



DEA Student Policies

The following policies apply specifically to undergraduate students enrolled in the Design and Environmental Analysis (DEA) major. DEA majors must also adhere to all [College of Human Ecology \(CHE\) policies and requirements](#).

Off-Campus Experience (Effective Fall 2016):

DEA's flexible curriculum allows most students the opportunity to participate in an experiential program [off-campus](#) while still earning academic credit. To adequately plan for one semester away, students should visit the college's [Career Exploration Center](#) and meet with their DEA academic advisor at the start of their sophomore year. Off-campus experiences should be completed during the student's junior year at Cornell.

Courses taken off-campus serve predominately as electives in a student's academic program. A few courses may be applied to university or college requirements, such as humanities and language. Credits completed through Study Abroad will serve as electives only and may not be accepted as substitutions toward [DEA requirements in the major](#). Academic credits taken through the following programs: **Capital Semester**, **Urban Semester**, **Cornell in Washington**, and **Exchange Programs** may be petitioned as substitutions for DEA requirements in the major if they are deemed to be similar in content and contact hours to DEA courses. Off-campus course substitutions are limited to seven credit hours toward DEA requirements in the major. It is the students' responsibility to provide adequate evidence comparing the off-campus course with its counterpart in DEA. Evidence may include syllabi from both courses, examples of student work produced in the course, a letter from the instructor denoting contact hours, etc. A short catalog course description alone is not sufficient evidence to evaluate DEA course substitutions.

Students desiring participation in an off-campus experience for two academic semesters are strongly discouraged by the DEA faculty. Students wanting a prolonged off-campus experience or two different experiences are encouraged to utilize their summer months.

Ownership and Exhibition of Student Work:

All drawings and models done in the studios and other courses as a part of the DEA instructional program are the property of the department until they have been graded and released by the instructor. Certain student work may be selected by the department for retention for accreditation and archival purposes. Exhibitions of student work are held each

semester in the two galleries and smaller display cases throughout the College of Human Ecology (CHE) building complex.

Internships:

The College of Human Ecology does not award academic credits directly for internships. However, you may receive credits for academic work completed as a result of an internship. With a DEA faculty sponsor, you may enroll in DEA 4020 – DEA Special Studies which requires student to have a work plan approved by DEA faculty sponsor and complete follow-up academic work related to the internship to receive credits.

Special Studies that are taken during the winter and summer sessions will be charged a per credit fee through the Office of Continuing Education.