

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?**
- ✓ **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?**

A: The programs in Buenos Aires and D.C. have classes 5 days per week. The European campus programs may have classes 4 or 5 days per week.

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?

A: How much money you will need depends entirely on personal spending preferences. Some of the factors to take into consideration are how much you think you'll be traveling, how much you normally spend while traveling for meals, lodging, etc., and how many souvenirs you think you want to buy. Former students say on average they spend anywhere from \$1,500 - \$3,000 per semester. Visit our [finances page](#) for more in-depth information.

- ✓ 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?

A: Pepperdine campuses close at the end of the fall term and re-open at the beginning of the spring term. Students cannot stay on campuses during winter break. Students living in a homestay may inquire about accommodations with their host family but it is not guaranteed. Students studying abroad for the full academic year may leave their belongings in their rooms during the winter break, but they will not be able to access them until the campus reopens.

Many students use the winter break to travel to more distant locations that they can't visit during the semester. Others purchase a ticket to return home to visit their family and friends. In other cases, the student's family may choose to visit the student overseas and they travel together during the break. Please be sure to review our flight policies [here](#) .

✓ 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?