



# Information for International Students Interested in Study Abroad

## ***How long can I go abroad?***

Arkansas State University is in partnership with multiple institutions and organizations that offer both short-term and long-term programs. Short-term programs can be non-faculty-led or faculty-led, and last about 2 weeks to a month. Long-term programs last for a semester or a year. All of this means that your study abroad experience can range from a couple of weeks to a whole year! Our university offers programs throughout the year, including during the summer.

## ***Will study abroad affect my visa status in the U.S.?***

While you are abroad, you will still be enrolled at Arkansas State. Therefore, you will still meet all the requirements to maintain your F-1 visa status. You will be able to study abroad for the desired length of your exchange program while keeping up with A-State's registration, insurance, etc. The Study Abroad Office encourages you to talk to our Immigration Advisor and Study Abroad Advisor early on, so you will stay informed on how to remain in compliance with your F-1 visa. It is also your responsibility to make sure that all your documents and passport are valid before you leave and when you come back to the United States.

## ***Do I need to get a separate visa to study abroad?***

The need for a separate visa largely depends on the destination country's requirements and how long you will be there. In some cases, you may be required to return to your home country to apply and receive a visa. It is the student's responsibility to look into these requirements and ensure you have allotted enough time to apply and receive the visa. The Study Abroad Office recommends you to contact your nearest embassy or consulate or look into official government websites to learn more about the process.

## ***Will my waiver or scholarship apply?***

Whether or not your waiver or scholarship will apply to your study abroad program depends on which study abroad program you will be participating in. Scholarships do apply to bilateral programs, in which A-State has direct partnerships with the host institutions. Scholarships do not apply to certain programs led by third-party program providers. To ensure that the scholarships you receive can be used towards your study abroad experience, consult with the Study Abroad Office.

## ***How do I apply?***

You can browse through the different study abroad programs available and apply to them using our study abroad portal. Make your account [here](#) using your A-State email and begin your process. Please note that once you submit an application, you will automatically be charged \$50 on your student account.





### ***Are there any scholarships I can apply for?***

There are many funding opportunities for study abroad both within and outside A-State. Within A-State, you can apply for the \$500 Travel Voucher that will help fund your airfare for when going abroad. If you are a part of the Honors College, you can apply for the Honors Experience Grant. Your department may also have study abroad scholarships available. To see more scholarships opportunities for study abroad, please visit this page [here](#).

### ***Will studying abroad delay my graduation?***

Before choosing a program and going abroad, you would have your courses pre-approved by your academic advisor and the study abroad office. This process ensures that all the course credit you took abroad will transfer successfully to your transcript at Arkansas State and count toward your degree. This means that if you carefully tailor the courses you take abroad, you will be able to graduate on time!

### ***Do I have to pay for insurance while I am studying abroad?***

As an international student enrolled in Arkansas State, you will still be required to pay your international insurance through the International Programs office. Additionally, all students participating in study abroad programs through Arkansas State University are required to purchase the Study Abroad Insurance through Cultural Insurance Services International (CISI). To learn more about the coverage and cost of this insurance, please contact the Study Abroad Office.

### ***For more information about Study Abroad:***

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