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 Mexico, Chile, Denmark, England, Geneva, 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.

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

Step 1. Do your research: Review the HSSP Study Abroad website to develop a plan based on your own interests and goals.

Step 2. Review the OSA’s “Get Started.”

Step 3. Speak with an OSA advisor.

Step 4. Choose the course(s)/HOE you want to take and finalize your plan.

A. Is your course already this list? And, is it approved by HSSP for what you plan to take it for (for example, HSSP Focal Area C or HOE)?

If so, note that on your Proposed Course Abroad form and you’re all set! You don’t need any additional signatures because the course is -pre-approved for what you want it for.

B. If your course NOT on this list then complete this Petition to request review of that new course.

Prof. Curi will notify you whether or not the HSSP faculty has approved your petition.

Note: If the HSSP faculty doesn’t approve that course/HOE, then you may explore another option(s).

Upon return from abroad
Any pre-approved courses will be automatically transferred. If you took more than 2 pre-approved courses, please let the Office of Study Abroad know which 2 you would like to transfer toward your HSSP major.