



Enrolling for Credit

This document contains all the information you need on the process for enrolling for college credit for Loop Abroad programs. You can request to receive a transcript from the University of Findlay, our School of Record. You will be billed an additional fee of \$360 for a transcript showing credits unless you opt out of this option. If you are participating in a *semester* program with Loop Abroad in fall, spring, or summer, your transcript cost will be included in your tuition and you will have no additional fee.

It can be difficult or impossible to get college credit after your program takes place, so you will want to take the necessary steps for ensuring you can enroll for college credit, and that your college or university will accept those credits.

The University of Findlay (UF) is Loop Abroad's School of Record. UF is an accredited four-year university in Ohio that is known for excellence in its science, health professions, animal science and equestrian studies programs. You can choose to receive credit from UF for most Loop Abroad programs. You will not attend UF and the courses do not take place there, but you can receive an official UF transcript for your courses with Loop Abroad.

Below, please find all the information you need on how to get college credit for your Loop Abroad program(s).

Paths to Enrolling for College Credit:

There are a number of ways in which you can earn credit for your Loop Abroad experience. You just have to decide which one is right for you!

- (1) Get credit from University of Findlay.** You may select to receive credit for your program through University of Findlay. If you make this selection, you will receive an official transcript from University of Findlay for your course(s). In general, a two-week program is three credits. Credit options are available for most programs.

This option carries a fee of \$360 per term from University of Findlay. To clarify, whether you took 1, 2 or more classes in the Loop Abroad summer session, for example, your fee would be \$360 for your credit and official transcript from University of Findlay.

The fee for credit and transcript from University of Findlay for Veterinary Semester Abroad programs, including the Thailand Veterinary Semester Abroad, the South Africa Wildlife and Conservation Semester, and the Global Veterinary Semester Abroad, is included in the Veterinary Semester Abroad tuition.

- (2) Get credit from University of Findlay and have that credit transferred to your current college or university.** This option is the same as Option 1, but you also arrange for your current college or university to accept the credit from University of Findlay as transfer credit (just as if you took a summer course or did a semester abroad at University of Findlay and wanted the course to appear on your transcript from your home college and count toward your requirements there).

For this option, you should talk to your school about getting the transfer credit approved. Your school will likely want to see the syllabus for the course (available [here](#)), and may require other information or additional forms as well - you can send those to admissions@loopabroad.com for assistance. It is your responsibility to ensure that your University of Findlay credit will transfer and to ensure that you meet all the requirements for the transfer if you plan to transfer your credits to your home college or university.

This option carries a fee of \$360 for enrollment in University of Findlay for the term (not included in your tuition), and may carry additional fees from your college or university. This enrollment fee (\$360) from University of Findlay can include more than one Loop Abroad course during a program season. For example, if you're enrolled in Thailand College Veterinary Service and the Australia Veterinary Service programs in the same summer and request credit from UF for each course, both courses can be listed on the transcript you receive from UF for the \$360 enrollment fee. However, if you were to enroll in one program in summer 2020 and request a transcript, and then return in 2021 for another program, you would pay the UF enrollment fee each time.

- (3) Get credit directly from your current college or university.** You can petition your college or university to get internship, research, or other credits directly through your home institution. Your school will likely require additional paperwork or information, which you can email to admissions@loopabroad.com. Your school may also require additional work from you, such as a paper or presentation. Loop Abroad cannot provide you a grade in the course unless you are enrolling in credit from University of Findlay.

This option does not have any fees from Loop Abroad or our School of Record, but may have fees from your school.

Which Credit Option Should I Choose?

You do not have to pursue college credit for your Loop Abroad program(s): it's completely optional. If you'd like to receive credit and aren't sure which option is best for you, here are some factors to consider:

- If you are currently *not enrolled* in college or university, it is likely that Option 1 above is the only method for receiving college credit. If you attend a college or university in the future, whether or not they accept the transfer credit is at their discretion.
- If you know that you want credit but don't need it to meet graduation requirements, you might find that Option 1 above is the easiest choice, as it doesn't require any approval from your current college or university.
- If you want credit to count toward your graduation requirements and to be on your transcript for your current college or university, you would want to consider Option 2 and Option 3. Option 2 is generally a more straightforward process, since every college and university has a process in place for accepting transfer credits from other universities. Option 2 may or may not be cheaper, depending on your school fees.
- Options 2 and 3 may make you eligible to use federal financial aid toward your Loop Abroad tuition.

Loop Abroad is happy to support you in any of these three options. We can complete performance reviews and forms for Option 3, but cannot provide additional graded assignments for that Option. However, your school may assign you and grade additional assignments if it so requires.

What does credit entail

For semester courses (if you are enrolled in the 14-week Veterinary Semester Abroad in Thailand, the 14-week Wildlife and Conservation Semester in South Africa, or the 12-week Global Veterinary Semester Abroad), most students choose to take all the courses for credit.

For short-term courses (including two-week summer programs), your grade will usually be based on a presentation (which every student gives), participation in the course, an exam, and a short writing assignment completed after the course. Every course is a bit different but you'll get a syllabus that explains what is required of you and we will make time for you to do it during your course.

You will learn everything you need to succeed in the course during the program -- no prerequisites are required. You can find detailed information in the "grading" and "assignments and points" section of the course syllabi, available [here](#).

Choosing not to receive credit does not reduce the tuition of the program.

How to get College Credit

1. **Choose the Best Option for You.** If you are currently enrolled at a college or university, talk to your academic advisor, study abroad office, registrar's office, and/or department head to ensure you've found the right credit option for you.
2. **If Choosing Option 3 (credit directly from your school), Contact Us.** If you will be pursuing credit directly from your school, please email admissions@loopabroad.com and provide them with:
 - a. Your name
 - b. Your program and dates
 - c. Your college or university name
 - d. How many credits you are earning
 - e. What the credits will be called on your transcript (internship, research, etc)
 - f. Name of advisor who approved the credits
 - g. Contact info for advisor who approved the credits
 - h. Any additional forms/paperwork that need to be completed

We need to have this information on file in order to communicate effectively with your school. This information can also help future students from your school who may want to receive credit. Please provide this information **before** your Loop program begins. We may be able to accommodate requests pertaining to credit after your program is complete, but we can help you much more easily if you submit your request beforehand.

3. If Choosing Option 1 or 2 (University of Findlay), sign up. You can sign up for your college credit options on the University of Findlay website [here](#).

- If you're attending two programs but only want credit for one, just select the one you want credit for.
- This form and your transcript fee payment are due by one month (30 days) before your program begins. Between 30 and 7 days before your program, a late fee will apply.
- For information on drop and withdrawal deadlines, please contact your Program Director. Dropping or withdrawing from receiving credit will not refund your transcript fee, and it will not affect your program or Loop Abroad tuition in any way. Dropping/ Withdrawing from a Loop Abroad course may affect your eligibility to receive federal funds and scholarships from your school for the Loop Abroad program.

If you have questions or concerns, or you need help with this process, please contact us at admissions@loopabroad.com.