Office of Study Abroad
Benefits of Study Abroad

• Personal growth and maturity
• Increasing prospective job opportunities
• Shaping future career development
• Facing and solving challenging problems
• Increased self-confidence
• Developing a personally informed view of the world
• Better understanding of one's own cultural values and respect for diversity
Get Started

Learn about Study Abroad and Explore Options

• Study Abroad Web Search
• Make an Appointment with OSA, Academic Advisors
• Meet with Financial Aid for feasibility
• Study Abroad Fairs
• Program Information Sessions: Lead Faculty
Points to Consider

- Goals: Academic vs Personal
- Interdisciplinary vs Major Specific
- Country and Areas of Study
- Timeline
- Modules: Faculty-Led vs Exchange
- Cost
Who Can Study Abroad?

- LU Student (both domestic and international)
  International students need to acquire travel authorization on I-20/ DS-2019 prior to exiting the United States
- Non-LU Student (upon approval)
- In Good Academic/Disciplinary Standing
- Office of Study Abroad reserves the right to make a final decision in consultation with lead faculty
Students with Special Needs

• Office of Study Abroad does its best to accommodate the student’s special needs in consultation with faculty members and DRC.

• Meet with DRC advisor for details
  Disability Resource Center (DRC)
  Tel: 409-880-8347
Meet with Program Faculty and Explore:

- Characteristic of the Program, both academic and cultural
- Academic requirements: Number of Credit, Assignments including pre-requisites
Meet with Your Academic Advisor

Meet with your Academic Advisor and Explore:

• When is the best semester to study abroad?
• Do you need to take classes for your major, minor, or general electives?
• What study abroad classes will be degree-counting?
Meet with Financial Assistance Advisors

- Meet with Financial Aid advisor and confirm your SA courses are degree counting
- Research financial aid, grants, and scholarships with advisors from Financial Aid and Scholarships
Meet with Study Abroad Advisor

Meet with Study Abroad Advisor and Explore:

• Required documents for SA
• Application process with due dates
• Enrollment process
Apply

• Submit Application Form online
• Pay Application Fee ($200) through Marketplace

✓ Your application is NOT complete until Application Fee is paid
✓ Application Fee ($200) is non-Refundable
✓ Application Fee will be credited toward the Program Fee
Apply

Upload All Required Documents

1. Study Abroad Program Application
2. Scholarships Application
3. International Travel Release
4. Student Code of Conduct
5. Health Information
6. Travel Itinerary (if purchased the ticket separately)
7. Copy of Passport (bio page)
8. Copy of Visa (if applicable)
Program Cost Payments

- Application Fee ($200) is due at the time of application
- Students are responsible to make program cost payments through Marketplace
- All payments should be completed prior to the due dates: Any balance will be resulted as a financial hold against your account
Scholarships

• Study Abroad Fee Grant
• Carter Innovation Fund (Business Programs)
• Steinhagen Fellowship (Business Majors)
• McMaster Grant (Honors College)
• More Scholarships and Financial Aid

https://www.lamar.edu/study-abroad/student-information/study-abroad-scholarships.html
Study Abroad Fee Grants

• Submit Study Abroad Application online
• Pay application fee ($200) to Marketplace
• Submit SAFG Application online
• This is a roll-in scholarship. Students are strongly encouraged to apply for the program as soon as they make a decision
Next Steps

- Apply for Passport
  www.usps.com/international/passports.htm

- Check your emails frequently

- Enroll in Study Abroad Classes
  ✓ All study abroad classes have “holds”
  ✓ Consult with your academic advisor for enrollment
Checklist

• Have you met with your advisors from your academic department and financial aid?
• Are you enrolled in the study abroad courses?
• Have you submitted all required documents to the OSA?
• Do you have PASSPORT, or have you applied for your PASSPORT?
• Have you applied for SAFG or any scholarships?
Payment Due Dates

Winter Programs
Application Fee ($200): At the time of Application
First Payment: November 1
Second Payment (Full Amount): December 1

Spring Programs
Application Fee ($200): At the time of Application
First Payment: December 15
Second Payment (Full Amount): February 15

Summer Programs
Application Fee ($200): At the time of Application
First Payment: February 15
Second Payment (Full Amount): March 15