REPORTING OF STUDY ABROAD GRADES
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STUDY ABROAD SPONSORED BY YOUR HOME INSTITUTION:
If you enrolled in a study abroad program sponsored by your home institution, and the courses along
with the grades and credits using your home institution’s grading system are recorded on your official
academic transcript or a separate or parallel transcript maintained by your home institution, then you do
NOT need to send an additional transcript to Law School Admission Council (LSAC).

STUDY ABROAD PROGRAM SPONSORED BY ANOTHER US (INCLUDING US TERRITORIES) OR CANADIAN COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY:
If you enrolled in a study abroad program sponsored by another US (including US territories) or Canadian
college or university then, in addition to your home institution’s transcript, you must have the college or
university sponsoring the study abroad program send a transcript directly to Law School Admission
Council. When you register for the Credential Assembly Service (CAS), identify the US or Canadian
institution sponsoring the study abroad program under “Other Institutions.”

OTHER FACTORS INVOLVED IN THE PROCESS WHICH REQUIRE ADDITIONAL STEPS ON THE PART OF THE CANDIDATE:
(1) If you were directly enrolled in one or more international institutions, but the total amount of work is
the equivalent of one year or less, do NOT list the international institution when you register for the
Credential Assembly Service (CAS), and do not have a transcript forwarded to LSAC. International work
that is the equivalent of one US or Canadian academic year or less is not required for Credential Assembly
Service (CAS) purposes. You may, however, be required to list your attendance at such institutions on
your application to law school.

Or

(2) If you are applying to a law school that requires the use of the authentication and evaluation feature
of the Credential Assembly Service (CAS), and you were directly enrolled in one or more international
institutions, and the total amount of work you completed at all international institutions is the equivalent
of more than one US or Canadian academic year, then in addition to your home institution’s transcript,
you must have a transcript forwarded to Law School Admission Council from the international
institution(s). When you register for the Credential Assembly Service (CAS), identify the international
institution(s) under “International Institutions.” Note: A transcript from a non-degree granting agency
reflecting work completed through direct enrollment is not acceptable for LSAC purposes; you must have
a transcript forwarded from the institution itself.

(3) Please note that international transcripts meeting the “more than one year” criteria are required from all
• undergraduate and graduate schools;
• law/medical/professional schools; and
• schools attended even though a degree was never awarded.

All required international transcripts must be sent directly to LSAC by the issuing institution, and will be
processed through the authentication and evaluation feature of the Credential Assembly Service (CAS) as
described on LSAC’s website, www.LSAC.org.