The University of Oklahoma

Study Abroad GPA Exception Petition Form

The University of Oklahoma requires students to have a Combined Retention GPA of 2.5 at the time a student applies for participation in a study abroad program. The GPA requirement is set to ensure that a student will succeed academically in a new and challenging environment without extensive academic support systems or resources. Exceptions to the GPA requirement are rare and students should consider their own academic strengths and weaknesses before requesting an exception.

To petition for an exception, submit this form and requested information to the Office of Education Abroad in Hester Hall Room 144.

1. Please complete the following:

    Name: ___________________________  OU ID: ___________________________
    Email: ___________________________  Study Abroad Term: _________________
    Major: ___________________________  Minor: ___________________________
    Cumulative OU GPA: _______________  Major GPA: _____________________
    Study Abroad Program: ________________________________

2. Please attach the following:

   • A personal statement addressing your GPA, including the following:
     o Any particular academic challenges faced or any extenuating circumstances and
     o Your strategies for succeeding while abroad, including both academic strategies and personal
       qualities which will help you succeed.

   • An official OU transcript (If you are a transfer student, please attach an official transcript from your
     previous institution.); and

   • Two letters of recommendation from OU faculty members.

Certain host universities and program providers may have their own GPA requirements which OU cannot override. Even if a GPA exception is approved by the Vice Provost of International Programs and/or his/her designee, the student may still have additional requirements and/or forms to complete in order to be accepted by the host university or program provider.