

Committee on Academic Standing (CAS) Policies & Procedures for  
Off-Campus Study GPA Petitions

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Petition Review:

The CAS will consider the petition on an individual basis, and the student may appeal the CAS decision. The CAS will deny a 2.7 based on the quality of the personal statement and faculty recommendations, as well as a demonstrated improvement in academic record. The CAS prefers an upward academic trajectory, understanding that one poor semester early in the first year on campus can have a tremendous impact on the cumulative GPA in the major. The CAS also looks for demonstrated maturity and self-discipline indicating that the student is likely to succeed in the face of the additional challenges off-campus study presents.

Other factors that CAS could consider include the program abroad (or successful experience with other cultures), fluency in the language needed for success in the program abroad, and the academic focus of the program and how it relates to the student's curricular and related accomplishments. Such evidence may suggest personal and intellectual qualities that help prepare the student for off-campus study. Such evidence may be considered as a complement to the academic record but not as a substitute for solid academic achievement or as an explanation why the academic record is not stronger.

Based upon the consideration of the individual petition there are a few other factors that the CAS will consider: