Studying Abroad as an MHS Major Information Sheet

There are numerous programs of study across the globe that offer courses that can be used towards MHS elective credit. Some of these programs have a large quantity of classes already approved for MHS elective hours. Others have a smaller number. You can find all MHS-approved study abroad courses on the GEO website (see link below). These courses have been identified as eligible for MHS in the past 5 years. However, there are always new courses being offered or courses not yet taken by students in MHS that CAN be submitted for review (see procedure below).

Please note:
- You may NOT earn MHS core credit hours abroad.
- You MAY request that a course count toward a specific concentration, but if you plan to pursue this, you will need to complete a course variance request and submit it to the MHS office (see below).

Upcoming Deadlines for 2015-2016 applications for study abroad to be submitted to GEO

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Please complete the following steps before the application deadline for your particular program of study:

Steps

1. Look through the program offerings on the GEO website.
2. Identify the program or programs that appeal to you.
3. Investigate course offerings in the program and determine which ones are MHS approved at or on GEO’s list of approved courses [https://webapp.mis.vanderbilt.edu/more/SearchAbroadCourses.action](https://webapp.mis.vanderbilt.edu/more/SearchAbroadCourses.action).

If you would like MHS credit hours for courses not yet approved by GEO:

4. Research the most current course offerings of the program including courses not yet approved for MHS credit.
5. Identify courses that look appropriate to the MHS major that you might want to take.
6. Submit a request for these courses to be given equivalency to the GEO (https://webapp.mis.vanderbilt.edu/more/SearchAbroadCourses.action).
7. Complete and submit a “Course Variance Request” form to the MHS administrator. This form is available at [http://www.vanderbilt.edu/mhs/forms/](http://www.vanderbilt.edu/mhs/forms/) to request that a course be considered for concentration area credit hours.
8. GEO will send a formal evaluation request to MHS.
9. MHS will evaluate your request and respond to the GEO.
10. GEO will notify you of the official decision.