

General Information on Semester Away

Upper School sophomores and juniors are allowed to receive credit toward graduation at schools other than University Prep.

Students who wish to pursue study elsewhere must demonstrate their interest by completing the Semester Away application. Students who wish to study away must complete the application by March 2 of the preceding school year.

In support of University Prep's mission to promote intellectual courage and global citizenship, University Prep sets aside four (4) spaces per semester for tuition remission while participating in a Semester Away program. Students who complete an application to study away will participate in an interview process. Through the application and interview process, the Semester Away committee will select the four (4) recipients to receive tuition remission. Students who are not awarded tuition remission, and who still wish to study away, are responsible for full tuition with University Prep. Students are only eligible to receive one semester of tuition remission during their University Prep career.

Qualified students will seek to enroll in semester-long programs that:

- the Instructional Leadership Team, in consultation with the Global Programs Office, approves (see "Approved Semester-Long Programs" list);
- will not impede the fulfillment of the student's diploma requirements;
- allow the student to proceed with her or his academic program upon return to University Prep.

In addition, the student must:

- be in good academic standing as determined by the Director of Upper School in consultation with the faculty;
- be in good social standing as determined by the Director of Upper School and Dean of Students;
- sustain good standing both as a scholar and a citizen for the duration of the program;
- complete a Semester Away application and interview;
- propose a communication plan to share his/her experience with the University Prep community while he/she is away;
- present a plan to share his/her experiences with the University Prep community upon return.

If a student is approved, the family must:

- submit their reenrollment contract with deposit by the mid-February deadline determined by the Admissions Office. (This is required to hold the student's place in school.)
- be responsible to University Prep for 15% of the tuition amount for the semester spent away from University Prep (students who are not awarded tuition remission, and still wish to study away, are responsible for full tuition at University Prep);
- meet reenrollment and tuition payment deadlines during the semester the student is away. (For a semester-away student, the adjusted year's tuition total will be distributed over the regular tuition payment dates. For a year away, the 15% tuition will be due on July 1.)

Approved Semester-Long Programs

The following is a list of semester-long programs that are approved by University Prep. By no means is this an exhaustive list of program options. If a student would like to consider a program outside of this list, he/she should consult with the Director of Global Programs.

[Alexander Muss High School in Israel](#)

[Chewonki Semester School](#)

[The High Mountain Institute](#)

[The Island School](#)

[CITYterm at The Masters School](#)

[The Mountain School](#)

[The Oxbow School](#)

[The Traveling School](#)

[School for Ethics and Global Leadership](#)

[School Year Abroad – China](#)

For additional information about these programs, and others, as well as additional information to consider with regard to study away, students can also consult the [Semester Schools Network](#).