

Semester Study Away Selection Criteria

Acceptance to Featured and Approved semester study away programs **may** be limited by several factors. In cases where student demand exceeds capacity, the following criteria will be applied in determining the final selection. Students could be placed on a waitlist, with the possibility of later being accepted to the program.

Priority will be given to applicants:

- Who submit strong applications (*see below*)
- Who haven't studied away for a semester before
- For Semester rather than full Academic Year
- Whose academic interests align with the program's academic themes and opportunities
- With Major/Minor that requires study away (Global Studies)
- Of language immersion programs
- For Gateway over Featured and Approved Semester programs

Qualities demonstrated by strong applicants:

- Academic readiness
- Academic fit (i.e. meets Major/Minor/Gen Ed or other personal or professional goals)
- Motivation, intellectual curiosity, prior engagement with the site or program's academic goals
- Responsibility, maturity, patience, flexibility, humor, good judgement, empathy
- Interpersonal skills, including sensitivity to others' diverse perspectives and experiences
- Desire to understand and engage with other cultures
- Strong Faculty/Professional recommendations

Applicants must:

- Be in good standing
- Meet any additional program requirements, if any (such as a language level prerequisite, if applicable)
- Fulfill GPA requirement (*see below*)

Program	Cumulative GPA Requirement	Program	Cumulative GPA Requirement
Chengdu, China	2.7, 3.0 preferred	IAU Aix-en-Provence, France	2.5
Oaxaca, México	3.0	CIEE Costa Rica	2.5

Oslo, Norway	2.7, 3.0 preferred	CIEE Seoul, South Korea	2.5
IHON-Oxford	3.0	SIT Study Abroad (select Featured programs)	varies by program, check website
Bø/Vestfold, University of Southeastern Norway	2.7, 3.0 preferred	University of Tasmania	2.5
Trinidad & Tobago	2.7, 3.0 preferred	Victoria University of Wellington	2.6
Windhoek, Namibia	2.7, 3.0 preferred	IES Berlin, Milan or Vienna	2.75
ILACA Granada, Spain	2.7, 3.0 preferred	CYA Greece	2.7
GEO London, England	2.5	University of Aberdeen, Scotland	3.0
Approved Programs	2.7 minimum, 3.0 <u>strongly</u> preferred (each approved program may also have their own GPA requirement)		