



## GRAD 710R: Graduate International Experience

### Overview

Open to students in all disciplines and fields, GRAD 710R allows students to receive course credit for time spent acquiring *training or conducting research* in an international context through a formal or informal program. The course structure is designed to be flexible to accommodate a variety of experiential learning opportunities. Eligible experiences are those affiliated with a formal academic program or a pre-arranged experience with a dedicated host who will serve as advisor and/or mentor during the trip. Finally, the course can also be used to receive credit for informal exchanges such as research collaborations and international field research.

This course will foster existing collaborations between Emory PIs/scholars and PIs/scholars at overseas institutions, organizations, or communities. The course could be used to receive credit for formal university exchanges such as Freie Berlin or Montpellier, for example. It could also be used by students to get credit for external fellowships such as the Boren Fellowship, Fulbright-Hays Fellowship, Hertz Foundation Fellowship, and Mellon/ACLS Research Fellowships.

### Course Structure

Before enrolling in GRAD 710R, students will work with their DGS, advisor/dissertation chair to articulate the goals and expected outcomes of the international experience. This rationale will be documented in a proposal that will be submitted to LGS prior to the student's travel (see below).

### Enrollment

Students wishing to enroll in this course must be in good standing and will submit the following to their DGS and advisor:

1. A proposal that briefly outlines how the experience will advance the student's academic progress toward the degree. The international experience proposal will outline learning goals and benefits of the international experience. The proposal must be approved by the student's committee chair/co-chairs and the Director of Graduate Studies.
2. When applicable, students should submit a letter from the host organization formalizing the exchange/research/training experience and/or letter of acceptance for the external fellowship or training experience. Identify the primary contact/mentor at the international site.

Once complete, the DGS will forward the approved international experience documentation to LGS. The administrative portion of this course will be overseen by a staff member in LGS (see *Evaluation and Grading* below).

### Credit

- Four week experience—2 credits
- Eight week experience—4 credits
- Full semester—9 credits

The number of course credits will be determined by the DGS and advisor/dissertation chair, and approved by designated staff member at LGS prior to participation in the experience.

### Evaluation and Grading

- Evaluation and approval of international experiences will be conducted at the graduate program level. Management of the international experience course will be overseen by LGS.
- The Instructor of Record will be a member of the LGS Student Affairs leadership team.



- Upon completion of the international experience course, the student will be required to submit a completion report. This completion report should describe the research/training activities outlined in the course proposal and highlight any outcomes achieved and any new skills and knowledge acquired.
- LGS will be responsible for evaluating the course structure by surveying both faculty and student participants.

The S/U grade will be the LGS Instructor of Record through review of:

- A completion report completed by the student, signed and graded by the DGS and chair/advisor.
- The report should be approximately 500 words and submitted to the LGS instructor of record.

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