

Department of English Language and Literature Honors Program Study Abroad Policy

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to make clear the obligations of both a student intending to study abroad during the duration on the English Honors Program in order to be accepted into the program and of the Honors Director to the student while the student is abroad.

Policy

- Student must declare their intention to study abroad in spring semester (Sem 1), with the intention to be on campus to complete semesters 2 and 3 of the program, on the application to the honors program the fall before the program begins.
- The student will reach out to the Honors Director during the first week of each month (excluding January) to set up a check-in for a total of four (4) check-ins. Check-ins should be conducted via zoom. If the difference in time zones makes a zoom meeting too difficult, the Honors Director may decide to conduct the check-ins via email.
 - February:
 - Student should introduce themselves, state what area they are interested in doing their thesis project in, create a timeline with the Honor's Director for progress.
 - March:
 - Check-in should include updates on the progress of an annotated bibliography.
 - April:
 - The student should have an annotated bibliography of 10 sources, and discuss a longer reading list for over the summer.
 - Discuss general progress on the direction of the thesis project.
 - May:
 - The student should have a draft of their thesis proposal, and an idea of which faculty advisor they will want to work with.
- By the end of the semester, students should email the Honors Director a copy of the following:
 - Annotated Bibliography/Reading list
 - Thesis proposal
 - Intended faculty director
- In the fall (Semester 2), the student will register for ENGL 429 for 1 credit with the honor's director's course code in order to receive credit for the work that was done during their time abroad.
 - If a credit overload exception is required from ARHU in order to register for the course, the student should explain in their application that the work for the course has already been completed, and the independent study is for retroactive credit.

Additional Resources

- Academic Calendars: <https://provost.umd.edu/calendar>