“Credit Away” for Physics and Astronomy Courses

“Credit away” is awarded for courses that you take at another College or University while you are enrolled as a student at Penn. The most common example is a course taken during a semester abroad or during the summer.

The Physics and Astronomy Credit Away policy is aligned with the rules of the College for Credit Away. Please see http://www.college.upenn.edu/credit-policy. You should submit your request for Credit Away through the XCAT system before taking the course, including all available course information (ideally a detailed syllabus). A minimum grade of C is required for a course to be eligible for Credit Away in Physics or Astronomy. The Undergraduate Chair of the Department will determine whether the University you propose is suitable for Credit Away. As a rule, we are looking for strong institutions with national reputations and competitive enrollment policies. Branch campuses and regional universities are typically not appropriate. XCAT requests for Physics and Astronomy usually take about 1 month to process, so please plan ahead to avoid taking a course that turns out not to be eligible for Credit Away.