It is our mission to support students from the moment they become interested in exploring study abroad options to months and even years after they have returned home from abroad. We firmly believe that each step of the process is an important opportunity for students to grow in their critical thinking, logistical planning, and independence. We provide resources and assistance that empowers and encourages students to take personal responsibility for their study abroad experiences.

One of the most important functions of Education Abroad at UNO is developing and maintaining partnerships with other universities and organizations around the world. These connections create additional opportunities for UNO students to go abroad and for international students to study on our campus in Omaha, as well as build positive relationships and a shared history with our counterparts in other countries. We are constantly working to strengthen the programs and connections we have with our established partners and identify potential institutions to collaborate with in the future.

Faculty program leaders are the creative minds behind study abroad experiences that strengthen academic curriculum. Because they are interacting with and standing in front of students daily, faculty also play an important and effective role in student recruitment. UNO Education Abroad works with faculty members to develop their ideas for overseas experiences. We provide extensive support to those planning a program for the first time by facilitating trip logistics and marketing plans.

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One of Education Abroad’s missions is to partner with departments, faculty, and staff to increase the number of international opportunities available to UNO students. Studying abroad is one of the best investments that students can make for their future. It gives them the opportunity to explore new locations and ideas, broadens their perspectives, and helps them grow both academically and personally.

We sincerely appreciate your support in expanding our program offerings and encouraging students to develop their global citizenship. These are a few of the ways you can get involved with Education Abroad:

**PROMOTE EDUCATION ABROAD IN YOUR CLASSROOM**

As a faculty member, you are one of the biggest influencers for students in the decision to study abroad. Students value and trust the opinions of faculty members, and sometimes a simple word of encouragement is all that is needed. We would love the opportunity to give a brief presentation about Education Abroad in your courses and are happy to provide you with information material at any time. We are also able to compile a list of recommended programs that would be beneficial for students in your topic of instruction.

**ASSIST WITH COURSE APPROVALS**

For students to receive credit from their institutions abroad, they must have all courses approved for transfer to UNO prior to departure. Students accomplish this by filling out a course approval form and presenting it to the proper faculty members for evaluation. Every department is responsible for evaluating its own transfer credit, and typically the department chair will be in charge of reviewing and signing off on courses. If you are approving a course, you will write the name and course number. Transfer courses can be specific (SPAN 3030) or general (SPAN 4960: Special Topics, FLNG-U: Foreign Language Upper Level). After you sign off on the course(s), the student will then return the form to the Education Abroad Office.

**CREATE A STUDY ABROAD PROGRAM**

Faculty-led programs are responsible for the majority of our study abroad participation each year. We rely on creativity and dedication of our faculty to develop unique and interesting program options for students. Faculty-led programs are extremely beneficial because they provide students with the opportunity to engage with faculty members and students on a deeper level while examining a specific topic in-depth. Faculty also benefit from these programs as they aid your career development, add excitement to your curriculum, and allow you to use the world as your classroom.

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**TOP FIVE MAJOR FIELDS OF STUDY FOR UNO STUDY ABROAD STUDENTS**

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Education Abroad plays a large role in supporting faculty program leaders. We provide valuable resources and assist with the planning, coordination, logistics, and marketing of your program. If you are interested in leading a study abroad program, please contact Emily Hassenstab, the Manager of Education Abroad and Global Partnerships, at ehassenstab@unomaha.edu.