

Exploring Florida School Linkages

Case Study – University of Haifa

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Overview

- Outline of presentation
- USF and FAU at University of Haifa
- History: UF in Haifa
- Benefits and Challenges of Linkage and Consortia
- University of Haifa – Case Study
- Q&A

History of Florida and Haifa

- USF and the University of Haifa
- FAU and the University of Haifa
- UF and the University of Haifa

Benefits of Linkages and Consortia

- Benefits

- Strength in Numbers (by creating a consortium you are attracting students from three institutions – particularly important when you are speaking about a non-traditional location)
- Administrative burden may be less for some of the consortia members
- Allows participating institutions to expand their repertoire of study abroad offerings

Benefits, cont.

- Because of the numbers of students, foreign providers/institutions can give better costs
- Applying for grants can be easier
- Less dependent upon a lead faculty or department
- For Florida State universities you have the benefit of using common course numbering system that will easily transfer into a student's record
- Often allows students to get Bright Futures where they may not be able to on other programs

Challenges of Linkages and Consortia

- Less individual control over the program
- Different models of funding in Study Abroad offices can present challenges when building the program
- May or may not offer institutional credit for your students

Challenges, cont.

- May serve as competition for your home-grown programs
- Getting support from one's home institution
- Particularly in some cases, security concerns (State Department Warning)

The Florida Consortium at the University of Haifa

- Program Structure:
 - Semester-long program
 - Florida students take courses from University of Haifa offerings
 - In turns, UF, FAU and USF faculty will serve as primary lead faculty member with teaching responsibilities
 - UF serves as the primary organizer through which all students will apply
 - Students will receive UF transcript (pre-approved transfer credit from University of Haifa, and direct UF credit for Florida course)
 - Students will have insurance through UF
 - Faculty salaries (several options that are still being discussed)
 - How to deal with the travel warning in Israel