

MEMORANDUM

To: Faculty Senate

From: University Academic Status Committee, Laurie S. Hunter, Ph.D. ^{LSH}, Chair

Date: 17 October 2016

RE: Recommendation for Pass/Fail Option for Study Abroad

After careful consideration of the issues surrounding the pass/fail option in study abroad courses, the University Academic Status Committee proposes to disallow pass/fail as an option for study abroad courses. The study abroad experience is an extensive undertaking requiring much responsibility and obligation, for both participating students and faculty members, thus the level of commitment and dedication necessary is analogous to any other required course (not to general, non-program electives). As a note, this recommendation echoes a similar policy proposed by the Honors program.

The UASC offers the following contingent recommendation should Faculty Senate recommend leaving study abroad courses open to a pass/fail option.

"The University Academic Status Committee suggests providing consistency in the Academic Calendar by adding a 'last day to withdraw and elect pass/fail option' date to the extended summer term. This date should reflect the various start dates of study abroad summer experiences. Thus, our committee recommends either establishing a set date before **any** study abroad trip begin, say the Monday after graduation, or within the first week of each departing date."