

International Programs at University of Wisconsin-Superior

Consistent with its mission in teaching, research, and service, the University of Wisconsin-Superior (UW-Superior) is actively involved in international education. International education has become an integral and vital component of university life, and its importance continues to expand. Responding to this growing interest, UW-Superior encourages the development of study abroad opportunities that meet the legitimate academic needs of its students. At the same time, all programming abroad is expected to maintain standards of quality in the delivery of instruction, support services, and administration, which are consistent with the educational excellence that every student is entitled to receive.

It is therefore essential that all international programming be done in a manner that is:

- Appropriate to the mission of the university
- Integrated into the undergraduate and graduate curricula
- Subject to regular, periodic review, evaluation, and assessment, according to the university's normal review procedures for academic programs and academic support programs
- In compliance with all applicable federal and state laws and regulations

In addition, all programming abroad shall adhere to the specific guidelines set forth by the University of Wisconsin System. Academic Information Series (ACIS) 7.1-4 relates to the conduct of international programs at Wisconsin System universities. ACIS 7.1-2 specifically relates to the development and operation of educational programs abroad, and establishes policy guidelines for University of Wisconsin System faculty and academic staff abroad.

It is the responsibility of the UW-Superior's Office of International Programs to ensure that UW-Superior remains in compliance with these guidelines. The OIP is charged with reviewing, evaluating, and assessing all programming abroad, and ensuring that all new programming is developed according to the Guidelines of ACIS 7.1-2. Thus, all international programming must be developed, implemented and conducted in cooperation with the Office of International Programs and the Global Awareness and Education Committee.

The Office of International Programs will assess such programming with respect to the following issues:

- Health, safety and welfare of participants
- Recruitment, admission, orientation, participation, and re-entry
- Host country considerations
- Financial management
- Responsibilities of faculty and staff
- Responsibilities of the institution and the System
- Academic fit in overall programming
- Geographic representation