

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Application Process

^ Q: When is my application due?

A: Applications for Academic Year 2025-26 Fall 2025 Spring 2026 and Summer 2025 open on August 19, 2024. The priority application deadline is 12:00 noon (Pacific Time) on Monday, September 23, 2024. Following the priority deadline, students can still apply to programs with space available (note: many programs will be at capacity after the priority deadline). Decisions will be given on a rolling basis.

✓ Q: What is required as part of the application?

✓ Q: Should I apply for one semester or a year?

✓ Q: Can I apply for more than one program?

✓ Q: Should I have other study abroad locations in mind when I apply?

✓ Q: If I apply for an Academic Year, can I switch my application to one semester later?

✓ Q: When do I interview?

✓ Q: When will I know whether or not I am accepted?

✓ Q: Why are priority applications due about a month after beginning of the fall semester?

✓ Q: Are there jobs for students while abroad?

Selection Process

✓ Q: Do students who apply for the academic year receive preference?

- ✓ Q: How does International Programs make admissions decisions?
- ✓ Q: What happens after I am accepted?
- ✓ Q: If I sign a contract, can I change my contract from an Academic Year to a semester only contract or from semester only to Academic Year or from one semester to the other semester?
- ✓ Q: What does it mean if I was waitlisted for a program and what should I do?
- ✓ Q: What is the student contract?

Academics

- ✓ Q: Which courses are being offered?
- ✓ Q: Are there any language course pre-requisites?
- ✓ Q: Do I have to take a language while overseas?
- ✓ Q: Who teaches the courses in International Programs?
- ✓ Q: Are computers available overseas?
- ✓ Q: Can I do directed studies?
- ✓ Q: Do Pepperdine's international programs have Monday-Friday classes?

Cost & Financial Aid

- ✓ Q: How much do the programs cost?
- ✓ Q: What is included in the International Programs charge?
- ✓ Q: Are there any external costs associated with the program that are not included in the International Programs charge?
- ✓ Q: Does financial aid apply to the cost of an International Program?

- ✓ Q: How much spending money should I take with me?
- ✓ Q: Is there an extra fee for taking a PE course?
- ✓ Q: How do I get money when I'm overseas?

Passports and Visas

- ✓ Q: How do I get a passport?
- ✓ Q: Do I need a visa to participate in my program?
- ✓ Q: Where do I get a visa, when do I get it, how long will it take?

Travel and Flights

- ✓ Q: From where do the programs depart?
- ✓ Q: Is the cost of airfare included in the program charge?
- ✓ Q: Can I arrange my own travel to the program?
- ✓ Q: What opportunities are there for travel?
- ✓ Q: I'm going overseas for a year. What do I do over the winter break?
- ✓ Q: How do I extend my stay overseas and what are flight implications?

Returning to Malibu

- ✓ Q: Once I'm overseas, how do I take care of registration and housing for the next semester?
- ✓ Q: Is there any support for returning students who are struggling with being back in Malibu?

- ✓ Q: How can I get involved after returning from my program?

Withdrawal Fees

- ✓ Q: What are the withdrawal fees if I decide to break my contract?
- ✓ Q: Can I withdraw from only the fall portion of my academic year contract?

Health & Safety

- ✓ Q: Does Pepperdine provide students with health insurance while abroad?
- ✓ Q: How does Pepperdine assess and approve international travel?
- ✓ Q: How does Pepperdine safeguard our community while abroad?

Miscellaneous

- ✓ Q: Can friends or alumni visit the facilities abroad?
- ✓ Q: How many students participate in each program?
- ✓ Q: Do I need any vaccinations?
- ✓ Q: Do I need to complete a medical examination evaluation?
- ✓ Q: Should I get a smartphone that works abroad?
- ✓ Q: Can I only study abroad sophomore year?
- ✓ Q: If I didn't apply by the IP Priority Deadline, can I still apply?
- ✓ Q: Can I study abroad as a science or business major?
- ✓ Q: Do I travel on every weekend while abroad?

✓ Q: I am having second thoughts about going abroad, what do I do?

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