

Study Abroad reflection paper instructions (PLSI 192)

Write an approximately 5 - 7 page (3-5 page for 1 unit) double- spaced paper reflecting on your study abroad experience and submit it to the Chair by the end of final exams week (or within 1 month of your return from abroad, whichever comes first).

Include the name, location, and dates or semester of the study abroad program in the heading or title of your paper (e.g. USAC, Chiang Mai, Thailand, Fall 2021). The paper should include the following (and may be organized in these sections):

- 1) a description of your experience (e.g. what you studied and any out-of-the classroom experiences that were frequent, important, or impactful)
- 2) an analysis of how specific knowledge and skills learned in the classroom prior to your study abroad contributed to the study abroad experience and/or how the study abroad experience built or expanded on what you previously learned in the classroom
- 3) If not already covered in #1 or #2, a brief discussion of what you learned about the politics of the city and/or country you visited while you were there and how this was similar or different from what you expected or any important or interesting differences from American politics that you noticed or learned about
- 4) a reflection on how the specific knowledge, skills, experience, and/or understanding gained from the study abroad experience will support your future career or other goals
- 5) any advice you have for students who are considering studying abroad and any specific advice you have for students participating in the same program or planning to study in the same city/country [Please also indicate whether the Chair may share all or part of this section with other students, either anonymously or with your name]