



General Assembly Resolution R. 17-20

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A Resolution Calling for the Advancement of International Learning Experiences

Whereas, International experiences provide unrivaled opportunities for learning and personal development,

Whereas, International experiences help prepare students for the increasing influence of globalization on all aspects of life,

Whereas, International experiences foster understanding and appreciation of other cultures and peoples,

Whereas, International experiences should be promoted and encouraged,

Whereas, Students should be able to pursue international experiences with University support without undue hassle,

Whereas, Diversity and Globalization are important elements to the University's Strategic Plan;

Be it resolved by the Undergraduate Student Government, acting in full session:

- I. Recommend that students pursuing a Bachelor Degree be required to earn in residence at Case Western Reserve University a minimum of 24 hours after achieving senior status.
- II. Recommend that students may study in Non-English speaking countries when their curriculum shall be in English, or are participating in programs designed for language and culture immersion even if they have not taken language courses of that country's spoken languages prior to studying abroad.
- III. Recommend that students not be required to pay full tuition when their study abroad programs are less than Case Western Reserve University tuition.
- IV. Recommend that the Study Abroad Program of Case Western Reserve University support and encourage students to participate in new and diverse programs; including nontraditional, experiential, and language and culture immersion programs.
- V. Recommend that the Study Abroad Program of Case Western Reserve University be responsive to the utilization of Study Abroad Programs by peer and premier institutions of higher learning in evaluating new and current programs' academic soundness.
- VI. Recommend that Study Abroad experiences should be encouraged and available beyond Junior Year Abroad programs.
- VII. Recommend that Students be permitted to participate in two different single semester study abroad programs as well as in different countries during different semesters.
- VIII. Recommend that transcripts of students who studied abroad show the institution where they studied and the course titles of courses taken, maintaining that the GPA from the institution abroad is not counted in the Case Western Reserve University GPA.
- IX. Recommend that Study Abroad GPA requirements of applicants be those of the individual programs and institutions applied to.
- X. Recommend that the Study Abroad Program at Case Western Reserve University be critically evaluated by an ad hoc committee of the University Undergraduate Faculty, including at least one member of USG, and improved to advance student access to international experiences.
- XI. This recommendation be sent to the following university members:
 - A. Barbara Snyder, President of Case Western Reserve University



- B. Jerold Goldberg, Interim Provost of Case Western Reserve University
- C. Glenn Nicholls, Vice President of Student Affairs
- D. Jeffrey Wolcowitz, Dean of Undergraduate Studies
- E. Don Feke, Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education
- F. Gary Chottiner, Chair of the University Undergraduate Faculty
- G. John Blackwell, Chair of the University Undergraduate Faculty Curriculum Committee
- H. Claudia Anderson, Assistant Dean of Undergraduate Studies