

BOSTON COLLEGE  
OFFICE OF GLOBAL EDUCATION  
**Course Guidelines 2024-2025**

## Overview:

All Boston College [semester study abroad programs](#) are found on this document.

All external semester study abroad programs use the same credit and course guidelines as Boston College (5 courses each 3 credits). Therefore external programs are not listed below.

[Link to the Grading Translation Scale for BC semester programs](#)

## [Academics Webpage and FAQs](#)

### What are ECTS Credits?

Some programs listed below use the ECTS system ([European Credit Transfer System](#)).

2 ECTS credits equals 1 Boston College credit.

10 ECTS = 5 BC

7.5 ECTS = 4 BC

7 ECTS = 4 BC

6 ECTS = 3 BC

5 ECTS = 2 or 3 BC \*

4 ECTS = 2 BC

\*Since Boston College does not allow half credits (example 2.5 BC credits): a 5 ECTS credit course will transfer back as either 2 or 3 BC credits depending on the student's full course load of credits. If students have many 5 ECTS courses: email full course load to [ogeregistrar@bc.edu](mailto:ogeregistrar@bc.edu) with questions. Please note that courses transferring back to Boston College as 2 BC credits may not satisfy major, minor or core requirements. This is dependent on the specific BC department.

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<b>Argentina</b>		
Universidad Torcuato Di Tella (UTDT)	12 credits (3 regular courses) + Early start intensive Spanish course (4 credits) <b>Total: 16 BC credits</b>	At least one course should be taken with locals
Universidad Católica Argentina (UCA)	12-15 UCA semester credits (3-4 courses) + Early start intensive Spanish course (3 credits) <b>Total: 15-18 BC credits</b>	Students who do not pass the language placement test must enroll in a semester-long Spanish language course as part of their 12 credit course load. At least one course must be taken with locals.
<b>Australia</b>		
Australian Catholic University (ACU)	40 credit points (4 courses) <b>Total: 16 BC credits</b>	
Monash University in Australia	24 credit points (4 courses) <b>Total: 16 BC credits</b>	
University of Melbourne	50 points (4 courses) <b>Total: 16 BC credits</b>	
University of New South Wales (UNSW)	24 credits (4 courses) <b>Total: 16 BC credits</b>	
University of Notre Dame, Australia	100 credit points (4 courses) <b>Total: 16 BC credits</b>	
University of Queensland	8 units (4 courses) <b>Total: 16 BC credits</b>	
University of Western Australia	24 points (4 courses) <b>Total: 16 BC credits</b>	
University of Sydney	24 credit points (4 courses) <b>Total: 16 BC credits</b>	
<b>Austria</b>		
Vienna University of Economics and Business (WU)	24 ECTS credits (4 courses) + Pre-semester German language course for 2 ECTS + Semester German language course for 3 ECTS <b>Total: 29 ECTS=15 BC credits</b>	

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<b>Brazil</b>		
PUC-Rio	12-16 PUC credits (3-4 courses) + Early start <i>preterm</i> intensive Portuguese course (OGE awards 1 Rio credit) + Semester-long Portuguese course (4 or 6 PUC credits)  <b>Total: 19 - 22 Rio = - 14 - 17 BC credits</b>	
<b>Chile</b>		
PUC-Chile	40 PUC credits (4 courses) + 10 PUC Early start intensive language course  <b>Total: 50 PUC = 15 BC credits</b>	All students are encouraged to enroll into <i>Semanario de cultura chilena</i> (Chilean culture course) as part of their course load.
Universidad Alberto Hurtado (UAH)	40 UAH credits (4 courses) + 10 UAH Early start intensive language course  <b>Total: 50 UAH = 15 BC credits</b>	
<b>China</b>		
Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (HKUST)	15 credits  <b>Total: 15 BC credits</b>	
Hong Kong University (HKU)	30 credits (5 courses)  <b>Total: 30 HKU = 15 BC credits</b>	
Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK)	15 credits (5 courses)  <b>Total: 15 BC credits</b>	
Nanjing University	15 credits  <b>Total: 15 BC credits</b>	All students are encouraged to enroll into a semester-long Chinese language course as part of their course load.
<b>Colombia</b>		
Pontificia Universidad Javeriana	15 credits  <b>Total: 15 BC credits</b>	

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<b>Croatia</b>		
BC in Croatia: War, Peace and Reconciliation	15 credits (5 courses) + 1 credit language course <b>Total: 16 BC credits</b>	Students have the opportunity to select one elective from the following 3 credit courses: (subject to group enrollment): -Internship course -Croatian language -Seminar with local faculty
<b>Czech Republic</b>		
Charles University: East and Central European Studies	12 credits (4 courses) + Czech language course (3 credits) <b>Total: 15 BC credits</b>	
<b>Denmark</b>		
Copenhagen Business School (CBS)	29-30 ECTS credits (4 courses) <b>Total: 15 BC credits</b>	A Danish language or culture class is recommended.
University of Copenhagen	29-30 ECTS credits <b>Total: 15 BC credits</b>	A Danish language or culture class is recommended.
<b>Ecuador</b>		
Universidad San Francisco de Quito (USFQ)	15 USFQ credits ( 5 courses) <b>Total: 15 BC credits</b>	A Spanish language course is recommended.
<b>Egypt</b>		
American University in Cairo	15 credits <b>Total: 15 BC credits</b>	An Arabic language course is recommended.

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<b>France</b> <i>BC transcript processing time for all France programs is significantly longer than other study abroad locations. Courses and grades you receive in France will take much more time to appear on your BC transcript compared to other BC study abroad programs.</i>		
École Supérieure de Commerce (ESCP)	<b>Fall:</b> 20-22.5 ECTS at host university + <i>Reconsidering the Parisian Avant-Garde through a Lens of Diversity</i> (BC course; 6 ECTS) + Early start intensive French course on Elfe transcript (2 ECTS) + Semester-long French language course on ESCP transcript (1 ECTS) <b>Total: 29-31.5 ECTS = 15-16 BC credits</b>  <b>Spring :</b> 22.5 ECTS at host university + <i>Reconsidering the Parisian Avant-Garde through a Lens of Diversity</i> (BC course; 6 ECTS) + Semester-long French language course on ESCP transcript(1 ECTS)  <b>Total: 29.5 ECTS = 15 BC credits</b>	All students must enroll in a semester-long French language course (1 ECTS) taught at ESCP and participate in the orientation program at ESCP.  Early start intensive French course (2 ECTS) is usually not available in the Spring semester.
Institut de Langue et de Culture Française (ILCF)	+ <i>Reconsidering the Parisian Avant-Garde through a Lens of Diversity</i> (BC course; 6 ECTS) + Early start intensive French course (4 ECTS ) + 15 hours/week mandatory French language (18 ECTS) + French Civilization or non language content course(6 ECTS)  <b>Total: 30-34 ECTS = 15-17 BC credits</b>	Early start intensive French course may or may not be available depending on the semester.
Paris IV (Sorbonne), Paris IX (Dauphine), Institut Catholique de Paris (ICP)	22 ECTS credits at host university + <i>Reconsidering the Parisian Avant-Garde through a Lens of Diversity</i> (BC course; 6 ECTS) + Early start intensive French course(2 ECTS) <b>Total: ECTS 30 = 15+ BC credits</b>	

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Sciences Po- Paris Campus	25 ECTS credits at host university + <i>Reconsidering the Parisian Avant-Garde through a Lens of Diversity</i> (BC course; 6 ECTS)  <b>Total: 31 ECTS = 16 BC credits</b>	All students must complete the Sciences Po welcome program (no BC credit).
Sciences Po- Reims Campus	30 ECTS at host university  <b>Total: 30 ECTS = 15 BC credits</b>	All students must complete the Sciences Po welcome program (no BC credit).
<b>Germany</b>		
Katholische Universität Eichstätt-Ingolstadt	20 ECTS credits (4 courses) + Presemester german course at host (5 ECTS) + Munich early start intensive language course at Goethe institute (5 ECTS)  <b>Total: 30 ECTS = 15 BC credits</b>	Full academic year students will take 29- 30 ECTS in the spring semester.
Frankfurt School of Finance & Management	24 ECTS credits (4 courses) + semester long German language (6 ECTS)  <b>Total: 30 ECTS = 15 BC credits</b>	A 4-week German Intensive Course for beginners is offered before the start of the semester.
University Tübingen	30 ECTS  <b>Total: 30 ECTS = 15 BC credits</b>	Tübingen recommends 2 lectures and 2 seminars per semester.  Students are encouraged to participate in one of the optional pre-semester German language courses (worth either 4 ECTS or 9 ECTS)

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<b>Great Britain</b>		
Durham University (Full Year)	120 Durham credits per year <b>Total: 30 BC credits</b>	
King's College London	60 King's credits <b>Total: 16 BC credits</b>	
Lancaster University	<b>Fall:</b> 12-16 Lancaster credits <b>Spring:</b> 16 Lancaster credits <b>Total: 12-16 BC credits</b>	Fall students are recommended to enroll in the International Summer Program prior to the start of fall semester.
London School of Economics (LSE) (Full Year)	4 LSE units over 1 year = 4 courses 1 LSE unit course = 8 BC credits  <b>Total: 32 BC credits</b>	See OGE Grading Scale document for important notes specifically about LSE.
Oxford (Mansfield) (Full Year)	36 Oxford credits (6 tutorials) per year <b>Total: 30 BC credits</b>	
Queen Mary	60 Queen Mary credits (4 courses) <b>Total: 16 BC credits</b>	
Royal Holloway	60 UK credits (4 courses) <b>Total: 16 BC credits</b>	
SOAS	60 SOAS credits (4 courses) <b>Total: 16 BC credits</b>	
University College London (UCL)	60 US credits (4 courses) <b>Total: 16 BC credits</b>	
University of Bristol	60 Bristol credits <b>Total: 16 BC credits</b>	
University of Edinburgh	60 Edinburgh credits (3 courses) <b>Total: 15 BC credits</b>	
University of Glasgow	60 Scottish credits <b>Total: 16 BC credits</b>	
University of Liverpool	60 Liverpool credits <b>Total: 16 BC credits</b>	
Newcastle University	60 Newcastle credits <b>Total: 16 BC credits</b>	

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<b>Greece</b>		
American College of Greece	15 credits (5 courses) <b>Total: 15 BC credits</b>	A modern Greek language course is recommended.
<b>Ireland</b> <i>A 10 ECTS course will always transfer back as 5 BC credits. A 5 ECTS course will transfer back as 2 <u>or</u> 3 BC credits. BC transcript processing time for all Ireland programs is significantly longer than other study abroad locations. Courses and grades you receive in Ireland will take much more time to appear on your BC transcript compared to other BC study abroad programs.</i>		
University of Galway	30 ECTS credits  <b>Total: 30 ECTS = 15 BC credits</b>	
Trinity College	25 ECTS credits at host + <i>Modern Ireland</i> (BC course; 5 ECTS)  <b>Total: 30 ECTS = 15 BC credits</b>	Full year students take 30 ECTS at Trinity in the spring (do not repeat BC course).
University College Cork	<b>Fall:</b> 20-25 ECTS at host + Mandatory <i>early start semester</i> course (10 ECTS) <b>Fall Total: 30-35 ECTS = 15-18 BC credits</b>  <b>Spring:</b> 30 ECTS at host <b>Spring Total: 30 ECTS = 15 BC credits</b>  <b>Total: 30-35 ECTS = 15-18 BC credits</b>	
University College Dublin (UCD)	25 ECTS credits + <i>Modern Ireland</i> (BC course; 5 ECTS)  <b>Total: 30 ECTS = 15 BC credits</b>	Full year students take 30 ECTS at UCD in the spring (do not repeat BC course).
Maynooth	25 ECTS credits + <i>Modern Ireland</i> (BC course; 5 ECTS)  <b>Total: 30 ECTS = 15 BC credits</b>	Full year students take 30 ECTS at Maynooth in the spring (not repeat BC course).



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<b>Italy</b>		
L'Istituto Dante Alighieri Parma	18 ECTS (3 courses each 6 ECTS) + Mandatory <i>Art History</i> (BC course; 6 ECTS) + Mandatory <i>Italian Language</i> (6 ECTS)  <b>Total: 30-32 ECTS = 15-16 BC credits</b>	Optional teaching placement is 2 ECTS.
University of Parma	2 courses taken at UniParma (each 6 ECTS) + 1 course taken at Dante (6 ECTS) + Mandatory <i>Art History</i> (BC course; 6 ECTS) + Mandatory <i>Italian Language</i> (6 ECTS)  <b>Total: 30-32 ECTS = 15-16 BC credits</b>	Optional teaching placement is 2 ECTS.
Università Bocconi	24 ECTS credits (4 courses) + Mandatory in-person intensive Italian course (equivalent to 6 ECTS)  <b>Total: 30 ECTS = 15 BC credits</b>	All students must take courses as "attending".  The Italian language "follow up" course called <i>Extended Italian Language &amp; Culture</i> (equivalent to 6 ECTS) is recommended as long as it is taken in-person.
Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore (UCSC)	24 ECTS (4 courses) + Mandatory <i>Italian Language</i> (6 ECTS)  <b>Total: 30 ECTS = 15 BC credits</b>	
Venice International University (VIU)	24 ECTS (4 courses) + Mandatory <i>Italian Language</i> (6 ECTS)  <b>Total: 30 ECTS = 15 BC credits</b>	
<b>Japan</b>		
Sophia University	16 credits (4 courses)  <b>Total: 16 BC credits</b>	Students are encouraged to enroll in a 4-credit Japanese language course as part of their course load.
Waseda University	14-16 credits  <b>Total: 14-16 BC credits</b>	All students must enroll in a Japanese language course as part of their course load.

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<b>Malaysia</b>		
Monash University in Malaysia	24 credit points (4 courses) <b>Total: 16 BC credits</b>	
<b>Mexico</b>		
Universidad Iberoamericana	32 Iberoamericana credits (4 courses) <b>Total: 16 BC credits</b>	
<b>Morocco</b>		
Al Akhawayn University	15 credits (5 courses) <b>Total: 15 BC credits</b>	One Arabic or French language course is recommended.
<b>Nepal</b>		
Center for Buddhist Studies, RYI	3 credits (1 course) + Language course, typically <i>NLAN 101 (Introductory spoken Nepali)</i> or colloquial Tibetan (3 credits) + <i>TSTD 101: philosophy</i> course taught by a Tibetan monk-professor (6 credits) + <i>BSTD 101/102: Intro to Buddhist culture, history &amp; traditions</i> (3 credits) OR <i>BSTD 201/202</i> for advancing students (3 credits)  <b>Total: 15 RYI credits = 15 BC credits</b>	
<b>Netherlands</b>		
Amsterdam University College	29-30 ECTS credits <b>Total: 15 BC credits</b>	One Dutch language or culture course is recommended.  Transcript will be issued by University of Amsterdam.
University of Amsterdam	29-30 ECTS credits <b>Total: 15 BC credits</b>	One Dutch language or culture course is recommended.
University College Utrecht	29-32 ECTS credits (4 courses) <b>Total: 15-16 BC credits</b>	One Dutch language or culture course is recommended.
<b>New Zealand</b>		
University of Otago	72 points (four 18-point courses) <b>Total: 16 BC credits</b>	

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<b>Norway</b>		
University of Bergen	30-32.5 ECTS credits (2-3 courses) <b>Total: 15-17 BC credits</b>	A Norwegian language or culture course is recommended.  Most courses are 10 or 15 ECTS credits.
<b>Philippines</b>		
Ateneo de Manila University	15 credits (5 courses) <b>Total: 15 BC credits</b>	A Tagalog language course is recommended.
<b>Poland</b>		
Jagiellonian University	24 ECTS credits (4 courses) +Mandatory <i>Polish Language Course</i> (6-8 ECTS)  <b>Total: 30-32 ECTS = 15-16 BC credits</b>	<i>Polish Survival</i> course is recommended.
<b>Portugal</b>		
Nova School of Business & Economics, Lisbon	30 ECTS credits (4 courses) <b>Total: 15-16 BC credits</b>	
Catolica Lisbon School of Business & Economics	30 ECTS credits <b>Total: 15-16 BC credits</b>	A Portuguese language course is recommended.
<b>Singapore</b>		
National University of Singapore (NUS)	16 Academic Units (4 courses)  <b>Total: 16 BC credits</b>	
<b>South Africa</b>		
Rhodes University	16 credits (3-4 courses)  <b>Total: 16 BC credits</b>	
University of Cape Town	72 NQF credits (3-4 courses)  <b>Total: 15 BC credits</b>	

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<b>South Korea</b>		
Seoul National University	15 credits (5 courses) <b>Total: 15 BC credits</b>	<p>Students have the option to register for a Korean language course through LEI but must pick 1 of 2 approved options:</p> <p>Option 1 (4 credits): The 13-week course is tailor-made to the needs and characteristics of exchange students.</p> <p>Option 2 (3 credits): The evening course is a less intensive program that will not interfere with regular SNU day offering for students looking for alternative options.</p>
Sogang University	15 credits (5 courses) <b>Total: 15 BC credits</b>	<p>Students have the option to register for a Korean language course but must pick 1 of the 2 approved options:</p> <p>Option 1 (3 credits) Evening Korean Language Course (KGP60) through KLEC; has to be the in-person class.</p> <p>Option 2 (3 credits) Korean Language And Culture through the Department of Global Korean Studies is a course that draws more focus on the cultural, societal aspects of Korea; three levels; Beginner, Intermediate and Advanced.</p>
<b>Spain</b>		
BC in Barcelona: Business and Culture	24 ECTS + Mandatory course <i>The Barcelona Model: History and Image</i> (6 ECTS)  <b>Total: 30 ECTS = 15 BC credits</b>	<p>In the first part of the program, students take 2-3 UPF courses.</p> <p>In the 2nd part of the program, students take 2 courses offered exclusively to BC students, which are pre-approved through CSOM.</p>
ESADE	28 ECTS credits (6-8 courses) + Mandatory Pre-semester intensive Spanish language courses (2 ECTS)  <b>Total: 30 ECTS = 15 BC credits</b>	

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Universidad Pompeu Fabra (UPF)	<p><b>Fall:</b> 15-17 ECTS credits                      + <i>Spanish Language Course (12 ECTS)</i>                      + <i>Early Intensive language course (3 ECTS)</i></p> <p><b>Spring:</b> 22 ECTS credits                      + <i>Spanish Language Course (12 ECTS)</i></p> <p><b>Total: 30-34 ECTS = 15-17 BC credits</b></p>	<p>Students may not enroll in more than two courses taught in English.</p> <p>Students must enroll in a semester-long Spanish course (Fall &amp; Spring) and additionally, in an early intensive Spanish course (Fall). (Native Spanish speakers contact OGE advisor regarding these courses)</p> <p>Students may not enroll in more than two BAPIS (Barcelona Program for Interdisciplinary Studies) or IBP courses. All students must enroll in at least one UPF Regular course or the internship seminar (Spring)</p> <p>Students are encouraged to enroll in the course <i>Spanish Culture: Multicultural Spain</i> - not required (6 ECTS) , taught by the BC Resident Director.</p>
University de Deusto (Bilbao and San Sebastian)	<p>27-30 ECTS credits (4-6 courses)                      + <i>Spanish Course (3 ECTS)</i></p> <p><b>Total: 30-33 ECTS = 15-17 BC credits</b></p>	
BC in Madrid (Carlos III)	<p>24 ECTS credits at host (4 courses)                      + <i>Spanish Art History from Al-Andalus to Picasso (BC course; 6 ECTS)</i></p> <p><b>Total: 30 ECTS = 15 BC credits</b></p>	<p>All Carlos III students must take a semester-long Spanish language class as one of their courses.</p> <p>Spanish track: Students may not enroll in more than two English-language courses or 12 ECTS credits.</p>
BC in Madrid (Comillas)	<p>24 ECTS credits at host (5 courses)                      + <i>Spanish Art History from Al-Andalus to Picasso (BC course; 6 ECTS)</i></p> <p><b>Total: 30 ECTS = 15 BC credits</b></p>	<p>Students may not enroll in more than two English-language courses or 12 ECTS credits.</p>
BC in Granada (GRIIS)	<p>135-180 hours (3-4 courses of 45 contact hours each)                      + <i>Mandatory Early Start Intensive Spanish (45 hours)</i>                      + <i>Mandatory GRIIS Seminar (45 hours)</i></p> <p><b>Total: 225-270 hours=15-18 BC credits</b></p>	<p>45 hours = 3 BC credits</p>

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<b>Taiwan</b>		
Fu Jen Catholic University	15-16 Taiwan credits (up to 8 courses)  <b>Total: 15-16 BC credits</b>	A Chinese language course is recommended.
<b>United Arab Emirates</b>		
American University of Sharjah	15 credits (5 courses) <b>Total: 15 BC credits</b>	An Arabic language course is recommended.

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