



**Semester Program Study Abroad Credit and Grade Translation Memo**

**Program:** SIT Panama: Tropical Ecology, Marine Ecosystems and Biodiversity Conservation

**Date Revised:** June 2016

When studying abroad, students should be aware that there are different credit and grading systems overseas that vary by program. The information contained in this memo is correct to the best of Emory College Study Abroad's knowledge as of the date posted above. This memo has been created using information provided by the study abroad program, in consultation with colleagues at other institutions utilizing the same study abroad program, and/or per guidelines or commonly used practices in the field of international education and education abroad. Students should also be aware that changes are possible at any time, and Emory College Study Abroad will notify students of any changes as soon as possible.

**COURSE APPROVAL PROCESS**

Students must obtain approval for ALL courses taken abroad and must consult with the appropriate departmental Faculty Study Abroad representative at Emory for course approvals that are **NOT** already blanket approved. Students should not take classes for which they cannot obtain approval. Once the overseas transcript arrives at the Office of International and Summer Programs (OISP), the transcript will not be processed until ALL of the approvals have been submitted.

**CREDIT TRANSLATION**

Students enroll in five courses for a total of 16 credit hours during the academic term. Students are encouraged to meet with their Emory academic advisor to discuss potential research topics.

***Courses:***

- Intensive Language Study: Spanish (3 credits): Approval required by Spanish Department depending on student's language level and placement
- Human Ecology and Conservation in the Tropics (3 credits)
- Comparative Tropical Ecology (3 credits)
- Environmental Research Ethics and Methods (3 credits)
- Independent Study Project (4 credits): Approval required by relevant Emory Department to determine course equivalent for independent research.

**GRADE TRANSLATION**

Emory will transfer the grades as listed on the SIT Panama transcript. Grades will be recorded on the Emory transcript and will factor into the GPA.