


MEMORANDUM

To: Vice Provosts, Vice Presidents, Chancellors, and Deans,
Directors and Heads of Schools, Divisions, Departments, and Offices

From: Riall W. Nolan, Dean of International Programs 

Date: February 23, 2004

Subject: *Study Abroad Definition*

During the past two years, as the University began to organize its implementation of the new strategic plan and establish metrics and benchmarks to monitor progress, it became evident that Purdue University had not formally adopted a consistent definition of "study abroad."

With input from international programs officers representing their respective academic schools at Purdue, a working definition has been devised that can be used for metric reporting purposes in conjunction with both the strategic plan for the Office of International Programs as well as the strategic plans for each academic School.

The Office of the Provost has approved the definition for the West Lafayette campus, and it is my responsibility to help the university administration disseminate and utilize this definition. Please contact Brian Harley, Director of Programs for Study Abroad, if you have questions about how your study abroad activities can be approved and included in periodic reports to the Provost.

Study Abroad

"Study Abroad" is defined as any of a number of arrangements by which Purdue students complete part of their college program through educational activities outside the United States.

Such activities include -- but are not limited to -- classroom study, research, intern- or externships, and service learning.

All such international educational activities need to be reported to the Office of Programs for Study Abroad by the relevant academic unit at Purdue.

