UNDERGRADUATE COUNCIL
Request for Change(s)

Originating unit requesting change

Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and
Dean of University Programs

Type of Change requested:

- Course number(s)
- Course title
- Course description
- Course prerequisite(s)
- Drop course(s)
- Drop program(s)
- Program title
- Program description
- Program requirements

Semester and year change(s) take effect: Fall, 2010

Appropriate computer abbreviation if course title is more than 30 spaces:
Study Abroad Credit

Briefly summarize the change requested:
Given TCU students pay TCU tuition for all study abroad programs, the study abroad credit policy has been updated to provide a consistent option across our TCU In London, Florence, and Seville programs as well as our partner and petition programs.

Catalog copy

Present catalog copy (paste-up from catalog is acceptable. Proposed change(s). (Include exact catalog copy as desired. Underline changes)
TCU will accept as transfer credit courses taken by students enrolled in approved foreign colleges or universities if prior written approval is obtained from the appropriate academic dean. Students who enroll at those foreign colleges or universities with which the University has a formal agreement of institutional affiliation may exercise the following option. Students have the option as to whether or not the courses taken during the foreign study will be used to meet residency requirements, in which case the grades in these courses are computed in the official TCU GPA. Students must declare their intent in writing prior to the period of foreign study and said declaration is irrevocable. The Office of the Provost/Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and the Center for International Education maintains a list of those institutions with which TCU has formal agreements of institutional affiliation. The study abroad coordinator assists students in making arrangement for foreign study.

Request for Changes

1. What is the justification for the change(s) requested?
   Students pay TCU tuition for all study abroad programs thereby allowing them to utilize scholarships and financial aid. In essence, TCU has taken "ownership" of the programs. Our philosophy has been to further emphasis the academic nature of study abroad and to hold students accountable for their performance. However, given students student in a different culture and/or language, the option of P/NC or electing transfer credit is sensitive to the student who may be legitimately concerned about hindering their GPA, affecting graduating with honors, etc.

2. If applicable, explain how the change(s) will affect the current program outcomes and assessment mechanisms.
   The change in policy reinforces our emphasis upon study abroad as an academic experience. Assessment mechanisms are based upon qualitative learning experiences rather than exclusively GPA, therefore, the change doesn't adversely affect our current outcomes or assessment processes.

3. **Faculty Resources:** How will the unit provide faculty support for this change and any other impact this change may have on other current departmental listings. 
   Not Applicable.

4. **Educational Resources:** Will this change require additional resources not currently
available (e.g. space, equipment, library, other)?
If yes, list additional resources needed.

☐ YES
☒ NO

5. If this change affects other units of the University, include a statement signed by the chairperson(s) of the affected unit(s).
   Not Applicable

6. If cross-listed, provide evidence of approval by all curriculum committees appropriate to both the originating and cross-listed units.
   Not Applicable

[Signature]
Approval signature of chairperson of originating unit

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Study Abroad Credit

TCU supports three types of study abroad programs: programs administered by the Center for International Studies, called “TCU in” programs, programs administered by select providers and universities with which the university has an agreement, called “Partner” programs, and “Petition” programs, special programs for which a student has submitted a petition and the Center for International Studies and the students’ academic unit have approved. Petition programs must be accredited institutions of higher education.

For TCU in programs, Partner programs and Petition programs not utilizing a U.S. transcript, courses count as residency credit, in which case the course grades are computed in the official TCU GPA and students can elect to take individual courses P/NC following TCU policy. Students who do not want to receive residency credit may elect to have all courses count as transfer credit, in which case credits are not eligible for Cultural Awareness credit. Students who elect to have study abroad courses count as transfer credit must declare their intent in writing prior to the period of international study and said declaration is irrevocable.

Study Abroad Petition programs utilizing U.S. transcripts will be brought in as transfer credit.

The Center for International Studies: TCU Abroad assists students in making arrangement for international study.