Self-Contained Study Abroad Immersion
Abroad program design allows students to complete final project as well as all or most Immersion experiences within the timespan of the abroad program.

- Student consults with VU faculty mentor and/or Immersion Coordinator
- Student files Immersion plan before going abroad
- Immersion experiences abroad, generally via coursework, research, internship, and/or service learning
- Potential revision of Immersion plan as student’s understanding deepens
- Overseas faculty and/or VU faculty mentor oversee independent project
- VU faculty sign off on Immersion project
- Student may present project in an Immersion Showcase

Examples
- Research or Internship at SIT
- Documentary film from personal research (IFSA India)
- Geology field camp and independent research project (Frontiers Abroad)

Independent Study Abroad Immersion
Student and faculty mentor design an Immersion project to incorporate a GEO study abroad program or a faculty-led overseas experience.

- Student and faculty mentor design Immersion project, consulting with GEO to ensure feasibility and/or for health & safety support
- Student files Immersion plan before going abroad
- Immersion experiences abroad, generally via coursework, research, internship, and/or service learning
- Potential revision of Immersion plan as student’s understanding deepens
- VU faculty mentor oversees independent project while student is abroad
- VU faculty sign off on Immersion project
- Student may present project in an Immersion Showcase

Examples
- Student studies samba in Rio, composes own sambas
- Student goes abroad with faculty member to do summer research

Departmental Study Abroad Immersion
VU faculty establish options that allow students to build Immersion experiences out of study abroad programs plus Vanderbilt coursework, i-Seminars, etc.

- Student consults with VU faculty and/or GEO as required by the pipeline design
- Student files Immersion plan before going abroad
- On-Campus Component: Student completes on-campus work as required by pipeline design
- Abroad Component: Student completes Immersion experiences abroad per pipeline design
- Potential revision of Immersion plan as student’s understanding deepens
- Student returns to campus and completes final phase of pipeline project
- VU faculty sign off on Immersion project
- Student may present project in an Immersion Showcase

Examples
- European Studies Immersion internship program
- Biological Sciences study abroad Immersion experience