Proposal for special status of Consortium for Advanced Studies Abroad (CASA).

The Consortium for Advanced Studies Abroad (CASA) comprises Brown, Columbia, Cornell, Dartmouth, Northwestern, the University of Pennsylvania, and Vanderbilt. Study abroad programs offered under this umbrella are sponsored and administered by one of the member institutions. The organization seeks to provide students of member universities with high-quality academic study abroad experiences.

Faculty Council is recommending that the faculty approve a special status for CASA study abroad programs whereby individual CASA programs open to College of Arts and Science students would not be subject to a full review. Instead, individual courses offered by a CASA study abroad program and proposed for Arts and Science credit would require review and approval by faculty in the relevant Arts and Science units.

Logistics and other administrative aspects of individual CASA programs would be reviewed by Vanderbilt as part of its membership participation duties in the consortium.

This exception to the review process for individual study abroad programs under CASA would recognize the academic standing of CASA member institutions and would allow Vanderbilt students faster access to CASA programs as they are developed.

Faculty Council recommends that this exceptional status for CASA programs be approved for 5 years, beginning in AY 2016-17. In spring 2021, Arts and Science faculty would consider renewal of the special status for CASA. The Arts and Science faculty may vote at any time to reconsider CASA’s exceptional status.