

LSCS Study Abroad Student Checklist

Checklist for studying abroad

Applying for a program

- _____ Research a study abroad program that interests you by going to <http://lonestar.edu/study-abroad.htm>
- _____ Contact the responsible faculty member organizing the trip to learn more about the program.
- _____ If necessary, meet with an advisor to ensure the study abroad meets your educational needs.
- _____ Research possible financing options for the program and tuition costs.
- _____ Complete the study abroad program application and register for the appropriate classes associated with the program.
- _____ If eligible, apply for the study abroad scholarship and submit the complete application by one of the two deadlines: second Monday in November or first Monday in February. *Please note: due to the limited number of scholarships available, no scholarships will be awarded in February if the funds are exhausted after the November deadline.* In order to apply, you must also fill out a [FAFSA application](#).



Pre-departure

- _____ Apply for a passport (this can take 6 to 10 weeks)
- _____ Learn if there are special visa requirements for the countries you plan to visit from your study abroad faculty or travel agent.
- _____ Make payments to your program cost (please contact your study abroad faculty about where to send payment).
- _____ Pay tuition costs to cover the courses you will be taking abroad.
- _____ Submit your travel insurance request form and payment to AHP at least 1 month prior to your trip
- _____ Purchase any required books or study materials for your trip.
- _____ Speak with study abroad faculty about arranging payment of any applicable scholarships.
- _____ Register your travel with the Department of State <https://travelregistration.state.gov>
- _____ Check the Department of State's website on a regular basis for travel alerts and information <http://travel.state.gov/>.
- _____ Plan a budget for your spending money and trip expenses. Obtain traveler's checks and ensure credit cards or ATM cards are accessible from abroad.
- _____ Visit your family physician and inquire about special vaccinations you may need while traveling.
- _____ Make sure all medications you will be traveling with are in their original containers with the prescribing doctor's name clearly marked.
- _____ Make copies of all essential documents (see FAQ for information on what to copy) and ensure family and friends know your itinerary and contact information.
- _____ Check with your health insurance company to determine if you have coverage abroad. Your travel insurance through AHP is not medical insurance and will only cover you in certain cases. Make two copies your medical insurance card and leave one with a friend or family member. Bring the photocopy and the original insurance card along with you on your trip.