15-20 pages of writing and at least one exam.

