

## Eligibility

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### **Can I apply for a study abroad program before a prerequisite is completed?**

Yes. You have until the program begins to complete any course prerequisites. However, you must successfully complete the course prerequisites with a passing grade. A failing grade in a prerequisite course would make a student ineligible to continue their participation

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## Applying for Study Abroad

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### **Is there an application fee?**

No. There is not a fee for processing program applications

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## **Courses & Credits**

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Program fees are not all-inclusive. Some program fees include:

- Group roundtrip airfare and airport transfers.
- Excursion, entrance fees, and ground transportation for scheduled activities and events.
- Accommodations.
- Meals listed on the itinerary.
- Third-party provider health and accident insurance.

The program fee does not include:

- SMC tuition/fees/textbooks,
- Meals not indicated on itinerary,
- Personal expenses (shopping, entertainment, cell phone, etc.),
- Passport and visa fees (if applicable),
- Medical/insurance expenses.

Each program fee is different, so please refer to the specific program for detailed fees. Program fees are subject to change and are non-refundable after deadline dates if International Education cancels the program due to low enrollment or other force majeure circumstances.

**Why are program fees non-refundable?**

Program fee payments become non-refundable as soon as International Education makes contractual arrangements for logistic and support services associated with each study abroad program. Service prices are based on group rates set by service providers, not individual rates.

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