

Course Title	Independent Study for Study Abroad	Instructor(s)	Iain Stanley
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Class Style	Lecture	Office Hours	t.b.a.
Track		Mode of Instruction	Single
Credits	2	Allocated Year	2
Active Learning	1-3 Summary/Paraphrase 1-6 Response/reaction writing 4-1 Interactive lectures 4-11 Oral peer review of written work	Compulsory or Elective	
Course Overview	Study of the local culture, social issues, or other aspects of the area in which students are located for Study Abroad. Students may conduct formal research or produce a work which reports on their extensive direct experience of the topic being studied.		
Course Objectives	<p>In this course, the student conducts independent research guided by the course instructor. The goal is to plan and write a final paper that draws on and cites the research conducted by the student during the semester. To reach this goal, the student must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss potential research topics with the course instructor. • Formulate a research question with guidance from and approval of the course instructor. • Conduct preliminary research and write an annotated bibliography. • Write a 3750-word paper • Enhance your research and citation skills. <p>In addition, the student should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Choose a research topic that is interesting to the student and has academic merit (as determined through consultation with the course instructor). • Expect guidance from the course instructor about selected research sources. • Consult the course instructor to write a paper that adheres to the standards of academic English. • Report progress to the course instructor and seek advice. • Complete any revisions required by the course instructor before the final deadline. • . 		
Prerequisite			
Course Schedule	No	Contents	Homework
	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explanation of Course and Syllabus 	Prepare to discuss your topic
	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is a research paper? How does it differ from a regular 5-paragraph paper? What are the steps in research? What are some example topics appropriate for the essay in this course? 	Revise topic based on peer review
	3	<p>How to research?</p> <p>Research methods – quantitative vs qualitative.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How to acquire knowledge? 	Search for readings, prepare research question
	4	<p>Research questions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Formulating research questions and writing a thesis statement. 	Revise research question based on peer review
5	Plagiarism – what it is, how to avoid it.	Paraphrase practice	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paraphrasing 	
	6	How to write an annotated bibliography? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Citation and citation methods. 	Prepare annotated bibliography
	7	Preparation of research and writing plans Students prepare a list of areas/topics of academic interest and discusses it with the instructor. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Group discussion: Students will explain the reason for the topics chosen 	Prepare writing plan
	8	Writing assignment: Working on a paragraph Peer-review of classmate's writing	Prepare summary
	9	Students must bring one summary to class <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Peer-review of classmate's writing 	Prepare summary
	9	Students must bring one summary to class <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Peer-review of classmate's writing 	Prepare presentation
	10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation 1: My project (on-going progress) 	
	11	Writing an abstract	
	12	Revising your text <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Peer-review: evaluating writings using a rubric 	Continue with project
	13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Putting things together: Working on connecting all written summaries 	Prepare presentation
	14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation 2: My project (on-going progress) 	Finish project
	15		
Grading		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preparation and discussion participation: 20% Written assignments and presentations: 40% Quizzes: 20% Midterm and Final assessment: 20% 	
Textbooks		<input type="checkbox"/> Students must bring a new readings related to their chosen topic (The course instructor will provide additional readings to students in case the student cannot find such readings – please talk to your instructor!!!) <input type="checkbox"/> A personal computer or tablet computer is necessary for assignment submission. In addition, most work done in class will be on a computer, so make sure to bring your own. <input type="checkbox"/> There is no textbook for this course. Handouts will be provided when necessary.	
References			
NOTES		<p>Plagiarism and Intellectual Honesty</p> <p>Plagiarism is representing someone else's intellectual property, words, ideas, or images, as your own. It is a very serious academic offense and plagiarized work is not accepted in this course. Ask one of the instructors if you have any questions about this. You are responsible for understanding what plagiarism is and knowing how to avoid it in your work.</p> <p>Use of Artificial Intelligence without permission is also intellectual dishonesty.</p>	