1-CREDIT COURSES FOR STUDY ABROAD STUDENTS WANTING TO CROSS BORDERS OF UNDERSTANDING

1-CREDIT COURSES CROSS-LISTED IN MODERN LANGUAGES AND HONORS PROGRAM AND INTERNATIONAL STUDIES ATTRIBUTES
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PRE-DEPARTURE COURSE: CROSS-CULTURAL PREPARATION FOR STUDY ABROAD

If you intend to study abroad, you will board the plane with greater confidence having taken the 1-credit course Cross-Cultural Prep for Study Abroad before going. Through films, literature, current events, and the treasure-trove of personal stories of foreign-born guest speakers, international students, past study abroad participants, and the instructor’s own twenty-five years of living and working overseas, the pre-departure course opens you to see the world as a cultural explorer. This course is designed for students majoring in any field who aspire to develop greater cross-cultural competence through their experience studying outside the United States. Since students may not have already decided upon their study abroad program at the beginning of the semester, country-specific assignments only come during the latter part of the course. Weekly 50-minute class meetings.

COURSE UPON RETURNING: CROSS-CULTURAL RE-ENTRY FROM STUDY ABROAD

Is what you’ve seen and heard while away still replaying in your mind? If you don’t want those images and insights to be lost in the whirlwind of activity back on campus in St. Louis, the 1-credit course Cross-Cultural Re-Entry from Study Abroad is for you. The course only begins in the third week of the semester, running for 9 – 10 weeks with weekly 75-minute class meetings. “Unfortunately, there are precious few people on campus that will, or even can, begin to understand the frustration of a returning study abroad student.” – past SLU study abroad student.

INSTRUCTOR PROFILE: NORMA VOGEHLWEID, M.A., ADJUNCT INSTRUCTOR, MODERN LANGUAGES DEPARTMENT

Norma Vogelweid, the instructor of both courses, has worked in business and with community organizations for twenty-five years in Europe and South America. Her homes were in Zurich, Switzerland, São Paulo, Brazil, and Lisbon, Portugal. Ms. Vogelweid is a native St. Louisan who received her Master’s degree from the University of Chicago in International Relations. She agrees with a New York Times Magazine article that said: “To see the world, you must get close to it. You must get on the bloody plane.”