

NATIONAL STUDENT EXCHANGE

International Program Guidelines for Students Utilizing NSE's Study Abroad Linkages

PROGRAM ACCESS

Some NSE colleges and universities offer international/study abroad programs which can be accessed through the National Student Exchange. NSE lists these study abroad opportunities as a service to our member institutions and to interested students. NSE accepts no responsibility or liability for the quality of programs listed or the services provided.

Programs listed by member universities are open to NSE students under the following conditions:

- You should investigate these options 8-10 months prior to participation.
- Space in international programs may be competitive and limited.
- You must inform your home NSE coordinator of your intention to participate in an international program.
- You must meet the eligibility requirements of both the NSE program and the host institution's study abroad program.
- You must submit both an NSE application and a separate application to the host campus for the particular international program in which you would like to participate.
- International program deadlines may be earlier than deadlines for NSE.
- Placement at an NSE campus does not guarantee participation in the host institution's international program.

Participation in study abroad programs requires advanced planning, special arrangements, and payment over and above normal tuition/fees. Some programs are offered on a space-available basis only; and others are competitive. Placement in programs may be restricted.

- Some campuses allow NSE students to apply for their international programs from their home campus. This access is referred to as **direct**.
- Other host campuses require physical attendance as an NSE student for one term. While on the host campus, as part of the NSE program, you can then apply for participation in the institution's international program(s). This access is referred to as **host enroll**.

In addition to tuition (Plan A: paid to the host, Plan B: paid at home, or some other tuition arrangement with the host campus), students participating in international programs will incur expenses for program fees, transportation, room, meals, and incidentals. Personal finances as well as availability and portability of financial aid must be carefully explored.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

- See www.nse.org, *Students, Study Abroad Access* for the most current information on international program options. For each program, this site lists requirements for participation including language, cost, duration, application procedures, deadlines, and contact person at the international programs office at the sponsoring host campus.
- See **Terminology** on page 3 for information on how to interpret the abroad study site information.
- Contact the host international office for more specific information on the study abroad program.

QUESTIONS TO ASK

Request program information and application materials from the international programs office of the campus sponsoring the study abroad program of interest. After you have reviewed the program materials, below are a few questions to ask the host campus about each study abroad option under consideration.

Application Process

- Will I be considered with other applicants from your campus, or will I be eligible only for unfilled places?

Cost

- Is NSE the best and least expensive way to access the international program?
- What are all the costs associated with program participation (include tuition/fees, application fees, program fees, transportation, room, meals incidentals, and other)?

What other costs should I anticipate?

- Can my financial aid (federal, state, institutional, and/or private) be utilized for international program participation? Your home NSE coordinator and/or financial aid officer are the best resources for this information.

Pre-approval of Courses

- Can I obtain course descriptions for approval on my campus for the work I will complete in this program? Are these available on the Web?

Program Support

- What kind of program support and supervision is offered by the sponsoring campus both home and abroad? Is it sufficient to meet my needs?
- Does the program include insurance? If so, what does it cover and for what cost?

Transcripts

- Who is going to issue my transcript?
- Will all the course work (with titles, credit hours, and grades) I take at the international site appear on the transcript of the sponsoring NSE host campus? This method of transcribing is strongly recommended by NSE.
- Must I have the transcript from my international site evaluated by an independent agency? If the answer to this question is yes, NSE recommends you do not pursue this option.

PERSONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS (Also see page 4.)

- Consult your physician regarding personal health issues.
- Consider if you have any medical condition which might require immediate medical attention during your exchange.
- Consider if you have any conditions which may affect your emotional or mental well-being during your exchange.
- Consider if you have any physical condition or documented disability for which you will need accessible on-campus housing and/or classroom accommodation. Note: The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) lacks jurisdiction for U.S. citizens with disabilities when they exchange to places which are not physically within the United States.
- Contact the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) regarding information on health issues specific to your intended location.
- Contact the embassy or consulate of each country you plan to visit for visa and travel information.
- Contact the U.S. State Department regarding information on safety and travel to your selected location.
- Familiarize yourself with the local laws and customs of your intended exchange site.
- Consider purchasing insurance which includes travel, major medical, emergency assistance, and repatriation of remains. All or some of these may be required as a condition for international exchange participation.

DISCLAIMER

NSE lists study abroad opportunities as a service to our member institutions as well as to interested students. NSE does not make any warranties of any kind, expressed or implied, regarding participation in the study abroad programs offered by member campuses, including perceived quality of the experiences or services rendered. NSE is not liable to the home institutions, host institutions, study abroad sites, or exchange participants for benefits not provided by any of the parties involved. The National Student Exchange assumes no responsibility and disclaims any liability for any injury, loss, damage, or expense (personal, academic, financial, or other) suffered by students by reason of their study abroad participation.

Study abroad programs, information, participation guidelines, and costs are provided by sponsoring member colleges and universities and are subject to change without notice. NSE takes no responsibility for the content or accuracy of the information presented.

Terminology used in Study Site Listings

See www.nse.org, Students, Study Abroad Access

ACCESS

- **direct** = students may apply and go directly from their home campus
- **host enroll** = student must be physically attending the sponsoring campus for one term prior to participation
- **open** = generally open to all eligible applicants until the program is filled
- **competitive** = not all eligible applicants will have the opportunity to participate

TUITION PAYMENT AND OTHER FEES

- **Plan A** = in-state (resident) tuition/fees paid to the sponsoring (host) campus; you will also owe all other costs listed for the international site at nse.org
- NOTE: Plan A tuition/fees can be found in the *NSE Directory* or at www.nse.org, *Student Information, Campus Budgets*
- **Plan B** = tuition/fees normally paid to the home campus; you will also owe all other costs listed for the international site at nse.org
- **Campus** = tuition/fees (may not be at in-state rates) paid to the sponsoring (host) campus and in addition to all other costs listed for the international site at nse.org

Other Costs: In addition to tuition (Plan A: paid to the host or Plan B: paid at home), students participating in international programs will incur expenses for program fees, transportation, room, meals, and incidentals. Personal finances as well as availability and portability of financial aid must be carefully explored.

APPLY DATE

The application deadline is listed for the host institution's term for its study abroad program. The terms are coded as follows:

FS = Fall Semester
SS = Spring Semester
FQ = Fall Quarter
WQ = Winter Quarter
SQ = Spring Quarter
AY = Academic Year
SU = Summer Session
FT = Fall Term
ST = Spring Term
IS = Intersession

Additional Application Requirements: The application date is identified for the international program at the host campus. Students must also complete an NSE application at their home campus, in accordance with home campus NSE deadlines, and meet all NSE eligibility requirements. Approval from the home campus to participate in NSE does not guarantee participation in the international program of the host campus.

CONTACT OFFICE

Additional information on the international program, application processes, requirements, and fees can be obtained from the contact person listed for the specific program. It is important to explore participation with the contact office at the sponsoring campus AND the NSE coordinators at both home and host institutions.

Health and Safety Resources for Study Abroad

The Center for Global Education

Features a *Study Abroad Safety Handbook (How to Get There...And Back)* which raises questions about investigating study abroad programs, travel planning, basic health and safety issues, risk factors, how foreign laws apply to U.S. citizens, advice for parents, emergency planning, Avian flu information, and tips on dealing with cultural differences. The site also links to other on-line study abroad resources.
<http://www.studentsabroad.com>

U.S. Department of State Travel Warnings and Consular Information

Lists travel warnings for U.S. citizens and/or health issues in individual countries as well as announcements for particular regions.
http://www.travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/tw/tw_1764.html

U.S. Department of State Tips for Traveling Abroad

Provides a check list to make your trip easier.
http://www.travel.state.gov/travel/tips/tips_1232.html

U.S. Department of State Students Abroad

Lists travel information and resources such as documentation, location of embassies, what to do in an emergency, insurance, local laws.
<http://www.studentsabroad.state.gov>

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Includes vaccination recommendations and information on the latest outbreaks of diseases around the world. Also provides health information on specific destinations and tips for students studying abroad.
<http://www.cdc.gov/travel>

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