Study Abroad Programs

University Policy #2140

Section 1. Policy

It is the policy of Metropolitan State University to promote, support and facilitate the participation in international study and engagement to enhance the global understanding of students, faculty, staff and administration. Metropolitan State University believes that studying abroad is a life changing educational journey which provides the opportunity to experience culturally diverse environments throughout the world. This policy applies to student-initiated and faculty-sponsored study abroad programs.

Section 2. Authority

This policy is issued pursuant to the authority granted under the Rules and Regulations of the Minnesota State College and University System and Metropolitan State University.

Section 3. Effective Date

This policy shall become effective upon the signature of the president and remain in effect until modified or expressly revoked.

Section 4. Responsibility

The responsibility for administrative oversight of this university policy is assigned to the Provost in consultation with the International Study and Exchange Committee and the Center for Community-Based Learning.

Section 5. Institutional Policies and Procedures

Metropolitan State University shall provide students and faculty with policies and procedures for student-initiated study abroad programs as well as faculty-sponsored study abroad opportunities.
Section 6. Study Abroad Requirements

Requirements for participating in study abroad programs shall be outlined in University Procedures for student-initiated study abroad programs and for faculty-sponsored study abroad opportunities.

Section 7. Appeals

Students may appeal decisions relative to academic requirements and program approval under the provision of University Procedure #300 Academic Appeals Procedure.

Section 8. Review

This policy will be revised as necessary.

Section 9. Signatures

Issued on this 26th day of August, 2010.

Dr. Gary Seiler, Provost and Vice President, Academic Affairs

Dr. Sue K. Hammersmith, President