



USG Goes Global: **A Collaborative** **Approach to** **Study Abroad**





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- Consortia Study Abroad Programs Administered from USG International Education Office
 - USG World Regional Councils propose programs, USGG administers
- Standard Faculty Pay & Standard Tuition
 - \$8,000 / faculty
 - \$199/credit hour
- 23 out of 26 USG Institutions Joined
 - 3-Year MOU Signed
 - Each institution assigns rep, approves all faculty credentials & determine course equivalencies



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Background (Pre-USGG)

- Varying faculty pay
- Varying tuition rate
- Students applying as transients
- High burden on program directors
- Conflicting institutional policies
- Limited oversight



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Central Administration & Collaborative Model

- Creates equity in faculty pay & tuition rate
- Ensures system-wide oversight
- Takes administrative burden off Program Directors



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INGRESS

- Same system utilized by ecore & ecampus @ UWG
- 0 credit USGG course + home institution 3 hr equivalent
- Unified Learning Management Tool (GoView – Version of D2L)
- Ensures students receive home institution credit
- Secure grade reporting

UWG

- UWG invoices institutions for tuition (\$199/credit hour), then pays out faculty salaries to institutions



Benefits, Challenges & Model Design





Benefits

- Takes resource burden off institutions & program directors
- Students still receive home institution credit
- Variety of perspectives for USGG staff, students, & faculty
- Fairness in tuition & faculty pay
- Encourages new faculty involvement
- Efficient model – opens up more options to students



Benefits

Cross institutional intercultural learning & perspectives

- **Example:** Student from Georgia State & student from ABAC's perspectives of urban & rural landscapes in an environmental sustainability course
- **Example:** Faculty from an institution with little study abroad involvement learns from faculty with mature study abroad experience



Challenges

- No direct Banner access – some important info is secondhand until student registered in INGRESS
- Accommodating everyone!
 - Part of term
 - Application processes
 - Policy alignment
- Staff one step away from students & faculty
- LOTS of infrastructure to build in the first couple years!
 - MOU, Application System, Emergency Action Plan, Course Structure, etc.
- Less flexibility with independent studies or special situations



Program Design

Determine goal for collaboration

- **Example:** USG Goes Global seeks to create efficiency & increase study abroad participation across USG, providing accessible study abroad experiences for all types of travelers
- Specific field of study (ie Film Academy)
- Anything else that could bring institutions together in an efficient manner



Program Design

Design model that is fair, enforceable, & clear

- What institutions have similar tuition rates?
- What is typical faculty pay at peer institutions?
- Institutional MOU
- Financial Model
- Student:Faculty Ratios
 - USGG is 12:1



Q&A

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