

# Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

## Application Process

- ✓ Q: When is my application due?
- ✓ 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?

A: Yes, we have many student positions available. IPRA's, media coordinators, and librarians are hired in Malibu before studying abroad. Check out the positions and applications [here](#). Other positions are also available once in your program. Program directors will be reaching out to students the first month of the program.

## 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?**

A. Due to space constraints and other factors, we often cannot accept all applicants for a given program. Students placed on the waitlist may choose to remain on the waitlist for the chance to be admitted at a later date if space becomes available, or they may choose to reapply for an alternate program, as long as that program is accepting new applications. Click [here](#) for more information.
- ✓ **Q: What is the student contract?**

## Academics

- ✓ **Q: Which courses are being offered?**
- ^ **Q: Are there any language course pre-requisites?**

A: Yes. Students attending Buenos Aires, Florence, Heidelberg, or a program in Switzerland during the Academic Year (Fall/Spring) must have completed the relevant 151 language course (Buenos Aires: SPAN 151, Florence: ITAL 151, Heidelberg: GER 151, Switzerland: FRE 151) before they leave for their program. This class is often taken in the Spring semester before the student leaves to go abroad. Students who already have experience with the language of their program can instead take the [Pepperdine Language Placement Exam](#) to test into a higher level. Students who test out of the 151 level do not have to take the language prior to going abroad. London and Washington, D.C. do not have a language pre-requisite before going abroad. Summer programs do not require a language pre-requisite unless specified on the website.
- ✓ **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?