Credit Policies:

- In general, Barnard grants credit only for liberal arts courses of the kind offered by the college. We do not give credit for pre-professional courses. Courses in subjects not offered by Barnard (e.g. communications, marketing, regional food and wine) must have a significant liberal arts component or they will not be approved.

Maintaining full-time status while abroad:

- You must seek credit for at least 12 Barnard points while abroad to be considered a full-time student.
- However, you do not need to receive approval for 12 Barnard points in order to be considered a full-time student. For example, if you request approval for four 3-point courses through myBarnard but one is denied (for instance, a required language course that repeats a level you’ve already completed), you will still be coded as a full-time student even if you receive only 9 points on your Barnard transcript for your time abroad.

Overlapping coursework:

- You cannot receive credit for overlapping coursework. This doesn't mean you cannot take overlapping coursework. If you believe a course overlaps with work previously completed at Barnard, but are required to take it by your program, you must still submit a Study Abroad Course Form. If the evaluator determines that this course duplicates one you have already taken, it will be denied. However, should you find that the content did not, in fact, overlap, you should bring in all materials from the course upon your return to campus and ask that it be reconsidered for credit.

General Credit Information:

- Barnard never gives more credit for a course than the host institution grants, even if it has been approved for more.
- Barnard does not grant more points than a student requests for a course, even if the host institution program awards more. Please see Credit Guidelines for your program on the Study Abroad Approved Programs website for credit recommendations.
- Courses must receive at least three credits in order to fulfill major, minor and General Education requirements.

FINAL DECISIONS REGARDING THE AMOUNT OF CREDIT AWARDED FOR ALL COURSES WILL BE MADE BY THE REGISTRAR’S OFFICE UPON RECEIPT OF YOUR OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT.

Credit for Language Courses:

- Barnard gives 1 point for every 14 hours of language instruction for courses of 6 weeks or more. For courses of fewer than six weeks, we give a maximum of 1 point per week.
- No credit will be given for the first semester of a language unless a second or higher semester is completed. Students are allowed a one-time elementary language exception, but must apply for it. The form for “Credit for Introductory Language Courses” is available on the Registrar’s website under “Coursework at Barnard.”

Credit for Independent Study:

- In order to be considered for credit, an independent study must meet the following criteria:
  - Long research paper (20+ pages)
• Guided reading list
• Regular meetings with professor (not program coordinator)

• Please note: Independent studies cannot be used to satisfy GERs.

**Internships:**

• Barnard may grant credit for internships if they meet the standards for an independent study. Approval for study abroad internships can be given only upon the student’s return as the Registrar's Office needs to review the resulting paper.

**Studio Courses (Visual Art, Acting, Dance Technique, Instrumental Instruction):**

• We give 1 pt for every 2 hrs/week for non-Barnard studio courses. However, Columbia studio courses are always approved for the number of credits they award.