



STUDY ABROAD SERVICE HOURS

As part of your study abroad scholarship requirements, you must complete study abroad service hours. If awarded the Guadalupe and Lilia Martinez International Fellows Scholarship, you must complete 15 hours. If awarded the International Education Fee Scholarship, you must complete 10 hours. If awarded both, you must complete 25 hours. These hours must be related to study abroad/International Education and approved by the Office of International Engagement (IE) prior to completion. All study abroad service hours must be completed before graduation and submitted through Trailblazers.

Study Abroad Service Hours Hold

A Study Abroad Service Hours Hold will be placed on your account until all required hours have been completed and submitted according to the IE process. This hold will prevent you from obtaining a transcript, registering for courses, and picking up your diploma. Under no circumstances will your hold be waived/removed post-graduation if hours are pending completion.

If you are unsure of the amount of hours you are required to complete, refer to your award letter email.

How to Earn Hours

Below is a list of things you could do to earn hours:

- Post photos to **Instagram** using #txamiuabroad or @txamiuabroad – *Limit 1 post per month = 1 hour*
- Post photos to the IE **Facebook** page (TAMIU Study Abroad) – *Limit 1 post per month = 1 hour*
- Post on **Twitter** using #txamiuabroad or @txamiuabroad – *Limit 1 post per month = 1 hour*
- **Instagram Challenges** (hashtag varies monthly) – *Limit 1 post per month = 1 hour*
- Assist in IE approved events
- Become an International Student Mentor
- Assist in the IE office
- Give back to your experience by donating to study abroad at alumni.tamui.edu/studyabroad

(Minimum of \$5 donations. After \$5, every dollar counts for one hour).

*Other study abroad service hours opportunities may become available throughout the semester.

When attending IE approved events, you must wear a study abroad t-shirt.

How to Submit Hours on Trailblazers

You are required to submit all study abroad hours via Trailblazers (<https://tamui.campuslabs.com/engage>) For example: If you posted a picture on Instagram, you must submit them on Trailblazers for approval. For instructions on how to complete your study abroad hour submissions please visit our [Guide to Track and Submit Study Abroad Service Hours](#). IE's recommendation is to submit your hours through Trailblazers as soon as you complete them to avoid forgetting the hours earned. It is the students' responsibility to keep track of the amount of hours earned and submitted.

For any questions please contact the Office of International Engagement at international@tamui.edu or 956.326.2282.