

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

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To: Deans, Directors, and Chairs

Fr: Robert F. Banks, Assistant Provost and Assistant Vice President for Academic Human Resources

Re: MSU Co-Sponsored Study Abroad Programs

Recently, I approved the Office of Study Abroad proposal for MSU Co-Sponsored Study Abroad Programs. The University Committee on Academic Policy and the University Graduate Council recommended approval and I concurred.

This new policy will be effective Fall 2003.

- The essential change is to allow credit earned in MSU Co-Sponsored Study Abroad Programs to be regular MSU credit rather than transfer credit.
- The Office of Study Abroad will follow a yet-to-be determined approval process and then inform the Office of the Registrar that a particular study-abroad program is an MSU Co-Sponsored Study Abroad Program.
 - Per the University Committee on Academic Policy recommendation, this approval process will need to include an opportunity for the University Committee on Curriculum to comment regarding programs that exceed the equivalent of one semester's work.
- This change will allow earned credit to be listed on the MSU transcript using the MSU grading system and GPA calculation.
- The transcript notation will follow the model used by CIC Traveling Scholars, to read:

Name of MSU Co-Sponsored Study Abroad Program			
Name of actual course	Credits	Grade	
- The effective date for this policy change is Fall 2003.
 - Any students already enrolled in any program, which becomes an MSU Co-Sponsored Study Abroad Program, per this policy change, will need to be informed of the change.
 - In fairness to students, for Fall 2003 MSU Co-Sponsored Study Abroad Programs only, if any students who have already enrolled object to this policy change, they may stay enrolled under the previous policy. Every student in each Fall 2003 program cohort will need to sign an agreement indicating which policy they accept before they depart. The exact date is to be determined by the Office of the Registrar in cooperation with the Office of Study Abroad.



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Additional advising information will be forthcoming.

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