

# USCA Study Abroad Advising Guide

## Types of Study Abroad Programs:

Exchange Programs  
 Affiliate/Direct Enroll Programs  
 Faculty-led Programs  
 Summer Programs/Internships

## Eligibility Requirements:

- 2.5 GPA for Group Travel and Affiliate Programs
- 3.0 GPA for Exchange Programs
- Student must be in good academic and financial standing at USCA.

## Application Process:

Students must apply through the online application available on the OIP webpage. Once approved, students studying through Exchange and Affiliate/Direct Enroll Programs will need to complete the Host University/Program application provided by the USCA Office of International programs.

During preliminary advising and the application process we recommend that students meet with their Faculty Academic Advisor to discuss course needs while abroad, and their Financial Aid Advisor to understand funding availability or limitations for study abroad.

## Current Exchange Programs:

IESEG: School of Management, France  
 Saxion University of Applied Sciences, The Netherlands

Yokohama City University, Japan

How does an Exchange Program work?

- Students pay USCA Tuition and fees
- Following registration into exchange hold course(s), financial aid normally received applies to USCA bill.
- Students pay room, board, and fees directly to the Exchange Program.
- ALL credits return as USCA credits and count toward USCA GPA.
- Student should budget between \$3,000-5,000 for additional expenses while abroad such as plane tickets, visa fees, personal and travel expenses.

## Program Providers/Direct Enroll Programs:

CIS Abroad, various locations  
 Learn International, various locations  
 American Institute for Foreign Studies, various  
 ISA WorldStrides, various locations  
 Academic Programs International, various  
 Roehampton University, United Kingdom  
 American University, Egypt

Pablo de Olavide University, Spain  
 Stellenbosch University, South Africa  
 University of Pecs, Hungary  
 Florence University of the Arts, Italy  
 University College Dublin, Ireland  
 Edge Hill University, United Kingdom

How does a Program Provider/Direct Enroll Program work?

- Students pay ALL fees (tuition, room, board, etc.) to the Program Provider/Direct Enroll Program.
- Federal and state aid, private alternative loans, and institutional aid may be applicable. Students should confirm with their Financial Aid Advisor.
- Credits return as transfer credit and do not count toward USCA academic GPA. GPA from credits abroad may be taken into consideration for Financial Aid.
- Student should budget between \$3,000-5,000 for additional expenses while abroad such as plane tickets, visa fees, personal and travel expenses.

## Faculty-led Programs: International and Domestic

Faculty-led Programs vary by year and are offered during fall break, winter break, spring break, and summer terms. Cost, credits, and destinations associated with these programs vary and may or may not require students to pay USCA tuition.

Credits: Typically, programs will generally offer between 1-6 credits.

Cost: Most faculty-led programs run between \$2,000-5,000 not including USCA tuition. In most cases, Winter, Spring Break, and some Maymester programs have tuition built into the Fall and Spring term costs, but summer tuition is an out of pocket expense. Financial aid is applicable for summer faculty-led programs at 6 credits or more.

**Summer/Internship Programs:** These programs are provided through our Exchange or Affiliate/Direct Enroll programs and vary by location, cost, and length of program.