

## Overview of seeking HSSP credit for health-related coursework completed while abroad

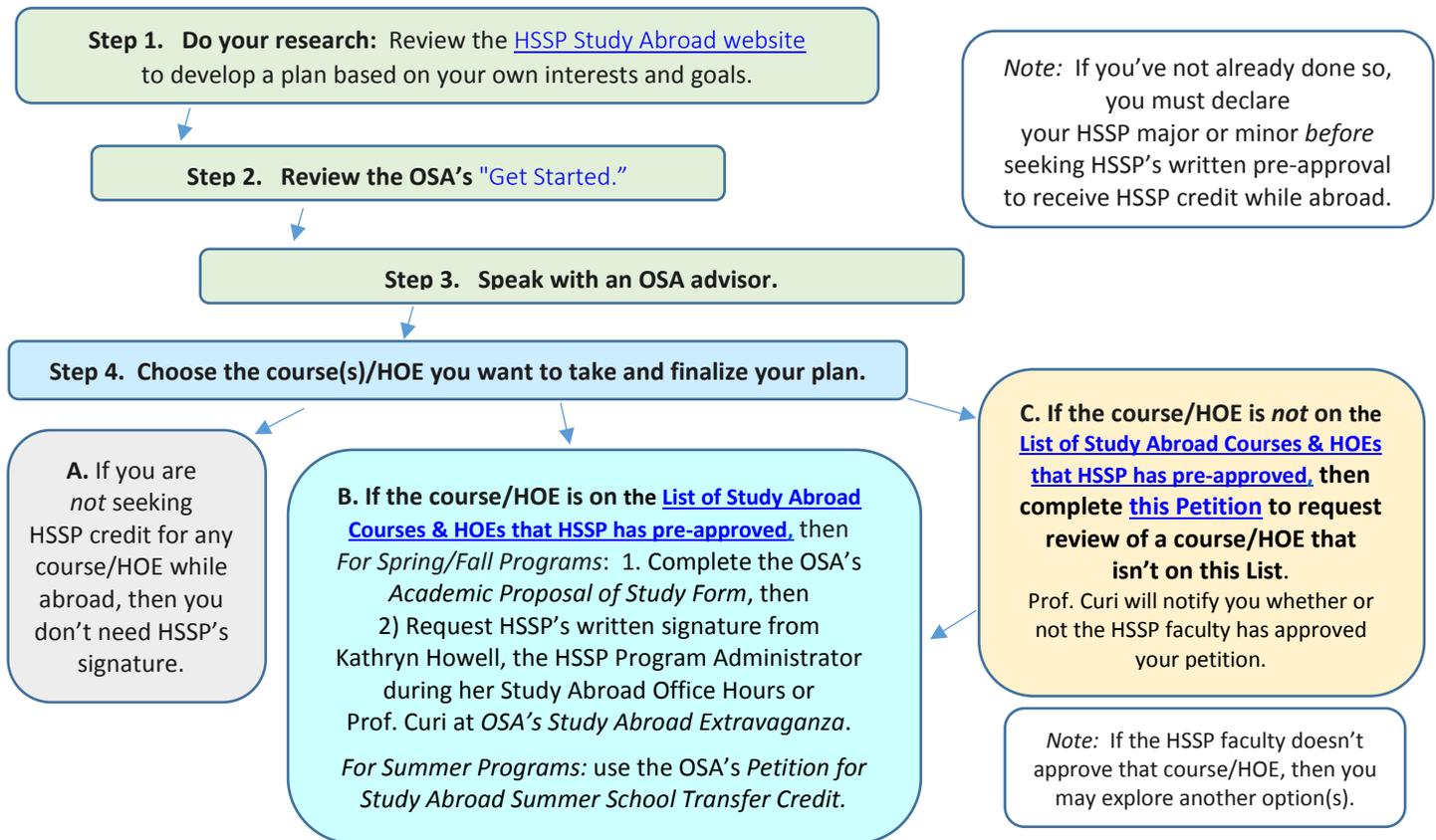
The [Health: Science, Society and Policy \(HSSP\)](#) program encourages HSSP majors and minors to engage in study abroad programs. Each year, approximately one third of HSSP students participate in such programs. In recent years, HSSP students have gone to Chile, Denmark, England, Geneva, India, South Africa, Spain, and numerous other countries for their life-enriching study abroad experiences.

While some HSSP students do not take health-related courses abroad, others go abroad to expand their perspectives on health and health care, as well as cultural differences in understandings of health, illness, and well-being. Many programs offer health-related internship and field experience components that fulfill the HSSP hands-on-experience (HOE) requirement.

To seek HSSP credit for any course or HOE taken abroad, you will need to work with both the Office of Study Abroad (OSA) as well as the HSSP Program.

### A. Before going abroad

If you are a HSSP major or minor seeking HSSP credit for your study abroad work, follow these steps:



### B. After returning from abroad:

**1. Follow the OSA's *Returning to Brandeis* checklist, including attending OSA' Re-Entry Workshop.**

**2. To receive HSSP credit for courses for which you received the SAL's written pre-approval, you need to complete:**

- The Registrar's online [Petition to Request Substitution for a Requirement form](#), or
- If petitioning for HOE credit, the Registrar's [Substitution Request for HSSP Hands-On-Experience](#), include a pdf of 20-25 pages, double spaced, of original written work.

**Note:** Because programs and internships vary, there is no prescribed format or layout for the paper. While many programs require papers that are 20-25 pages or longer, other programs ask for a range of different written work, for example a series of journal entries and/or case studies. As you prepare this written work, be mindful that you should not merely report experience, but also locate your experience with in broader aspects of HSSP. Additionally, you may want to reflect on how your organization/project fits into the larger arena of health care. For example, did you observe how social conditions affect health? Were there policies that helped or hindered the goals of your organization/project? It may be useful to address the specifics of what you did, but also why you were asked to do it. If, however, this work is not in English, you should submit it and also include a 1-2 page (double-spaced) abstract/summary, in English, that addresses what you did and how it relates to HSSP.