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FT MBA Global Immersion Requirement – Attendance Policy

Global Immersion Experience (BA 507 – BSI Global) is a required 3-credit course within the Full-time MBA program. All Full-time MBA students are required to successfully complete BA 507 to graduate. Students are expected to make the necessary financial, personal (including travel documents, visas and vaccinations) and professional arrangements to ensure they are able to fully participate in Global Immersion. This policy is a supplement to the [Professionalism, Attendance & Behaviour Policy](#), and outlines how a student can obtain credit for BA 507 should he/she not be able to fully participate in and successfully pass BA 507 according to the academic calendar for his/her class.

Valid Reasons for not participating in Global Immersion as scheduled include:

1. Significant health reasons, as documented by a local, licensed physician.
2. Critically urgent family issues, which have been documented and approved.
3. Valid documented Covid-19 vaccination exemption.

Global Immersion Replacement Options (for students with valid reasons):

1. Take BA 507 in the subsequent year with the next cohort.
2. Participate in a Global Network for Advanced Management (GNAM) Networking Week* (1.5 credits) and complete a directed study course (1.5 credits) related to the current year's Global Immersion activities.
3. Participate in a Summer Study Abroad* with one of the Sauder Exchange Partners (3 credits or above).

*Based on availability. May be offered on-line in 2022 due to the Covid-19 pandemic travel restrictions

Invalid Reasons for not participating in Global Immersion as scheduled include:

1. Employment, entrepreneurial or volunteer activities.
2. Co-curricular activities.
3. Failure to secure all necessary travel documents (visas/passports) and vaccinations, including [proof of approved Covid-19 vaccination](#).
4. Family activities/responsibilities.

Replacement option 1 is the only available option for students without a valid reason for not participating in Global Immersion according to the academic calendar for their class. [UBC Continuing Fees](#) may apply.

Failed Standing

Students who fail BA 507 will be required to re-take BA 507 in the subsequent year, assuming all associated costs.