

Policy 8365: Study Exchange and International Experience Abroad

A. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to:

- (1) Provide guidelines for students who are planning to participate in a Study Exchange Abroad (SEA) or International Experience Abroad (IEA).
- (2) Provide guidelines for Selkirk College programs which have an international study experience as a component of the student experience.

B. SCOPE / LIMITS

This policy applies to all College approved SEA and IEA opportunities and Selkirk College domestic and international students.

C. PRINCIPLES

- a. Selkirk College recognizes the importance of delivering an education that builds relationships, culture, belonging, empowerment, and opportunity on a local, national, and global scale.
- b. SEA/IEA policy supports valuable international experiences that contribute not only to the individual student's growth, but also to their academic and co-curricular transcripts.
- c. No independent Selkirk College credential will be awarded for participation in the SEA program.
- d. Courses completed during SEA may be used towards the completion of a Selkirk College credential where applicable.

D. DEFINITIONS

Students

- (1) Study Exchange Abroad (SEA):** Students in any program with officially articulated agreements with partner institutions worldwide. SEA students enroll in an approved international study exchange program and earn credits towards the completion of a credential at Selkirk College.
- (2) International Experience Abroad (IEA):** Students in a College program participating in an approved IEA related or unrelated to their program. IEA students do not complete

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officially articulated courses, though transfer credit may be considered on an individual basis.

Institutions:

- (1) **Host Institution:** refers to the institution the Selkirk student will be attending in another country.
- (2) **Sending Institution:** refers to Selkirk College.

E. PARTICIPATION

- a) Student must be enrolled in a Selkirk College program or graduated from a Selkirk College program within 12 months
- b) Students must be in good standing as defined by Selkirk College and have a 2.3 cumulative GPA at the time of application.
- c) Students participating as an SEA or IEA student must register and make payment for their study abroad experience.
- d) Full-time enrollment and attendance at the Host Institution is required for all exchange students participating in a full semester study abroad.

Failure to maintain full-time status in full semester programs at the Host institution or adhere to Selkirk College's Student Code of Conduct may result in the termination of the exchange. In this case, students will be required immediately to return to Canada prior to the end of their program. Any additional costs accrued resulting from a violation of the Student Code of Conduct are the responsibility of the student alone.

- e) Upon return, SEA students must submit a transcript where transfer credits will be assigned according to Selkirk College Policy *8614 Advanced Standing*.
- f) Students are bound by the *Selkirk College Policy 3400: Student Code of Conduct* and the exchange/student policies at the Host Institution.
- g) Participants choosing to end their study abroad early are required to get approval from Selkirk International and their program School Chair as well as consent from the Host Institution.

F. DEFERRALS

- a) Students unable to participate in an approved exchange and wanting to defer must apply for a deferral. Deferrals will be granted at discretion of the student's program School Chair and with agreement of the Host Institution. Selkirk International may need to be consulted should the student be on study permit.

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- b) Students not granted a deferral must re-submit a full application should they wish to attend in the future.

Part IV COLLEGE POLICIES RELEVANT TO ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS:

Policy 3400: Student Code of Conduct

Policy 6550: Protection of Privacy

Policy 8400: Student Appeals

Policy 8600: Pre-Admissions Basic Skills Assessment

Policy 8611: Admission

Policy 8612: Grading

Policy 8613: Evaluation of Student Learning

Policy 8614: Advanced Standing – Course Challenge, PLA, Transfer Credit

Policy 8615: Standards of Academic Progress

Policy 8616: Student Withdrawals and Refunds

Policy 8617: Credentials and Graduation

Policy 8618: Cheating and Plagiarism

Policy 8619: Student Probation

Policy 8620: Interdisciplinary Studies

Responsibility, Recommendation and Approval Dates

Executive Responsibility:

Administrative Responsibility:

Recommended by Policy Review Committee:

Recommended/Approved by Education Council:

Approved by President:

Linkage to Board Policy: