

STUDY ABROAD GUIDELINES

Department of Spanish & Portuguese

All majors and minors in Spanish and Portuguese are strongly encouraged to participate in Tulane's language-intensive Study Abroad Programs. Prior to their participation, Spanish majors and minors, and joint majors should complete at least SPAN 3040; Portuguese coordinate majors and minors, and joint majors going to Brazil, must complete PORT 2030, although the ideal study abroad candidate will have fulfilled the three major and minor requirements at the 3000 level. There are just a few programs that accept students who have only completed Spanish 2040.

General guidelines:

- BEFORE GOING ABROAD - Students are responsible for meeting with their advisors in the department of Spanish and Portuguese in order to discuss the substitution of possible courses.
- All majors (Spanish, Portuguese, and joint) must take two out of three 6000 level courses on campus.
- One of those is Senior Seminar 6850.
- Spanish and Portuguese minors must take six credits (two classes) on campus in the department.
- Credit from courses taken abroad is applied toward courses in the Spanish or Portuguese curriculum at Tulane after students return to New Orleans.
- Courses that apply to the Spanish or Portuguese curriculum from abroad must resemble courses taught in the Department of Spanish and Portuguese, which are listed in the [Undergraduate Catalog](#)

As a general rule, the Department recognizes courses in culture, literature, theater, poetry, film, and advanced linguistics. We will also transfer a maximum of one (1) course on a cultural topic that is not usually offered in the Department – examples of these exceptions are: Islamic Culture in the Iberian Peninsula, History of Tango, or Latin American Art History.

The Department does not approve credit for courses in other disciplines, including political science, economics, biology, and sociology, even if these classes are taught in Spanish or Portuguese. Students must seek that credit from the appropriate department at Tulane.

Students are also responsible for choosing courses that match the curriculum in Spanish or Portuguese as much as possible.

- Students may not receive credit for courses taken abroad if they took a similar course at Tulane. For example, if students take a course abroad called "Spanish Grammar and Composition," they may not apply it toward SPAN 3040, which they took prior to participating in study abroad.
- Language courses, even if required by the program abroad, will not transfer as major or minor credit.
- 4060 requirement for Spanish and joint majors who study abroad: If there are no courses equivalent to Tulane's 4060, students should take some sort of comprehensive survey in early modern to nineteenth century Hispanic literatures.
- SPAN 6850 Senior Seminar may not be substituted with a course from abroad, and must be taken in the Department.

- UPON RETURNING TO NEW ORLEANS - Students will turn in to their advisors in the department of Spanish & Portuguese the course substitution [form](#)
Advisors will keep copies of this form in the student's file.
- In order to process the substitution, students must provide their advisors with course descriptions, syllabi, reading assignment lists, etc., for the courses taken abroad. Students should bring these documents from abroad, since they are not always available on line.
- A substitution form assigns a Tulane code (SPAN or PORT 3000, 4000, or 6000, depending on the complexity of the course) to classes taken abroad, which are usually identified with a 5000-level code. Students should wait until courses taken abroad appear in their transcript before meeting with their advisor about substitution. If coursework abroad does not show in their transcript, students should contact the Study Abroad office. Major or minor advisor in the department of Spanish and Portuguese cannot do anything about transferring courses and grades from the study abroad program.

Please also review the guidelines of the [Study Abroad office](#)

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