

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?**

A: All students must take a language course in Florence, Heidelberg, Buenos Aires and in Switzerland. This includes students who have completed their General Education requirement in a language. The language courses must be taken for a letter grade (not on a Credit/No Credit basis).

- ✓ **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?