

Study Abroad Immersion Frameworks

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