

University Senate Resolution on Oversight of Study Abroad Courses

Whereas it is crucial that the faculty maintain high academic standards for all WKU course offerings;

Whereas SACS rules state:

- The University must “[demonstrate] that each educational program for which academic credit is awarded is approved by the faculty and the administration;” and
- The University bears “responsibility for the academic quality of any course work or credit recorded on the institution’s transcript;” and
- “The institution [must employ] sound and acceptable practices for determining the amount and level of credit awarded for courses, regardless of format or mode of delivery;” and
- “The institution [must place] primary responsibility for the content, quality, and effectiveness of the curriculum with its faculty;” and

Whereas the University Senate Charter states that the University Senate is charged with reviewing and approving all credit-bearing undergraduate and graduate course offerings at the University; and

Whereas the University Senate does not currently review credit-bearing study abroad coursework offered by the University; and

Whereas the University’s study abroad programs are expanding, and it is important that the University Senate design and implement appropriate review procedures for study abroad offerings sooner rather than later; therefore

Be it resolved that the University Senate shall exercise oversight over study abroad coursework offered by the University; and

The University Senate, working through its appropriate standing committees, shall devise and implement appropriate review procedures for credit-bearing study abroad offerings.