

International Experiential Learning Certificate (IELC)

The Faculty of Business Administration (FBA) would like to offer its major and joint major undergraduate students an International Experiential Learning Certificate (IELC) to be earned through a combination of international activities as well as language acquisition and the study of a course related to the socio-economic and/or cultural environment in which the international activities will take place.

Certificate Component

Students are required to complete a minimum of 18 units. The 18 units are earned through the following three activities:

1. participation in two international activities, one of which must be a study term abroad as an exchange student at an FBA preferred partner institution,
2. completion of two 3-unit language courses in a second language other than English, commonly spoken in the region in which either one of the international activities will take place, and
3. completion of a 3-unit course, the topic of which will relate to the socio-economic and/or cultural environment in which the international activities will take place.

Exchange and International Experience Component

Students will be required to complete one term of at least 9 units on an international exchange at an FBA preferred partner institution. For the second international activity, students will have the option of the following:

1. A second international exchange at the same or another partner institution;
2. An SFU field school; or
3. An international Co-op work term

Although students will be encouraged to choose one region or country to fulfill these requirements, they will have the option to enroll in international exchanges, field schools or co-ops in countries or regions different from their first exchange.

Language Component

To increase student,s exposure to the local culture, students will be required to complete two 3-unit courses in a language(s) of the region (preferably the host country) in which the exchange, field school or International Co-op work term will take place. Students attending an international activity in an English-speaking country will have to select a second language commonly spoken in the region. These courses may be taken at SFU or at any institution of the student,s choosing, provided that SFU accepts the course as transfer unit, and could be taken during the exchange term abroad or the international Co-op work term. The purpose of this requirement is to strengthen the student,s ability to communicate in the host country,s language. Students already fluent in a language of the region may fulfill the language requirement by pursuing a third language or by taking business courses that are taught in their second language.

Socio-Economic and/or Cultural Course

Prior to their exchange term, students will be required to take at SFU one of the following courses*

- * For students in the Asia region
 - o ASC 200-3 Introduction to Chinese Culture
 - o ASC 201-3 Introduction to Japanese Culture
 - o ASC 202-3 Asian Cultures

- o HIST 206-3 Modern Japan
- o HIST 256-3 People,s Republic of China
- o POL 335-4 Government and Politics: People,s Republic of China
- o POL 381-4 Politics and Government of Japan
- o SA 275-4 Asian Societies
- * For students in the Europe region
 - o HIST 225-3 20th Century Europe
 - o POL 333-4 Soviet and Post-Soviet Political Systems
 - o POL 334-4 East European Political Systems
- * For students in the Latin-America region
 - o HIST 208-3 Latin America: The National Period
 - o POL 320-4 Canada and Latin America
 - o ISPO 337-4 Comparative Politics of Latin America
 - o SA 392-4 Latin America

* or other courses with appropriate content and prior approval from the Faculty. Some of these courses may have prerequisites.

Alternatively, students may take a similar course while studying abroad on an exchange term at the host institution, with prior approval from the Faculty.

If you would like to declare this certificate, please contact a Business Advisor and ask that the IELC be added to your transcript.