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**General Syllabus:**

**OSS 260V Overseas Study**

Credit Hours: 1-6 variable  
Prerequisite: Sophomore standing  
Effective Catalog: 2019-2020

Lecture Hours: 1-6 variable

**I. Course Information**

**A. Catalog Description**

The initial study of language, history, and/or culture in a specific country. Schedules for the overseas study will be announced when the course is offered. May be repeated up to a total of 6 hours for elective credit.

**B. Additional Information**

Students may use this course for study in a variety of countries in which exchange agreements exist with UA Fort Smith.

**II. Student Learning Outcomes**

**A. Subject Matter**

Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:

1. Examine the nature and importance of culture and cross- culture differences in a specific country.
2. Explain the political, economic and cultural issues in a specific country.
3. Recognize ethical issues particular to another culture.
4. Study the history of a specific country.
5. Develop an understanding of the language in a specific country.

**B. University Learning Outcomes**

This course enhances student abilities in the following areas:

**Communication Skills (written and oral)**

Students will communicate with people from different cultures through presentations and/or papers.

### **Global and Cultural Perspectives**

Students will have the opportunity to interact with people from diverse cultural and educational backgrounds.

### **III. Major Course Topics**

- A. Understanding cultural differences.
- B. Learning global perspectives.
- C. Bridging communication barriers between countries.
- D. Understanding historical implications.
- E. Gaining language skills