Update on A&S Policy for Study Abroad Programs

Faculty in the College of Arts & Science have passed a rule that states, “When choosing programs in a city for study abroad, College of Arts & Science students may only apply to the Vanderbilt-approved overseas program(s) in that city.”

The A&S Deans recognize that some A&S students may be unaware of this policy and may already have made plans to study abroad in Spring 2013. For this reason, there will be a grace period for the academic year 2012-2013. Please note: for all Vanderbilt students in the College of Arts and Science, this change will be in effect for the next academic year (2013-2014); applications made this spring for study abroad in Fall 2013 must comply with the new policy.

To study abroad this coming spring on a non-Vanderbilt-approved program in a city that houses a Vanderbilt-approved program, a student must follow the formal steps with a petition to the Committee on Individual Programs. This process will ensure that the courses are evaluated and approved by the appropriate departments at Vanderbilt and will provide the student with the information needed for having the courses applied to the student’s record upon completion of the program.

This policy does not apply to students in the other undergraduate schools at Vanderbilt, who, nonetheless, must adhere to their own school’s policies and procedures and seek their school’s approval of their study-abroad plans. A non-A&S student planning to study abroad and take a course (or courses) in a discipline that falls within the purview of A&S must still have that course evaluated in advance by the director of undergraduate studies for that discipline, after the student’s school has approved that study-abroad program.