

Education Abroad Advisory Committee (EAAC) Charge

The voting members of the Education Abroad Advisory Committee (EAAC) shall consist of seven faculty members who are broadly representative of programs and disciplines at the university and appointed by the Faculty Senate, as well as one student appointed by the Associated Students of WWU. The non-voting ex-officio members shall consist of the Director of Education Abroad, the Director of Global Learning Programs, and a representative from the Registrar's Office. Staggered term of office for voting members is two years. A quorum consists of at least four faculty present. Clerical support will be provided by Education Abroad staff.

The EAAC shall have three primary responsibilities: first, advising the Director of Education Abroad about the integration of education abroad into students' Western experience; second, advising the Director of Global Learning Programs on the procedures for and assessment of Global Learning Programs offered by WWU faculty outside of the US; and third, advising ACC on policies related to Global Learning. Departments and college curriculum committees are responsible for the academic oversight of Global Learning Programs.

Specifically, EAAC will focus on these aspects of education abroad:

1. The committee will advise the Director of Education Abroad about reaching out to departments and colleges regarding education abroad programs that may fulfill departmental or programmatic requirements.
2. The committee will work with the Director of Education Abroad and the Director of Global Learning Programs to develop strategies related to the integration of education abroad into students' curricular and co-curricular experiences.
3. While the Directors of Global Learning Programs and Education Abroad work with individual faculty to plan Global Learning Programs and are responsible for approving the programs, EAAC will review and make recommendations to the Directors regarding the processes and procedures for planning as well as the mechanisms for assessing the non-curricular aspects of programs.
4. The committee will make recommendations to the Directors of Education Abroad and Global Learning Programs about the frequency, rotation, and distribution of Global Learning Programs offered.
5. The committee will participate in the annual evaluation of the Director of Global Learning Programs.
6. The committee will review applications and select faculty grantees for the annual Global Learning Travel Grants that are funded by the Institute for Global Engagement.
7. The committee will review student applications for Western's study abroad scholarships and select winners annually.
8. The committee will advise and provide guidelines to ACC on policies related to Global Learning Programs across the university.