The Office of Overseas Study offers 130 programs to any eligible student within the IU system and an additional 250 through specific IU units. There are thousands of additional study abroad programs offered through external institutions, known as "Non-IU Programs".

Some differences between "IU Programs" and "Non-IU Programs" are:

**IU Programs:**
- Direct IU credit
- Grades count in GPA
- Count toward senior residency
- Most financial aid applicable

**Non-IU Programs:**
- Transfer credit
- Grades not calculated in GPA
- Doesn't count towards senior residency
- Financial aid applicability varies (usually no state aid and award amounts rarely change)
  ✂ If a student has ever used federal aid, he/she should fill out OVST-Y 496 app

An indicator that it is a non-IU program is the program not appearing on the “Big List” and/or not appearing on our website. Please visit the "non-IU procedures" page on our website for additional information.

**Timeline: Grades/Gen Ed**

**IU Programs:**
- Overseas Study receives grade reports, uploads to CART: 2-4 months
- GCC fulfillment: January and June
- WLC fulfillment: December and May

**Non-IU Programs:**
- International Admissions receives transcripts, posts credit in SIS: 3-6 months
- GCC fulfillment: not applicable
- WLC fulfillment: December and May

**Course Approval Memos:**
Select either IU or non-IU program on the form under the “Faculty & Staff” tab. New advisors can request access to complete these forms. You can do either a pre-approval or a post-approval. Departments determine equivalent credit based on content, not course numbers (this is not always a 1:1 match).