

The Southern Cultural Experience
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1. Course Overview

This module allows for international exchange students to experience the major qualities that make the American South a distinct region, during their study at FMU. The course is organized using *The FMU Passport Experience*, which lists student trips and activities that are to be completed during a semester of foreign study at FMU. In some cases, discipline-oriented faculty will accompany exchange students on group travel experiences, while students will use their FMU Passports to complete individual cultural experiences in other cases. Upon completion, students should be able to identify key characteristics that distinguish Southern culture within the broader American context.

2. Required Course Materials

- *The FMU Passport Experience*
- Accompanying module schedule

3. Grading Scale and Composition

This course is graded on a satisfactory (S) / unsatisfactory (U) basis, where students who have completed the requisite number of Passport activities will be awarded a grade of S and 3.0 FMU credit hours, as stipulated by the INTS 299 listing in the current *Catalog*.

4. Course Eligibility

This course is only available to incoming exchange students on an official FMU exchange program. Registration is facilitated with the permission of the International Programs faculty. Students who register for the INTS 299 credit will receive 3.0 FMU credit hours upon successful completion, but may only apply these hours in addition to a full-time (12.0 credit hours) program of study.

If the 3.0 credit hours from INTS 299 exceed the normal maximum of 17.0 credit hours per semester, students may petition to the Provost's Office to be permitted to register for the 3.0 additional hours.

Students on a year-long exchange program may re-take INTS 299 in the second semester.

4. Course Requirements:

Earn 10 Passport stamps, across the following five groups:

A. Group Travel Experiences (Complete 2)¹

- The Coastal South: day trip to the Grand Strand and/or Hobcaw Barony
- The Historic South: day trip to Charleston, Savannah, or Beaufort
- The Cosmopolitan South: day trip to Columbia, Raleigh or Charlotte
- The Carolina Mountains: group trip to Greenville or Asheville
- The South in Comparison: FMU Honors or Model UN trip to Philadelphia, Washington, or New York

B. Individual Local Site Visits (Attend/Visit 2)

- Florence County Museum
- FMU Performing Arts Center concert
- Florence Little Theatre play
- Florence National Cemetery
- FMU Hewn Timber Cabins tour

C. Traditional Campus Events (Attend 3)

- Welcome Week activity (August)
- FMU Fall sporting event
- Carnevil: Campus Halloween party (October)
- Pee Dee Poetry and Fiction Festival (November)
- FMU Winter sporting event
- Campus Martin Luther King, Jr. Day event (January)
- FMU Homecoming weekend (February)
- FMU Spring sporting event
- FMU President's Bowl trivia match (March)
- Arts International festival (April)

D. Seasonal Cultural Experiences in the region (Attend 1)

- Florence After Five (April – October)
- Florence Oktoberfest (October)
- The SC Pecan Festival (November)
- Political Campaign Event / Visit a Polling Station (November and May)
- Winter Holidays Event (December)
- Florence St. Patrick's Day celebration (March)
- Florence City Council public meeting

¹ At least three of the following trips are offered by International Programs each semester, but locations rotate.

E. Southern Culinary Experiences (Partake in 2)

- Compare sauce styles at a BBQ Restaurant
- Eat hush puppies (at a seafood restaurant)
- Drink sweet tea
- Have a Diet Coke with peanuts in it
- Attend 'Chicken Day' in the FMU cafeteria
- Get a milkshake from Cookout
- Order Chicken Bog or Frogmore Stew at a restaurant of your choosing
- Eat a biscuit at Bojangles, Chic-fil-A, or similar
- Sample some collards

5. Earning Passport Stamps

Please take a 'selfie' or group picture of you, as you complete each of the activities listed above. This photo should then be submitted to Professor Jeffcoat, who will then validate your passport for each required stamp.

You may also choose to use the passport as a way of collecting memories and reflections about your time at FMU!

Completed passports must be submitted to Professor Jeffcoat by the last day of class in the semester that INTS 299 credit is to be earned.