



Comprehensive School of Record Information for Visiting College and University Students

2025



Shenandoah University Partners with Toucan Education Programs for School of Record Services: Enhancing Global Learning Opportunities

School of Record Services Explained

Toucan Education Programs (Toucan) is a social enterprise offering education abroad short-term academic programs abroad in Belize and other international locations as they expand.

These programs provide visiting university students with distinctive learning experiences that effectively integrate theoretical knowledge with hands-on application, fostering comprehensive personal and academic growth.

A School of Record (SoR) agreement allows an accredited university to formally document and award academic credit for educational programs offered by non-accredited organizations.

This partnership validates the academic rigor and value of international learning experiences, enabling students to transfer credits earned toward their degree at their home institution.

Given the significant administrative and academic responsibilities involved, the accredited SoR institution charges a service fee, which is incorporated into the cost for Toucan's programs offering transferable academic credit.

How Does This Partnership Benefit Students?

Through this partnership, Shenandoah University provides academic oversight for Toucan's experiential, service-learning, and field-intensive programs, including:

- Reviewing course syllabi and learning objectives.
- Approving course offerings and instructor qualifications.
- Ensuring the academic quality and standards of the programs.

Students participating in these designated programs will receive an official academic transcript directly from Shenandoah University after grades are finalized. Toucan will guide students through standard procedures to facilitate credit transfer during the program enrollment process.

Facilitating Credit Transfer:

Toucan's student services team will proactively engage with students before enrollment to understand their academic goals and assist them in obtaining course approval from their home universities before program commencement.

In summary, our partnership with Shenandoah University ensures that your valuable learning experiences with Toucan Education Programs are formally recognized, and you can gain transferable academic credit toward your degree.

Shenandoah University is the official School of Record for the following Toucan programs, Summer 2025

Earn 3 Transferable Academic Credits

- Applied Sustainable Development (Summer Field Intensive)
- An Exploration of Cultural Diversity (Hybrid Summer Field Intensive)
- Strategic Eco-tourism for Conservation (Hybrid Summer Field Intensive)

Future Academic Programs with Transferable Credits (2026 and Beyond)

- International Internships and Medical Electives (*The number of credits offered will be announced soon.*)
- International Service-Learning And Gap Year (*The number of credits offered will be announced soon.*)

***Students and young professionals** enrolled in Toucan's programs have the option to earn academic credit through Shenandoah University; however, they may inform us at the time of applying if they wish to opt out.

***Students should confirm** their need for transferable academic credits when applying, as our program fee includes the cost of receiving these credits.

***The program fee includes** the cost of one official transcript mailed to the student's home institution and one electronic transcript emailed to the student. Students should confirm whether they need transferable academic credits when applying, as the cost is included in the program fee.

Shenandoah University Accreditation

Shenandoah University (SU) is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges to award Associate, Baccalaureate, Master's, Education Specialist, and Doctoral degrees.

Located in Winchester, Virginia, SU is known as a Top-Tier institution and a College of Distinction and holds top college rankings by U.S. News & World Report several of its degree programs in Music, Nursing, and more.

Shenandoah is unequivocally dedicated to transformative education abroad and has demonstrated its commitment to ensuring its students are engaged globally through numerous programming opportunities offered to students, including but not limited to:

- Global Experiential Learning (GEL)
- Semester Abroad
- Global Citizenship Project
- Education Abroad Opportunities
- COIL -Virtual Global Learning through several initiatives, including the Barzinji Institute for Global Virtual Learning

The Shenandoah University transcripts will reflect TRANSFER academic credit for coursework completed during the programs listed above.

The School of Record partnerships adhere to the Forum on Education Abroad's Guidelines for School of Record Relationships.

Students and advisors interested in learning more about the School of Record (SoR) options listed above are encouraged to contact their Toucan Student Services Director.

Students are encouraged to review the Toucan Education Programs School Of Record FAQ to get their questions answered and prepare for discussion with both advisors on campus and our student services personnel. Link to the SoR FAQ's Online.

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