

AMCAS Study Abroad Information

Below is a summary of the rules & information required of WU students who have studied abroad in order to file the AMCAS (Common application for Medical School). If a student makes an error in categorizing their study abroad program properly or fails to send transcripts from the correct institution, their medical school application will be held up by AMCAS in processing over the summer. Due to rolling admissions this can adversely affect acceptance.

-Please contact the study abroad office at WU (314-935-5958 or overseas@wustl.edu) to clarify questions regarding whether your program was sponsored by a U.S. or Canadian Institution.

Below are common Study Abroad Scenarios-

Please feel free to contact AMCAS directly at (202) 828-0607 during the hours of 9:00 am - 7:00 pm ET, Monday thru Friday if you want to walk through your scenario directly with a representative, as we know this part can be tricky for applicants.

Three common scenarios for study abroad programs:

1. Programs sponsored by a U.S. or Canadian Institution
2. Programs not sponsored by a U.S. or Canadian Institution, but for which credits were transferred to a U.S. or Canadian Institution
3. Programs not sponsored by a U.S. or Canadian Institution, and for which credits were not transferred to a U.S. or Canadian Institution

1. If the program was sponsored by a U.S. or Canadian Institution, the applicant should:
 - * List the U.S. or Canadian Institution sponsoring the study abroad program, and on whose official transcript the coursework will appear.
 - * Applicant should have the sponsoring institution send an official transcript to AMCAS.

2. If the program was not sponsored by a U.S. or Canadian Institution, but the credits were transferred to a U.S. or Canadian Institution, the applicant should:
 - * List the U.S. or Canadian Institution that the credit will be transferred to
 - * List the foreign school under the "schools attended" section of the application
 - * Indicate that AMCAS does not require a transcript
 - * Select an exception reason of "Foreign College – Independent attendance - credits transferred to a U.S. or Canadian institution.
 - * Indicate that credit was transferred to another institution
 - * Select from the pre-populated drop down menu the U.S. or Canadian Institution sponsoring the study abroad program
 - * Enter all required course data under the name of the foreign school, but as it appears on the transcript on which the transferred credits appear.

*Applicant should have U.S. or Canadian institution in which the credit was transferred to send an official transcript to AMCAS

3. If the program was not sponsored by a U.S. or Canadian Institution, and the credits were not transferred to a U.S. or Canadian Institution, the applicant should:

- * List the foreign school under the "schools attended" section of the application
- * Indicate that AMCAS does not require a transcript
- * Select an exception reason of "Foreign College – Independent attendance - no credits transferred to a U.S. or Canadian institution."
- * Indicate that credit was not transferred to another institution
- *Enter all required course data, except credit hours attempted, as taken at the foreign school

Also...

We have been told by AMCAS:

- *that SIT (School for International Training) is a US School based in California and AMCAS does require the transcript from SIT.
- *Study abroad courses taken through programs such as IES and CIESS, which are not schools but the transcript from these programs are required by AMCAS.