



ANCHORS & INSIGHTS: NAVIGATING THE HOD CAPSTONE EXPERIENCE Q&A

The following are questions that were submitted during the webinar with the corresponding answers

CAPSTONE & STUDY ABROAD

How do students participate in HOD 4949 when abroad the semester before their capstone? What time do they meet with their advisor?

This capstone design course is asynchronous and self-directed with mentorship and support, so students can complete it anywhere in the world. Students meet with their advisor at times that work with for them while abroad.

Are connection events scheduled at different times of the day to accommodate students studying abroad?

We record all events and share them with students who cannot attend live. We do host these events on a variety of dates/times.

GENERAL

Where can I find the HOD Capstone website?

<https://hodcapstone.wordpress.com/>

Do students have a capstone advisor who helps them think through their options and the process of applying to capstone sites?

Yes, we offer coaching sessions every day and small events such as mock interviews throughout the year. The Capstone team is here to support students in several different ways.

Who covers housing and food costs during capstone experience?

If a student does their capstone experience in Nashville, they will continue with current housing, food, and financial aid. If a student decides to go elsewhere, they independently figure out their housing and food costs. Students can seek support options here: <https://hodcapstone.wordpress.com/support/>

Can students take additional classes when they are completing their capstone project?

Generally speaking, no. Honors thesis research projects are typically the only exception to this.

SUMMER CAPSTONE

If a student is doing their capstone in the summer, when do they take the 4 classes?

The courses are meant to be taken simultaneously. The courses cannot be done without the applied experience occurring at the same time. So, students doing their capstone in the summer will complete the courses then.

CAPSTONE SITES

Is there a list of currently approved Nashville sites that students can review?

Yes, there is a huge resource for students with 300+ opportunities, including peer review, so they can understand what students experienced at these sites. The list is updated often. Students have access to the list.

Are Capstone sites typically connected to Vanderbilt alumni?

Yes, about 30% of sites connect students with alumni.

Are capstone sites a good source of potential employment after graduation?

We see many students receive return offers and internship opportunities from their capstone sites. If this is something a student is interested in, their coach will work with them to make decisions that line up with that goal.