

# Education Abroad Program Models

In recent years, study abroad participation has grown in the area of shorter programs with discipline-specific content. However, programs of shorter duration require more intentionality in program design in order to maximize the learning potential. Below are some program models that can be used to create valuable education abroad programs for SCSU students. In addition, we have examples of the various program types which potential program leaders can review.

## **Faculty-led programs embedded in regular academic semester**

- SCSU courses taught by SCSU Faculty
- Degree-specific or interdisciplinary course
- Eligibility can be restrictive or open as desired

*Example of faculty-led embedded model: South Africa Spring Break Model with ethnic studies course*

## **Faculty-Led Programs as stand-alone programs** (during winter or spring break or summer session)

- SCSU courses taught by SCSU faculty or on-site professors
- Can be open to all major or students interested in the location, or can be degree specific
- Can range in length from 1 week to 8 weeks
- Can allow students to earn part-time or full-semester credits

*Example of faculty-led stand-alone model: faculty-led summer programs, spring or winter break programs, such as the Costa Rica Geography Program, the Italy & Greece Program or a summer business program.*

## **Customized Program with a Provider**

- Some of the SCSU credits are taught by the SCSU Faculty
- Some of the SCSU credits are taught by on-site professors
- Can be open to a variety of majors for students interested in the location

Example of a Customized Program: Spain Semester in Seville

## **Collaborative Programming with EF Tours**

SCSU Credits are taught by SCSU Faculty

- Faculty from different disciplines (or even MNSCU schools) recruit for programming in the same country (countries)
- Cultural teaching and excursions are provided by EF Tours in the morning to the whole group
- Group breaks up into afternoon sessions to focus on specific academic content or academic excursions related to specific topic

## **Service-Learning Programs**

**International Activity or Involvement**, such as an athletic team touring and playing internationally, or a student conducting academic research.