Would you like to spend some time here as a UF student?
Are you a SCIENCE or ENGINEERING student?

TASSEP – Trans-Atlantic Science (& Engineering) Student Exchange Program

• spend 1-2 semesters at European partner university while paying UF tuition rates
• get complete credit for the classes
Scotland: University of Strathclyde
Ireland: Trinity College, Dublin
Denmark: Aarhus University
Sweden: Lund University
France: Universite Joseph Fourier, Grenoble; University of Paul Sabatier, Toulouse; CPE Lyon; University of Paris 6, Paris; University of Paris 11, Orsay
Belgium: Universite de Liege, Belgium
Germany: Technical University of Berlin; Friedrich-Schiller-Universitat Jena
Austria: Technical University of Vienna
Italy: University of Pavia, Italy; University of Bologna, Italy;
Spain: University of Pais Vasco - Bilbao and San Sebastian; Universidad Complutense, Madrid; Universidad de Santiago de Compostela
Switzerland: University of Geneva
Exchange rate

1 US credit ≈ 2 ECTs

30 ECTS (European Transfer Credits) per semester (1 ECTS = 1 hour of study per week – includes preparation time)  
12-credit semester is roughly equivalent to 24 ECTS
Languages

Most undergraduate courses in Europe are taught in their native languages.

Science is still science, independent of the language that it is taught in.
Information on TASSEP

http://studyabroad.unc.edu/tassep/

Hosted on the University of North Carolina website

Welcome!

The Trans-Atlantic Science Student Exchange Program is a consortium of member universities from the European Union, Canada and the United States. Through strong academic advising by science faculty who work in close cooperation with their study abroad offices, TASSEP ensures that students are properly advised about course selection and eases the problems of receiving credit for courses taken abroad. The goal is to permit students to take most of their normal junior level courses abroad and still be able to graduate on time.

As an exchange program, TASSEP provides the most affordable means for students to study abroad. Students simply pay tuition in their home institution and can enroll in the foreign university with no additional costs. Transatlantic transportation and all living costs are borne by the students.
Follow hyperlinks to course information

**Example:** Studying Chemistry at the University Complutense in Madrid
Courses in English (often Masters level)

e.g. Lund, SWEDEN (Aarhus, DENMARK)
What might this study plan look like?

e.g. Chemistry at LUND

Chemistry courses at Lund
The undergraduate course in physical chemistry is taught only in Swedish. Thus exchange students need to be prepared to take advanced courses. Below are two courses that are offered in the Spring term. These are taught sequentially and are worth 15 ECTS each. Each consists of lectures and substantial laboratory work. These are highly integrated courses that do not correspond to any one US course. The UNC student who took these courses had already taken thermodynamics and biochemistry in the Fall semester before going to Lund.

Biochemical Methodology – KEMB03 Spring ’08 15 ECTS
Precipitation and enzyme kinetics (5 ECTS)
Chromatography, 2-D electrophoresis and Mass Spec Sample preparation (5 ECTS)
Mass Spectrometry (5 ECTS)

Advanced Course in Analytical Chemistry KEMM06 Spring ’08 15 ECTS
Chromatography
HPLC
Capillary Electrophoresis
Mass Spectrometry

The UNC student who passed these two courses received the following credits:
Biochemistry laboratory 3 US credits
Intermediate Analytical chemistry 2 US credits
Intermediate Analytical chemistry lab 2 US credits
Chromatography (graduate level course) 3 US credits
Mass Spectrometry (graduate level course) 3 US credits
TOTAL credits = 13
What about (summer) research internships?

- during fall/spring semesters: students can also get credit for research while taking classes
- during the summer semester: no classes are taught during the summer semester, but research internships are available
- information for such opportunities is unfortunately not available online
- please contact TASSEP faculty advisor Nick Polfer (polfer@chem.ufl.edu) for information
How to get approved

1. Make sure to have a valid passport
2. Identify foreign University where you would like to go and potential courses that you would like to take
3. Check with your undergraduate advisor that these courses fit into your study program and that you get credit for them
4. Fill in TASSEP application form at www.abroad.ufic.ufl.edu (see next page)
5. Contact TASSEP faculty advisor: Nick Polfer (polfer@chem.ufl.edu)
6. Approval of student and courses by TASSEP advisor at foreign University
7. Contact UF International Center TASSEP advisor: Josh Perry (jperry@ufic.ufl.edu) to finalize application and deal with other important issues (visa, health insurance)
8. The International Center at the foreign University will give guidance related to housing.
TASSEP online application

2. Once you have selected the program, click Apply Now. Log in using your Gatorlink ID and password. At this time, you will be asked to supply your emergency contact information.
3. The following screen will have your program name on the left, highlighted in blue. Click on the program name to access your application.
4. Your application page is divided into several categories on the right side of the screen. In the Material Submissions section you can print the Academic Advising Form (list of courses you will take abroad—signed and approved by UF faculty or advisor). Please read and follow the directions provided. The International Center will check off these materials after you submit them to our office as instructed online.
5. Complete all Signature Documents: Read thoroughly and electronically sign each document. These include UF policies and procedures, terms and conditions, health insurance information, etc.
6. Complete all Application Questionnaires: Please note the importance of the Financial Aid questionnaire, as you must indicate here the type of financial aid you receive, if any.
7. Payment of Application Deposit or Fee: You are required to pay a non-refundable $250 program fee deposit for UF programs or a non-refundable $150 service charge for Non-UF study abroad programs. These funds must be submitted to UFIC no later than 7 calendar days after applying online. Payment can be made by personal check, money order, or cash (in person, with exact change only). Make checks payable to: University of Florida. Include your UFID, program name and term, and current phone and address on your check.
FAQ

Q. Will I have to pay tuition fees at the foreign University?
A. No, you are still considered a UF student, and will hence continue to pay UF tuition rates.

Q. What will happen if I am the recipient of a Bright Futures fellowship?
A. As you are still considered a UF student, you will continue to receive the fellowship, UNLESS you do not get credit for the classes that you do do abroad.

Q. Will TASSEP pay for my travel/living expenses?
A. No, TASSEP does not offer bursaries, but the UFIC or the host University may.
FAQ

**Q. Are all courses taught in a foreign language?**

**A.** Not all courses are taught in their native language, but most are, especially at the undergraduate level. Most Masters/graduate level classes are taught in English (at least in Denmark, Sweden and increasingly Germany).

**Q. How many credits will I receive for the classes done abroad?**

**A.** The rule of thumb is that 2 ECTs = 1 UF credit, however, this needs to be approved with your undergraduate study advisor.

**Q. What will happen if I fail a class?**

**A.** In most instances, you can re-take an exam, and hence increase your score.
FAQ

Q. What grade will I receive for these courses?
A. The grading scale differs per country, which is why it is essential that the transcript form AFTER you have completed the exams abroad is sent to UFIC. Converting the grade will be done by your study advisor in conjunction with the registrar.

Q. Will I be completely on my own over there?
A. You will be surprised how many foreign students there are that spend 1-2 semesters abroad. You are hence not the only one, even if you are probably the only one from UF. Recently, TASSEP has instructed the European Universities to assign a student mentor, preferably in the student’s subject area.