



Earning academic credit through student travel



About academic credit

Meaningful field experiences result in powerful learning opportunities for students. Why not help them earn academic credit related to their travel programs, and meaningful distinctions for their portfolios? This snapshot provides an overview of credit opportunities available through WorldStrides.

Lifelong Learner Skills

- Students who wish to earn academic credit enroll in the online courses that pair with their travel programs.
- Courses provide students with opportunities to engage in self-paced learning.
- Students gain experience accessing instructors through the online system.
- Assignments allow students to engage in reflection, application, and critical thinking.

Available to All

- Every student on every program has an academic credit option.
- Individual students may opt in for academic credit.

Fully Supported

- All courses are designed by the Curriculum & Academics Team in support of the WorldStrides mission: “Igniting student growth through travel and study abroad at every stage of development.”
- Students receive individualized feedback on each assignment.
- Academic transcripts are issued directly to the student.
- Traveling teachers do not have any grading responsibilities.

College Preparatory Credit

- WorldStrides partners with the University of California, San Diego Extension to issue college preparatory credit.
- Students must be in high school at the time of travel in order to take college preparatory credit courses.
- Page three of the Common Application asks students if they have earned college preparatory credit. The application goes on to ask specifically whether the course was taught online, awarded credit, and issued a transcript. Our course enables students to complete the Common App with yesses to these questions.
- College coursework available in Global Perspectives; Leadership and Character; and Environmental Studies.

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We offer:

High school credit

Available to high school and middle school travelers.

College preparatory credit

Available to high school travelers.

For more information

Click [here](#) to see course content from a sample course [syllabus](#).