

STEP 4: Apply for a Program

- Find out how to apply for the program
- Find out what needs to be submitted, and when
- APPLY FOR A PASSPORT NOW
 - Renew Passport*, if needed
 - Passport has to remain valid for six months after your program end date..

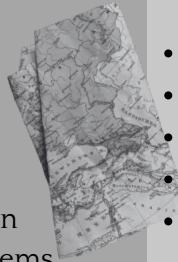
ALL students are required to submit an application to the TAMU-CC Study Abroad Office for their program.

STEP 5: Conditional Acceptance

- ALL students will be considered for conditional acceptance into their study abroad programs after completing the initial application materials required
- Official acceptance into a program will come directly from the host institution, provider program, or Study Abroad (faculty-led programs)
- Students will have follow-up items/tasks to complete during this phase.

STEP 6: Post Acceptance

- Apply for Visa (if required)
- Secure housing and flights
- Attend Pre-Departure Orientation
- Complete other pre-departure items
 - Health/Dental Exam
 - Vaccinations
 - Notify banks, landlord, housing, etc of study abroad program



Recommended Timeline

1 Year in Advance:

- Complete Steps 1, 2, & 3
- Apply for Passport, or renew if expiring soon
- Prepare for Steps 4 & 5

6 to 9 Months in Advance:

- Complete Steps 4 & 5
- Apply for Financial Aid, Scholarships, UG Research, etc.
- Start Step 6, if possible
- Research Visa requirements
- Research flights (only purchase after you have been officially accepted for your program)
- Schedule health/dental check-up



3 to 6 Months Before Departure:

- Complete Step 6
- Attend Pre-Departure Orientation
- Make final preparations for departure
- Get final health/dental check-up
- Make sure all necessary materials/documents have been completed for your program

1 to 2 Months Before Departure:

- Ensure all necessary paperwork or travel documents have been secured
- Obtain all emergency/contact information for your program/host institution
- Notify banking institution, credit card companies, & landlord of travel plans
- Review arrival plans (Airport pick-up, Address/Contact for accomodations, etc.)

STUDY ABROAD

Planning Guide



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Application Deadlines

March 1st - Fall & Academic Year Programs
October 1st - Spring & Summer Programs

1 Academic Planning

Students with declared majors should work with their academic advisor to map out their academic track at TAMU-CC.

Students currently undeclared should meet with the advising center to discuss potential academic majors or programs

Things to Consider

- **Courses:**
 - Major/Minor course requirements
 - Department requirements
 - Elective requirements
- **Course Sequencing:**
 - Classes to target while abroad
 - Courses to target upon return
 - Courses only offered at TAMU-CC that cannot be taken abroad.
- **Credits:**
 - Resident vs. Transfer
 - Upper vs. Lower level
 - Credit hours needed to apply for a program or exam (i.e. accounting majors/accounting exam)
- **Other Program Related Items:**
 - Course approval process
 - Adding service learning/internship
 - Transferring out after your return from your program (PSA students, etc.)

2 Financial Planning

It's important to figure out what kind of financial resources you have at your disposal. There are many projected expenses that students need to plan for, and making sure that you are financially prepared to meet these financial obligations will help you in the long run.

Things to Consider

Projected Expenses:

- What will you have to pay for?
- What is included in your program fees?
- When will you be expected to pay for these expenses?
- How will you pay for these expenses?

Types of Financial Resources Available:

- Financial Aid
 - State & Federal Grants
 - Federal and Private Loans
- Scholarships & Grants
 - TAMU-CC Scholarships
 - National Scholarships
 - Scholarship Competitions
 - Department Scholarships
 - Undergrad Research Grants
 - Department Grants/Stipends
- Other Sources
 - Parent(s) or Guardian(s)
 - Family or Friends
 - Fundraising Campaign

3 Program Search

Book an Advising Appointment with the Study Abroad Office!

Visit our Website:
<http://studyabroad.tamucc.edu>

TAMU-CC utilizes many program options. Be sure to select the option that is best for you.

Exchange Programs

- Direct partnerships with specific universities abroad
- Best for semester or academic year students
- Offers the most course variety
- More affordable option for many students

Faculty-Led Programs

- Short-term programs
- Study with TAMU-CC faculty & students
- Most affordable option
- Specific academic focus

Provider/Independent Programs

- Independent organizations and study abroad companies
- Offers a variety of courses
- Short-term, Semester, & AY
- More expensive

