

# GE Upper Division Pathways Authorization Form for Study Abroad Students

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Chico Student ID: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Cell Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Study Abroad Program (select one):  
 USAC     Direct Exchange     IP     Faculty-Led Program

Year/Terms Abroad: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Destination Country & City: \_\_\_\_\_ Destination University: \_\_\_\_\_  
**My GE Upper Division Pathway is** \_\_\_\_\_

## NATURAL SCIENCES course

Natural Science courses tend to have titles with words like *biology, ecology, nutrition, health science, physics, geosciences, etc.*

I plan to take the following course at Chico State (see GE section of course catalog for listing)

\_\_\_\_\_ course title                      \_\_\_\_\_ department                      \_\_\_\_\_ course number

- I am in a major that includes the natural science pathway course, so this requirement is waived for me.  
 I plan to take this course abroad. Here are my top three options (course descriptions are attached):

_____	1.	_____	_____	_____
<i>Approval</i>		course title	department	course number
_____	2.	_____	_____	_____
<i>Approval</i>		course title	department	course number
_____	3.	_____	_____	_____
<i>Approval</i>		course title	department	course number

## HUMANITIES course

Humanities courses tend to have titles with words like *art, literature, drama, theater, music, religion, history, etc.*

I plan to take the following course at Chico State (see GE section of course catalog for listing)

\_\_\_\_\_ course title                      \_\_\_\_\_ department                      \_\_\_\_\_ course number

I plan to take this course abroad. Here are my top three options (course descriptions are attached):

_____	1.	_____	_____	_____
<i>Approval</i>		course title	department	course number
_____	2.	_____	_____	_____
<i>Approval</i>		course title	department	course number
_____	3.	_____	_____	_____
<i>Approval</i>		course title	department	course number

## SOCIAL SCIENCE course

Social Science courses tend to have titles with words like *economics, political science, geography, psychology, sociology, etc.*

I plan to take the following course at Chico State (see GE section of course catalog for listing)

\_\_\_\_\_ course title                      \_\_\_\_\_ department                      \_\_\_\_\_ course number

I plan to take this course abroad. Here are my top three choices (course descriptions are attached):

_____	1.	_____	_____	_____
<i>Approval</i>		course title	department	course number
_____	2.	_____	_____	_____
<i>Approval</i>		course title	department	course number
_____	3.	_____	_____	_____
<i>Approval</i>		course title	department	course number

My initials indicate that the course(s) above are approved as substitution(s) for \_\_\_\_\_ pathway.

**Pathway Coordinator:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Approval Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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## Directions

*Please read the following carefully before filling out the GE Upper Division Pathways Authorization Form*

### Step 1: Understand the criteria for UD Pathway Course Selections for Study Abroad

1. All upper division pathway courses must be UPPER DIVISION (Jr./Sr.) level. A simple search on the destination University's website will provide you with information on the course levels and unit load per course.\* If you are having a difficult time determining course levels and unit load information, please see a Study Abroad Advisor for assistance before meeting with the Pathway Coordinator.  
**SPECIAL NOTE: At most destination universities, 100 or 1000 level courses are LOWER division.**  
*\* You must attach this information from the website to your pathway authorization form for review by the Pathway Coordinator.*
2. The courses need to be the equivalent of three (3) semester units at CSU, Chico, or approximately 45 classroom hours. See above (1) for more information on determining the unit load of the courses offered overseas.
3. Each Upper Division Pathway (UDP) requires one (1) *natural science* course, one (1) *humanities* course, and one (1) *social science* course.
4. Generally, students take their *natural science* course at CSU, Chico\*\*. Based on the education systems of our partnership programs, non-science majors have great difficulty in advanced science coursework abroad. The natural science selection at CSU, Chico differs by pathway: see the university course catalog for more detailed information on which course you should select and any UDP modifications for you major.  
*\*\* Students with a major in the natural sciences may opt to take this requirement abroad.*
5. Students studying abroad may be able to complete their social science and humanities UDP courses at their host university abroad. Social Science courses tend to have titles with words like economics, political science, geography, psychology, sociology, and history. Humanities courses tend to have titles with words like art, literature, drama, theater, music, religion, and also history.

### Step 2: Research and document your options

*The following items **MUST** be attached to the Upper Division Pathway Authorization Form when you submit it to the Pathway Coordinator.*

- Information on the course numbering system and unit labeling system, printed out from the host university's website or from the Chico State Study Abroad website.  
See "criteria" above for more information.
- Course descriptions for each of the courses proposed on the UDP Authorization form.

### Step 3: Submit the Authorization Form for approval

You should submit your form and supplementary documentation to the appropriate Pathway Coordinator. (Refer to the University Catalog for current contact information.)

***IMPORTANT: The Coordinator will likely require that you schedule a second appointment to pick up the completed form or to discuss your options. Do not wait until the last minute!!!***

### Step 4: Make a copy of the form for your own records

### Step 5: Submit the ORIGINAL form to the Study Abroad Office, SSC 440