

# STUDY ABROAD (OSA)

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## Overview

Study Abroad (OSA) maintains a portfolio of high-quality semester and yearlong study abroad programs that have been approved by the Newcomb-Tulane Study Abroad Committee. These programs are open to all qualified undergraduate students pursuing degrees in the Schools of Liberal Arts, Science & Engineering, Architecture, Public Health & Tropical Medicine, and Business.

Tulane University partners with top overseas universities and international institutions to make the highest quality overseas educational experiences available to its students. The range of subject matter reflects the particular opportunities and scholastic strengths available in each location. Language instruction is an integral part of the programs in non-English-speaking countries.

## Approved Semester and Yearlong Options

The OSA administers over 148 study abroad programs for undergraduates in Europe, Latin America, Africa, Asia, and Australia. More details are available from the Office of Study Abroad web site (<https://global.tulane.edu/studying-abroad/>).

These programs are open to all qualified students in the Newcomb-Tulane College who meet specific eligibility requirements.

## Independent Scholar Option (ISO)

Students may choose to design their own study abroad experience for a semester or year abroad through the Independent Scholar Option. The ISO offers exceptional juniors and seniors the opportunity to propose a semester or year abroad pursuing a course of study for which there is no equivalent on an existing approved program. Students considering the ISO are required to have a meeting with a Study Abroad Advisor to discuss the proposed course of study abroad and the application process.

ISO applicants should demonstrate a high degree of maturity, independence, and preparation.

## Credits and Grades

Grades earned abroad will appear on the official transcript but will not be calculated into the cumulative GPA. This policy will not apply to Tulane faculty-led summer programs, or to courses completed in study abroad programs offered through the Freeman School of Business.

## Advising for Study Abroad

Newcomb-Tulane undergraduates are encouraged to begin their academic preparation for study abroad as early as their first semester at Tulane. Students may select a program independently or in close consultation with the OSA study abroad advisor, as well as the academic and major advisors. The OSA hosts informational meetings, advising sessions, discussion groups, and panel talks to inform students of their options for studying abroad. In addition, the OSA organizes an annual fall study abroad fair to promote education abroad opportunities. A complete guide to study abroad is available on the OSA web site.

## Eligibility and Selection Criteria

At the time of application, all students must present persuasive evidence of the necessary academic and intellectual strength, linguistic skills, and special preparation in the area of the proposed course of study. A compelling argument that the proposed program and destination are appropriate in terms of academic, cultural and personal goals should be clearly articulated in the application essay.

Students must also demonstrate the individual initiative and strong sense of personal responsibility required to complete the program abroad. Students must familiarize themselves with the program-specific GPA and course prerequisites when planning for study abroad. Due to high demand, competition may occur within the various programs because some have a limited number of spaces.

The student's academic and major advisors must support the application and indicate that the proposed overseas study will advance and not impede progress toward the degree. Applicants are also asked to indicate how they expect to complete graduation requirements. Qualified students may study abroad as early as the freshman year.

## Honor Code and Code of Student Conduct

Students who have been found responsible for a violation of the Code of Academic Conduct within the past year may not study abroad. If the violation was earlier than the past year, the student may apply to study abroad and the violation will be reviewed as part of the student's record. Students may not study abroad while on disciplinary probation.

## Tuition and Fees

For each semester abroad, participants pay Tulane tuition and the academic support service fee. Airfare, housing, meals, vacation travel, and personal expenses are extra and vary by location.

## Financial Aid and Scholarships

For eligible students, all federal financial aid (Pell Grants, Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants, Perkins Loans, Stafford Loans, and Parent Plus Loans) except for work-study awards can be applied to all Tulane study abroad programs. All Tulane University institutional aid (Dean's Honor Scholarship, Distinguished Scholars Award, Founders Scholarship, and Tulane Need-Based Scholarship), except for the housing stipends, can be used for participation in Tulane study abroad programs as well. Students must meet with their financial aid advisor to confirm their financial aid status.

There are several scholarships available for study abroad depending on location. Student should visit the OSA web site for a complete list of awards available through the College as well as those available from partner institutions.

## Tulane Summer Programs

Undergraduate students can take advantage of a variety of faculty-led summer study abroad programs focused on special topics.

Costs and application procedures vary by program; visit the OSA web site (<https://global.tulane.edu/studying-abroad/>) for a list of available summer programs.

## Leave of Absence (LOA) Study Abroad

Students seeking transfer credit approval for a semester study abroad program must complete the Leave of Absence Semester Program petition available on the Office of Study Abroad website and should also consult with a study abroad advisor. This petition must be approved in order for students to transfer credit earned on a Leave of Absence Semester Program back to Tulane.

Tulane University will assess an academic support fee for students studying abroad in Fall or Spring through the "Leave of Absence Semester" option. This fee will be assessed at the beginning of the semester you are abroad. For more information, please visit the OSA website (<https://cge.tulane.edu/resources/policies/leave-of-absence/>).

## Non-Tulane Summer Programs

Students seeking transfer credit approval for a summer program may complete the Non-Tulane program application available on the OSA website and work to transfer credits back to Tulane with their academic advisor. No fee is charged during the summer non-Tulane process. For more information, please visit the OSA website (<https://cge.tulane.edu/resources/policies/leave-of-absence/>).