



## Criteria for Teaching Abroad

*Approved by University International Programs Committee*

Santa Clara currently offers a limited number of opportunities for faculty to join students in an international educational experience. Current programs include semester and quarter-length formats in London and El Salvador. In the past summer and short-term programs have been offered in England, Cuba, Trinidad & Tobago, Italy, Costa Rica, Mexico and other locations. Short-term travel/study opportunities may be proposed by faculty. For information on developing new programs see International Programs' Site Development Guidelines.

The following factors are considered when selecting faculty for overseas teaching:

**Curricular:** Above all courses offered in SCU programs overseas must be site-specific and relevant to the local setting, taking maximum advantage of the opportunities for immersion in the local culture. Faculty members are expected to have an appropriate disciplinary specialization and relevant professional experience at a site. Faculty whose expertise is not directly relevant to SCU overseas sites should explore University resources for professional development and consult with International Programs. As a general rule, overseas courses are upper division and priority is given to offerings that meet University core, college, or major requirements. Interdisciplinary courses, courses that provide maximum opportunity for experiential and community-based learning, and courses which serve non-traditional study abroad students are a priority. All courses are approved by the appropriate SCU academic department or program and faculty must have the support of their department chair.

**Financial:** Santa Clara's international sites and programs are self-supporting and dependent upon student enrollment. In order to establish and maintain international opportunities for our students and faculty, programs must attract sufficient enrollment. Lacking internal or external support to underwrite programs, curricular decisions are greatly influenced by enrollment considerations.

**Other Considerations:** Teaching and student development are the faculty's primary responsibility overseas. Faculty members are expected to maintain the same (or higher) level of professional involvement with students as on the home campus and to be available for office hours, excursions, and community-building events. Risk management is a crucial consideration in operating overseas programs and faculty must agree to follow SCU guidelines on international travel safety. Given the crucial aspect of enrollment in overseas programs faculty are expected to assist with student recruitment on the home campus.

### **Compensation**

Faculty members are compensated for travel to overseas sites within stated limits. Housing in an SCU facility or an amount for housing is provided depending upon local resources. Family is welcome to accompany faculty but lodging or other arrangements are not guaranteed and any cost is the responsibility of the faculty member. If the course or courses taught overseas are not part of the faculty's normal teaching assignment a stipend is provided. Programs include supplemental travel insurance for faculty.

### **Selection**

Faculty members are selected by program directors in consultation with the Executive Director of International Programs. Faculty participating in overseas assignments must have the support of their department chair and college/school. Applicants should be prepared to submit a detailed course syllabus and a prospectus on the potential student audience and how the overseas site will be integrated into the course. For more information contact the program director and/or Executive Director of International Programs.