

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.

[Grading Translation Scale PDF for BC semester programs](#)

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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 credits

8 ECTS = 4 BC

7.5 ECTS = 4 BC

7 ECTS = 4 BC

6 ECTS = 3 BC

5 ECTS = 2 or 3 BC *

4 ECTS = 2 BC

3.5 ECTS = 2 BC

3 ECTS = 2 BC

2 ECTS = 1 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 with questions. Please note that courses transferring back to Boston College as 2 BC credits usually may not satisfy major, minor or core requirements. This is dependent on the specific BC department's policies.

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Argentina		
Universidad Torcuato Di Tella (UTDT)	12 BC credits (3 regular courses) + Early start intensive Spanish course (4 BC credits) Total: 16 BC credits	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) Total: 15-18 BC credits	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.
Australia		
Australian Catholic University (ACU)	40 credit points (4 courses) Total: 16 BC credits	
Monash University in Australia	24 credit points (4 courses) Total: 16 BC credits	
University of Melbourne	50 points (4 courses) Total: 16 BC credits	
University of New South Wales (UNSW)	24 credits (4 courses) Total: 16 BC credits	
University of Notre Dame, Australia	100 credit points (4 courses) Total: 16 BC credits	
University of Queensland	8 units (4 courses) Total: 16 BC credits	
University of Western Australia	24 points (4 courses) Total: 16 BC credits	
University of Sydney	24 credit points (4 courses) Total: 16 BC credits	
Austria		
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 Total: 29 ECTS=15 BC credits	

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

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Croatia		
BC in Croatia: War, Peace and Reconciliation	15 credits (5 courses) + 1 credit language course Total: 16 BC credits	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
Czech Republic		
Charles University: East and Central European Studies	12 credits (4 courses) + Czech language course (3 credits) Total: 15 BC credits	
Denmark		
Copenhagen Business School (CBS)	29-30 ECTS credits (4 courses) Total: 15 BC credits	A Danish language or culture class is recommended.
University of Copenhagen	29-30 ECTS credits Total: 15 BC credits	A Danish language or culture class is recommended.
Ecuador		
Universidad San Francisco de Quito (USFQ)	15 USFQ credits (5 courses) Total: 15 BC credits	A Spanish language course is recommended.
Egypt		
American University in Cairo	15 credits Total: 15 BC credits	An Arabic language course is recommended.

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France <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)	Fall: 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) Total: 29-31.5 ECTS = 15-16 BC credits Spring : 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) Total: 29.5 ECTS = 15 BC credits	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) Total: 30-34 ECTS = 15-17 BC credits	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) Total: ECTS 30 = 15+ BC credits	

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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) Total: 31 ECTS = 16 BC credits	All students must complete the Sciences Po welcome program (no BC credit).
Sciences Po- Reims Campus	30 ECTS at host university Total: 30 ECTS = 15 BC credits	All students must complete the Sciences Po welcome program (no BC credit).
Germany		
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) Total: 30 ECTS = 15 BC credits	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) Total: 30 ECTS = 15 BC credits	A 4-week German Intensive Course for beginners is offered before the start of the semester.
University Tübingen	30 ECTS Total: 30 ECTS = 15 BC credits	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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Great Britain		
Durham University (Full Year)	120 Durham credits per year Total: 30 BC credits	
King's College London	60 King's credits Total: 16 BC credits	
Lancaster University	Fall: 12-16 Lancaster credits Spring: 16 Lancaster credits Total: 12-16 BC credits	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 Total: 32 BC credits	See OGE Grading Scale document for important notes specifically about LSE.
Oxford (Mansfield) (Full Year)	36 Oxford credits (6 tutorials) per year Total: 30 BC credits	
Queen Mary	60 Queen Mary credits (4 courses) Total: 16 BC credits	
Royal Holloway	60 UK credits (4 courses) Total: 16 BC credits	
SOAS	60 SOAS credits (4 courses) Total: 16 BC credits	
University College London (UCL)	60 US credits (4 courses) Total: 16 BC credits	
University of Bristol	60 Bristol credits Total: 16 BC credits	
University of Edinburgh	60 Edinburgh credits (3 courses) Total: 15 BC credits	
University of Glasgow	60 Scottish credits Total: 16 BC credits	
University of Liverpool	60 Liverpool credits Total: 16 BC credits	
Newcastle University	60 Newcastle credits Total: 16 BC credits	

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Greece		
American College of Greece	15 credits (5 courses) Total: 15 BC credits	A modern Greek language course is recommended.
Ireland & Northern Ireland <i>A 10 ECTS course will always transfer back as 5 BC credits.</i> <i>A 5 ECTS course will transfer back as 2 <u>or</u> 3 BC credits.</i> <i>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 Total: 30 ECTS = 15 BC credits	
Trinity College	25 ECTS credits at host + <i>Modern Ireland</i> (BC course; 5 ECTS) Total: 30 ECTS = 15 BC credits	Full year students take 30 ECTS at Trinity in the spring (do not repeat BC course).
University College Cork	Fall: 20-25 ECTS at host + Mandatory <i>early start semester</i> course (10 ECTS) Fall Total: 30-35 ECTS = 15-18 BC credits Spring: 30 ECTS at host Spring Total: 30 ECTS = 15 BC credits Total: 30-35 ECTS = 15-18 BC credits	
University College Dublin (UCD)	25 ECTS credits + <i>Modern Ireland</i> (BC course; 5 ECTS) Total: 30 ECTS = 15 BC credits	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) Total: 30 ECTS = 15 BC credits	Full year students take 30 ECTS at Maynooth in the spring (not repeat BC course).

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Ireland & Northern Ireland (continued)		
Queen's University Belfast	60 units (3 courses each 20 units) Total: 60 units = 15 BC credits	Belfast does not use ECTS.
Italy		
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) Total: 30-32 ECTS = 15-16 BC credits	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) Total: 30-32 ECTS = 15-16 BC credits	Optional teaching placement is 2 ECTS.
Università Bocconi	24 ECTS credits (4 courses) + Mandatory in-person intensive Italian course (equivalent to 6 ECTS) Total: 30 ECTS = 15 BC credits	All students must take courses as "attending". The Italian language "follow up" course called <i>Extended Italian Language & 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) Total: 30 ECTS = 15 BC credits	
Venice International University (VIU)	24 ECTS (4 courses) + Mandatory <i>Italian Language</i> (6 ECTS) Total: 30 ECTS = 15 BC credits	
Japan		
Sophia University	16 credits (4 courses) Total: 16 BC credits	Students are encouraged to enroll in a 4-credit Japanese language course as part of their course load.
Waseda University	14-16 credits Total: 14-16 BC credits	All students must enroll in a Japanese language course as part of their course load.

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

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

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South Korea		
Seoul National University	15 credits (5 courses) Total: 15 BC credits	Students have the option to register for a Korean language course through LEI but must pick 1 of 2 approved options: Option 1 (4 credits): The 13-week course is tailor-made to the needs and characteristics of exchange students. 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.
Sogang University	15 credits (5 courses) Total: 15 BC credits	Students have the option to register for a Korean language course but must pick 1 of the 2 approved options: Option 1 (3 credits) Evening Korean Language Course (KGP6o) through KLEC; has to be the in-person class. 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.
Spain		
BC in Barcelona: Business and Culture	24 ECTS + Mandatory course <i>The Barcelona Model: History and Image</i> (6 ECTS) Total: 30 ECTS = 15 BC credits	In the first part of the program, students take 2-3 UPF courses. In the 2nd part of the program, students take 2 courses offered exclusively to BC students, which are pre-approved through CSOM.
ESADE	28 ECTS credits (6-8 courses) + Mandatory Pre-semester intensive Spanish language courses (2 ECTS) Total: 30 ECTS = 15 BC credits	

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Spain (continued)		
Universidad Pompeu Fabra (UPF)	<p>Fall: 15-17 ECTS credits + <i>Spanish Language Course (12 ECTS)</i> + <i>Early Intensive language course (3 ECTS)</i></p> <p>Spring: 22 ECTS credits + <i>Spanish Language Course (12 ECTS)</i></p> <p>Total: 30-34 ECTS = 15-17 BC credits</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 & 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>Total: 30-33 ECTS = 15-17 BC credits</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>Total: 30 ECTS = 15 BC credits</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>Total: 30 ECTS = 15 BC credits</p>	Students may not enroll in more than two English-language courses or 12 ECTS credits.
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>Total: 225-270 hours=15-18 BC credits</p>	45 hours = 3 BC credits

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

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