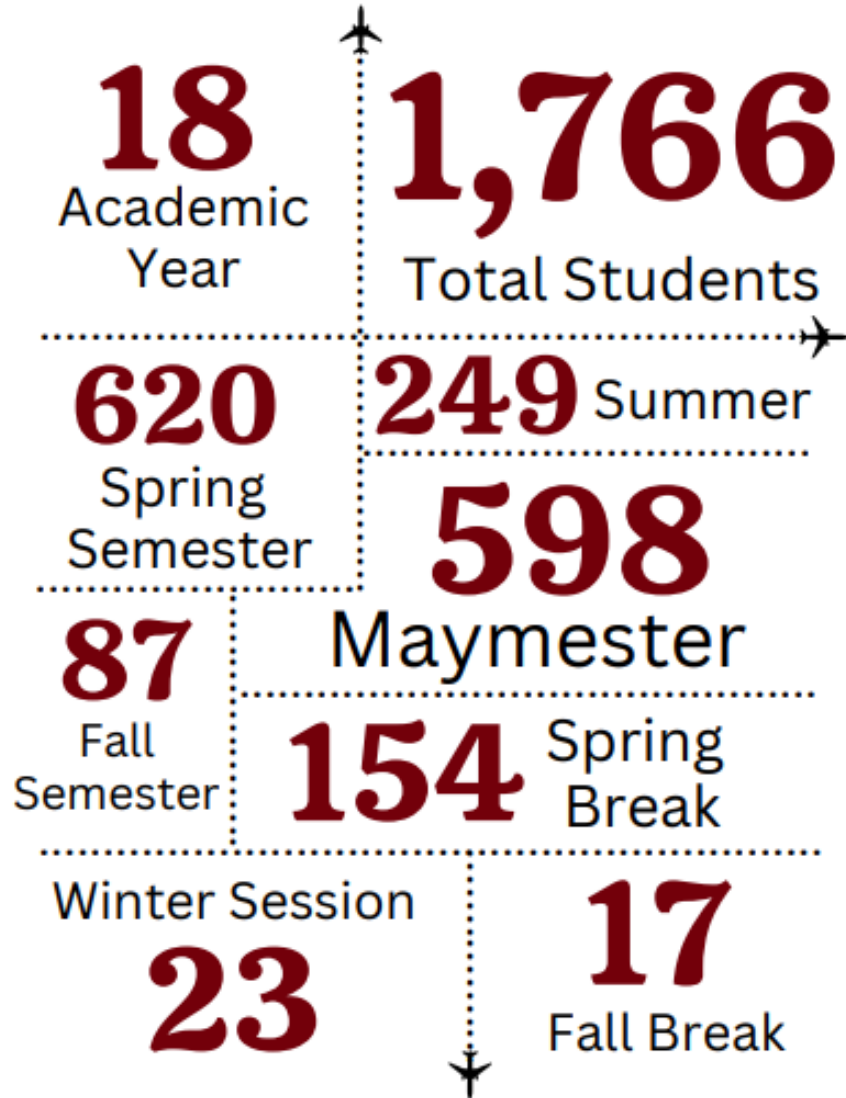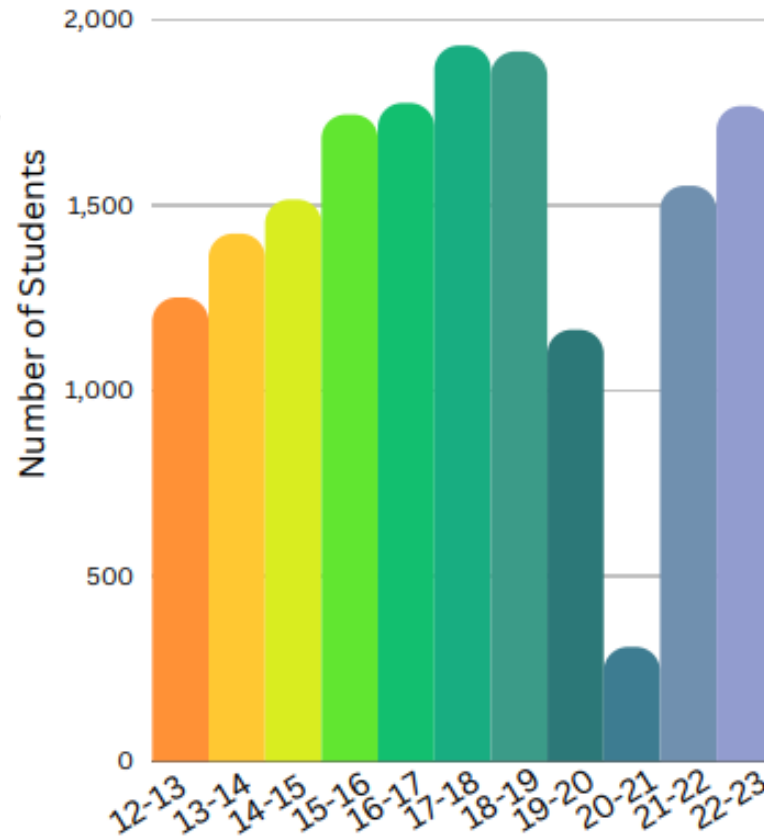# EDUCATION ABROAD 101

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Undergraduate Enrollment by Term

The Education Abroad Office supported the following education abroad experiences, broken down by term:
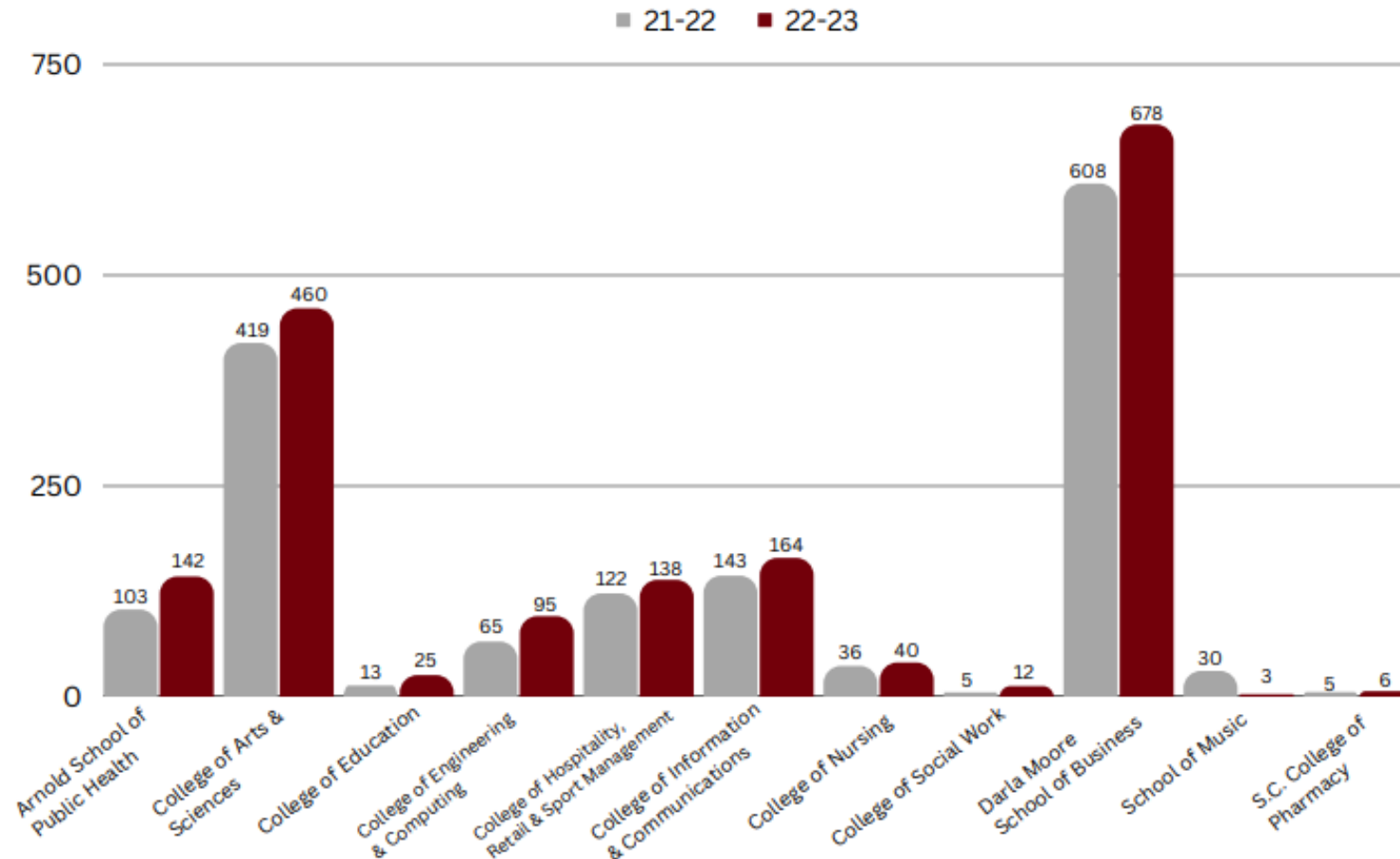
18 Academic Year

1,766 Total Students

620 Spring Semester

249 Summer

598 Maymester

87 Fall Semester

154 Spring Break

Winter Session **23**

17 Fall Break

Undergraduate Education Abroad Participation Rates from Fall 2012 through Spring 2023 at USC-Columbia

Number of Students

2,000
1,500
1,000
500
0

12-13 13-14 14-15 15-16 16-17 17-18 18-19 19-20 20-21 21-22 22-23

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UG Enrollment by College

Breakdown of education abroad enrollment by school or college:

■ 21-22   ■ 22-23

College	21-22	22-23
Arnold School of Public Health	103	142
College of Arts & Sciences	419	460
College of Education	13	25
College of Engineering & Computing	65	95
College of Hospitality, Retail & Sport Management	122	138
College of Information & Communications	143	164
College of Nursing	36	40
College of Social Work	5	12
Darla Moore School of Business	608	678
School of Music	30	3
S.C. College of Pharmacy	5	6

372 Honors College

253 Capstone Scholars

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Program Types

Global Classrooms & Global USCs

- 🌍 Take a course abroad run by USC faculty with other USC students! Programs are typically 1-3 weeks.
- 🌍 *Sample locations: Germany, the Galapagos Islands, and Thailand*

Global Exchanges & Global Directs

- 🌍 Enroll directly with a host institution abroad! These are our most immersive and independent options. Students take classes with other international students and/or local students.
- 🌍 *Sample locations: Denmark, Australia, and Japan*

Global Partner Programs

- 🌍 Participate in a program run by a third party US based organization that helps guide students before, during, and after their experience. Classes may be at a local institution or study center.
- 🌍 *Sample locations: Italy, Costa Rica, and South Korea*

EAO Process

1. EA 101 Blackboard Course

2. Program research

3. Meet with an EA advisor

4. Apply

5. Find Scholarships and Grants

Prepare for Take-Off!

FINANCIAL AID

- Good News!

- Students may apply most of their regular financial aid to their education abroad program if they are enrolled full-time and completed the FAFSA
  - Most common exception – tuition reductions are not applicable to education abroad

- As part of EAO application, students are directed to complete the Education Abroad Financial Aid Pre-Screen Form

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EDUCATION ABROAD APPLICATION DEADLINES

Program Type	Winter Session	Spring Break	Summer	Fall/AY	Spring
Global Classroom	Rolling until October 1	Rolling until December 1	Rolling until March 1	N/A	N/A
Global USC	Rolling until October 1	N/A	Rolling until March 1	N/A	N/A
Global Partner	N/A	N/A	March 1*	March 1*	October 1*
Global Exchange	N/A	N/A	N/A	March 1	*Priority*: May 1 September 15
Global Direct	N/A	N/A	March 1	March 1	September 15

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Deadlines for EAAF Completion

Summer: April 1st

Fall: April 1st

Spring: November 1st

The EAO encourages students to review the EAAF and their program's course offerings prior to their advising appointment

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The student has completed an initial application with the UofSC EAO

INITIAL   RM   DATE   7 July 2020

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Name: VIP ID#:   E-mail Address:

Program Sponsor: Other: _____   Program Dates:

Program City: Program Country: Host Institution:

As part of the approval process, all UofSC students must have a completed Education Abroad Approval Form on file with the Education Abroad Office in order to ensure credit earned abroad is accepted at UofSC upon completion of the study abroad program. **The Education Abroad Approval Form is one part of the education abroad authorization process; all steps must be completed and turned into the Education Abroad Office to be approved to study abroad and receive financial aid.**

UofSC Course Equivalents can be found in the Course Transfer Equivalency Chart found here:
http://www.sc.edu/about/offices_and_divisions/registrar/transfer_credits/course_equivalency.php
If a course is not listed, a course description will need to be emailed to the Registrar's Office at regeval@mailbox.sc.edu.
The course will be evaluated and added to the chart. Course Equivalent cannot be listed as "Elective".

**The International Credit Conversion Guide can be found online at:
http://www.sc.edu/about/offices_and_divisions/registrar/transfer_credits/international_credit_converstion_guide.php
For example, ECTS is a common credit value in Europe; 1 ECTS = .5 UofSC credits.
Do not assume that one course abroad will transfer back as a 3-credit course to UofSC.

You must complete this form with your academic advisor and college dean. The course approval process is complete once you have secured the required signatures and submitted this form to the Education Abroad Office. **Both UofSC Course Equivalents and Degree Applicability must be completed before this form can be turned into the Education Abroad Office.**

Overseas course code and title	UofSC Course Equivalent (According to the Transfer Course Equivalency Chart)	UofSC Degree Applicability	Potential credit to be awarded (**see International Credit Conversion Chart)	
			Host (foreign) university credits	Expected UofSC credit
Example: MN 214 International Human Resource Management	MGMT 406 International HR Management	Upper-level MGMT Elective	5 ECTS	2.5 UofSC credits

FINAL CREDIT AWARDED WILL BE BASED ON OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT RESULTS

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- Refer to the International Credit Conversion Guide to see how your credits will transfer back. For example, ECTS is a common credit value in Europe; 1 ECTS = .5 UofSC credits. Do not assume that one course abroad will transfer back as a 3-credit course to UofSC.

- You must complete the EAAF with your **academic advisor and college dean**. The course approval process is complete once you have secured the required signatures and submitted this form to the Education Abroad Office. **Both UofSC Course Equivalents and Degree Applicability must be completed before this form can be turned in to the EAO office.**

Transfer Course Equivalency Disclaimer:

The information displayed below is unofficial and is provided as a convenience for current and prospective students. Course equivalent information is subject to revision without notice and should not be considered a guarantee of transfer credit equivalencies.

How to Use the Tables

USC Columbia/Regional Cam ▼   Spain ▼   Universitat Autonoma Barcelo ▼

Filter by: Select Transfer Subject

Transfer Course(s)   **USC Equivalent Course(s)**

Group	Course	Title	Effective Term	Course	Title	Course Attribute
	ARTH 001	Spanish Art Cultural Heritage	000000	ARTH 003T	Spanish Art Cultural Heritage	
	ARTS 001	Spanish Contemporary Art	000000	ARTH 003T	ARTS 001 Spanish Contemp Art	Study Abroad
	ARTS 002	Great Art Collections in Spain	000000	ARTH 003T	Great Art Collections in Spain	Study Abroad
	ARTS 003	Digital Photography	000000	ARTS 260	Photography for Non-Majors	
	ARTS 004	The Seven Wonders of Spain	000000	ARTH 003T	The Seven Wonders of Spain	Study Abroad
				Or ANTH 003T	The Seven Wonders of Spain	
	ARTS 005	Modernism: Art Nouveau Archit	000000	ARTH 003T	Modernism: Art Nouveau Archit	Study Abroad
	ARTS 007	Spanish Art	000000	ARTH 003T	Spanish Art	Study Abroad
	BUS334 BCN	Basic Operations Management	000000	MGSC 003T	Basic Operations Management	Study Abroad
	BUSI 001	E-Commerce & Online Businesses	000000	MGSC 005T	E-Commerce & Online Businesses	Study Abroad
	BUSI 002	Entrepreneurship & New Venture	000000	MGMT 472	Entrepreneurship & Small Busn	Study Abroad

International Credit Conversion Guide

This table serves as a guide for students and advisors to calculate USC credit earned through international study. If you are looking for a conversion for an institution that is not in the chart, please **contact** the registrar's office.

Search: [type keywords to filter table results]

Country ▲	Name of School ♦	International Credit System ♦	Conversion Multiplier ♦	Example ♦
Argentina	Universidad de Belgrano	Contact hours	0.067	15 Contact Hours = 1 USC Credit
Aruba	Univeristy of Aruba	ECTS	0.5	2 ECTS = 1 USC Credit
Australia	University of Newcastle	Units	0.375	10 Units = 3.75 USC Credits
Australia	Griffith University	Local credits	0.3	10 Credits = 3 USC Credits
Australia	International College of Management	US credits	1	1 Credit = 1 USC Credit
Australia	University of Queensland	Local Credits	1.5	2 Credits = 3 USC Credits
Australia	James Cook University	Local Credits	1	1 Credit = 1 USC Credit
Australia	Queensland University of Technology	Local Credits	0.33	12 Credits = 4 USC Credits
Australia	Bond University	Local Credits	0.375	10 Credits = 3.75 USC Credits

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*Must be signed by all parties to be approved

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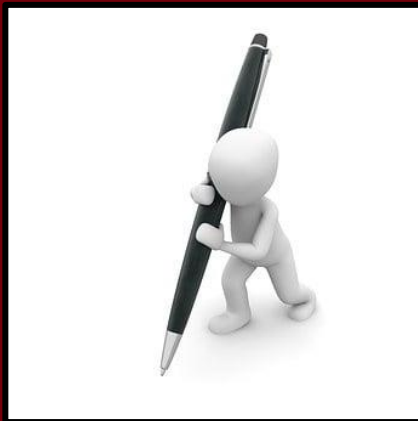
I understand that, in order to receive credit, maintain enrollment at UofSC, and receive financial aid during my period of overseas study, I must:

1. Have my courses and credits pre-approved by my academic department.
2. Consult with the appropriate foreign language department faculty and my advisor/dean about degree requirements for foreign language proficiency.
3. Complete the entire education abroad application process for your program as outlined on the Education Abroad Office website: www.studyabroad.sc.edu.
4. Maintain enrollment in the appropriate INTL placeholder course.
5. **Maintain a course load equivalent to full-time study at UofSC, or as required by my scholarship requirements (excluding summer study) as determined by the Registrar's Office.**
6. Report immediately any course changes to my academic advisor and email updated approvals to regeval@mailbox.sc.edu
7. Request a transcript be sent to the UofSC Education Abroad Office, 1705 College Street, Close-Hipp Building, Suite 453, Columbia, SC 29208 upon completion of my overseas program.

Student's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____

Academic Advisor/Undergraduate Director's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____

College Dean's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____

COURSE CHANGES WHILE ABROAD

- Schedules frequently change after a student begins their education abroad program

- Students are instructed to contact their advisor and/or college for updated approval via email

- This approval can be forwarded to regeval@mailbox.sc.edu while copying the EAO at Anastes@mailbox.sc.edu

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INTL PLACEHOLDER

- <u>INTL 501</u>—Students going on exchange (pay in-state tuition to USC)
- <u>INTL 502</u>—Students going on a Direct program or Global Partner Program receiving a foreign transcript
- <u>INTL 503</u>—Students going on a Global Partner Program receiving a US transcript
- The EAO registers students for INTL once all materials have been completed
- The number of credit hours for INTL may not be the same number of credits they receive in transfer.
- For a semester, students are enrolled in 15 hours.
- For the summer, students are enrolled in either 3 or 6 hours and may adjust in Self Service.

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Transcripts

✓Students should make sure they have their transcript sent to the **EAO office**, not the Registrar.

✓Transcripts must be sent directly from the partner institution. **We cannot accept transcripts directly from students.**

✓The EAO office will upload the transcript for the Registrar to process.

✓If any courses taken during this time have not been evaluated, they must go through the same evaluation process before they will appear on the student's transcript.

✓Transcripts can take up to 8 weeks or longer to arrive from the host institution.
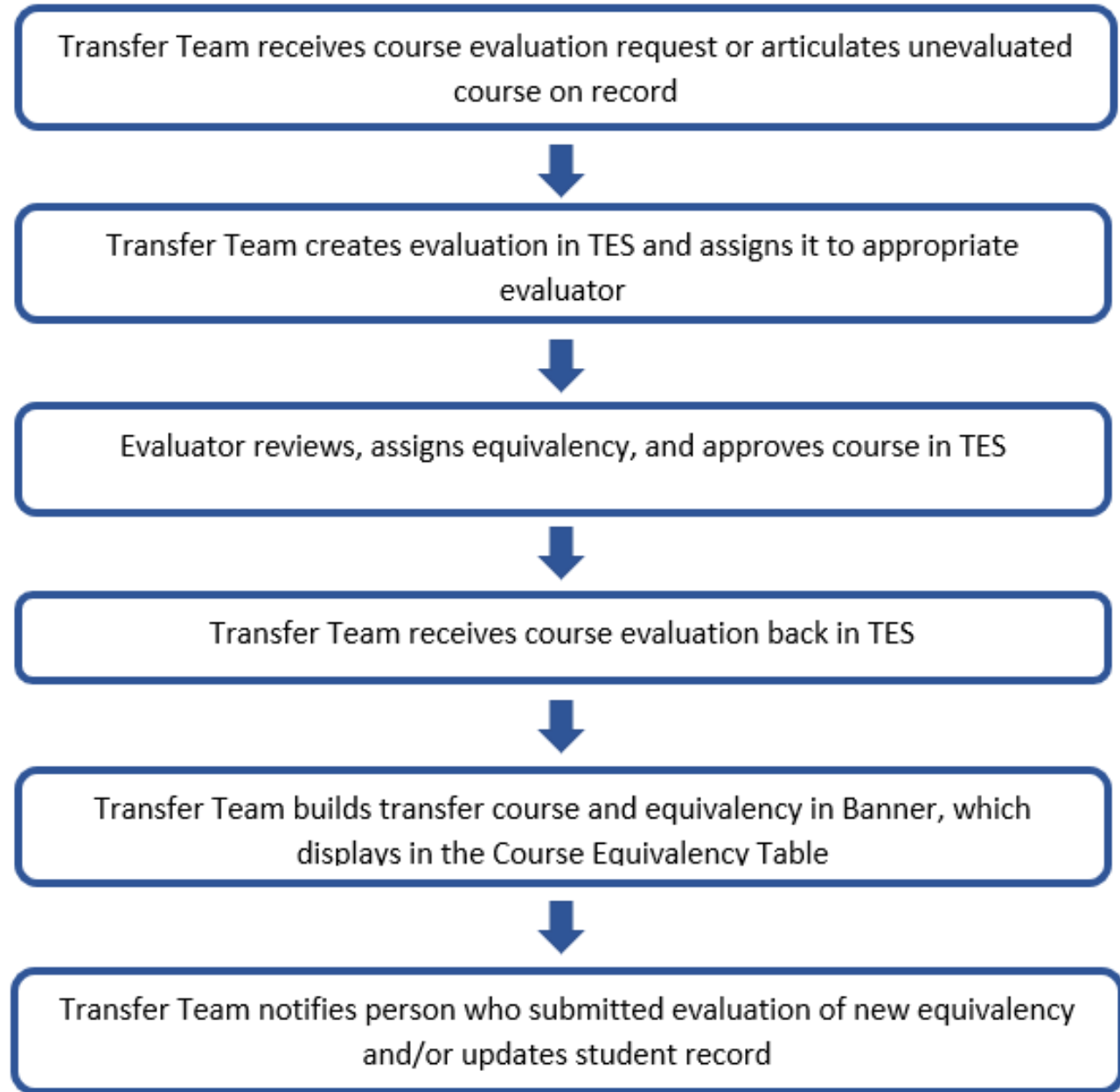
Application Process Overview

1. Student's data is transferred from Banner after completing an initial registration form

2. Program selection

3. Application Essays (Exchange and direct program)

4. Transcript upload (Exchange and Direct programs)

5. Read the Student Agreement, Covid Waiver, General Statement of Responsibility, Mandatory Overseas Insurance Coverage

6. Application fee payment

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1. Download the Education Abroad Approval Form (EAAF)

2. Fill out the financial aid pre-screen form

3. Passport upload

4. Acceptance letter upload (Partner and IB apps)

5. Medical information form

6. Upload signed EAAF

7. Upload a screenshot of pre-departure course scores from Blackboard

Evaluation Workflow

Transfer Team receives course evaluation request or articulates unevaluated course on record

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Transfer Team creates evaluation in TES and assigns it to appropriate evaluator

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Evaluator reviews, assigns equivalency, and approves course in TES

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Transfer Team receives course evaluation back in TES

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Transfer Team builds transfer course and equivalency in Banner, which displays in the Course Equivalency Table

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Transfer Team notifies person who submitted evaluation of new equivalency and/or updates student record

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