



Advising Students for National Student Exchange

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Who can participate in National Student Exchange?

A: FHSU students eligible to participate in NSE must be a degree-seeking undergraduate student with a sophomore, junior, or first semester senior classification. Second semester freshmen will be considered with careful evaluation. NSE does not offer graduate level exchange.

Q: What are the NSE eligibility requirements for FHSU students?

A: NSE participants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 and be in good academic standing with no incomplete grades, outstanding financial obligations, or current or pending campus probationary status or disciplinary action. Students must also be enrolled full-time during an NSE exchange term.

Q: How many semesters can a student participate in NSE?

A: No more than one academic year may be spent at one NSE school. Some NSE schools offer summer programs, but summer terms must be in conjunction with a spring or fall term.

Q: How do students choose the best exchange school for them?

A: Students can choose schools based on many different categories. For example, demographic stats, honors access, special designations like HBCU or HSI, special programs, or geographical location. All [campuses by categories](#) can be found on the NSE website for exploration.

Students can also [search universities by major](#) to see which member universities offer their major or minor program of study, or they can search by university name to see a list of programs that each university offers.

If students are interested in a specific region of the United States or US territory, they can search for universities using the [NSE map](#), which allows for comparing 2-4 universities at the same time.

NSE also has a great [YouTube](#) channel with testimonies and information videos as well as offer [Info sessions](#) throughout the year covering the basics of NSE.

The FHSU Study Abroad office also holds [informational events](#) throughout the year as well as a virtual study abroad fair.

Q: How do students choose courses to take at their host university?

A: Academic credit is an important piece of NSE. Students need to work closely with their FHSU Advisor to determine which courses they should take while on exchange and which courses will be approved to transfer back to FHSU as part of their degree program. FHSU does not guarantee that every course will fulfill a requirement. Students must have flexibility when it comes to choosing courses as some universities might have limited or closed programs. This information is noted on all university profiles on the NSE website. Course catalogs are also made available on each universities profile page.

It is important to know if students need to complete work with an accredited program. If that is the case, students will need to choose schools with these accreditations. In addition, some schools may have certain pre-requisites for upper level courses if they have an accredited program on their campus. This could influence in which courses FHSU students can actually enroll, so it is important that they do their research.

Please review the [Academic Credit](#) page on the NSE website for detailed information.

NSE also offers special programs for students beyond the classroom like internships, research, field study, and other experiential learning opportunities. If your advisee has an interest in these experiences, be sure to review the [special programs](#) that some NSE member universities offer.

Q: How do I approve transfer credit for students taking courses with NSE member universities?

A: You, as the advisor, have the final say in course transfers. Students must provide you a syllabus and course description for proper vetting of courses and approval of transfer credit.

The FHSU Study Abroad office has an Academic Approval Form that students must complete for all course approvals. Advisors and Department Chairs will be asked to sign this form.

Q: Will I receive a copy of the Academic Approval Form for my advisee?

A: The FHSU Study Abroad Office will send each Advisor a copy of their student's Academic Approval Form and Study Abroad Agreement once it is submitted to our office.

Q: What responsibilities do I have in the NSE application process for my advisee?

A: Academic Advisors are only responsible for vetting courses and approving transfer credit. We ask that you work with your student to choose courses that will transfer into their FHSU degree program.

The Study Abroad office will be responsible for all other details of the application process: interview, application, approval, placement, orientation, compliance, and the collection of all required documents. Please contact us with all of your questions.

National Student Exchange is a wonderful program that offer students amazing opportunities. If you know a student looking to take a step out of their comfort zone, please recommend the NSE program.

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