

Study Abroad Applicant Criteria and Eligibility

All study abroad applicants must submit the following completed forms before the start of the pre-departure course and no later than the first day of this class.

- ✓ Signed Criteria and Eligibility
- ✓ Completion of the interview process with faculty leaders; Permission to enroll in the course(s)
- ✓ Photocopy of your passport's information page or a photocopy of the passport application. (We urge you to pay the additional fee to have expedited, due to current processing delays.)
- ✓ Signed Agreement and Acceptance of Risk
- ✓ Application/Essay*, Foundation Scholarship and Financial Commitment (Note: All one document)
- ✓ Disclosure of Funding Sources form
- ✓ Payment in full of travel fee or remaining balance not covered by Financial Aid
- ✓ Student Health Information
- ✓ Conduct Form
- ✓ Personal Reference
- ✓ Academic Reference

Criteria that may be considered when applying to attend a study abroad course:

Academic good standing. A 2.5 GPA has historically been required at the faculty leaders' discretion. Preference may go to applicants who are further along in their studies.

Qualities of character and social skills. Travel abroad in a group setting demands patience, flexibility, self-awareness, a sense of humor, good will, and an ability to tolerate uncertainty or challenges when they occur – and they will! Above all, we are looking for students who exhibit responsibility and sensitivity to others. The success of these programs depends on both the students and the leaders. We need good “ambassadors” to represent the College during these experiences.

Motivation and curiosity. Your ability to get something out of an off-campus experience depends entirely upon what you put into it. We are looking for students who are genuinely curious about the world around them and have demonstrated initiative in acting upon this curiosity.

Self-knowledge. No matter where students go to study off-campus, the primary journey is usually an internal one. Students should know explicitly why they wish to participate.

Advance preparation. You will be responsible for reading and writing assignments as a part of the course and pre-departure activities. Students must participate in all pre-departure class activities to be well prepared for the academic responsibilities associated with study abroad.



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PARTICIPANT ELIGIBILITY to TRAVEL & ENROLLMENT

All applicants must be at least 18 years old at the time of travel. A 2.5 minimum GPA is needed to enroll or at the faculty leaders' discretion.

Participants cannot have any academic or disciplinary holds on their record upon submitting an application, nor at the time of travel. Prospective students may not be on probation, of any kind, or just returning from suspension. Prospective students must not have a history of disciplinary issues. Students must remain in good standing.

Payments must be made according to deadlines in your trip's Checklist and Timeline.

Students must include **one ACADEMIC and one PERSONAL** reference and have health/wellness and conduct clearance to travel. Students must be eligible for and have in their possession a current passport that will not expire within six months of travel by the deadlines on the Study Abroad Checklist.

Applicants should have the maturity and motivation necessary for success in a study abroad program, prior to enrolling. All participants will complete an application form and an interview.

Students must read and understand the course outline and agree to participate in all pre-departure and in-country activities. Anyone who does not participate at any time will not travel or may be sent home at their expense without possibility of a refund of the travel fee. Students agree to sign the *Agreement and Acceptance of Risk* Form at time of application and complete all pre-departure steps, including on-time payment, with no exceptions.

I have thoroughly read the program information in the course outline/syllabus, and I understand the scope of the trip and my responsibilities before and during travel. I authorize TC3 to examine my record to verify my eligibility for this program. I understand the rules of this program and the payment deadlines and agree to comply with them, and that not doing so could result in my dismissal at any point with no refund.

STUDENT SIGNATURE _____

DATE _____