



OFFICE OF
INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS

Study Abroad FAQ's

- **WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO STUDY ABROAD?**

UT Education Abroad programs are open to all UT students, including freshmen and graduate students. Applicants must be in good academic standing with at least a 2.5 GPA and must not have any current conduct sanctions with UT's Office of Student Conduct. Good conduct standing means that a student has either had no conduct incidents, or that if they have been found responsible for an incident, that they have completed all sanctions in full and that any sanctions with an end date will terminate before the student's education abroad program would begin.

- **WHERE CAN I STUDY ABROAD? AND FOR HOW LONG?**

At The University of Tampa, your options to study abroad are almost limitless. Students have travelled to India, Brazil, Ghana, The Galapagos, and Dubai, as well as traditional locations such as Australia, Spain, Italy, and the UK. Only countries under a U.S. Department of State Travel Warning or Alert are off limits for study abroad programs. Program lengths vary from several weeks to a full semester or academic year. Flexible options such as UT Travel Courses and UT Summer Abroad ensure that education abroad is available to all students, regardless of schedule constraints.

- **CAN I USE FINANCIAL AID FOR EDUCATION ABROAD?**

Students often assume it is more expensive to study abroad than to remain on UT's campus, however many education abroad destinations offer lower tuition and cost of living. In most cases, students can apply Federal Student Aid and Bright Futures Scholarships to education abroad, and many other scholarships and awards are available. Students should meet with a Financial Aid Counselor to determine how their financial aid could be applied towards an education abroad program. Please note that UT scholarships and aid cannot be applied towards study abroad.

- **WILL CREDITS FROM ABROAD TRANSFER TO UT?**

All courses taken abroad are reviewed by UT faculty to determine credit equivalencies. In most cases, students are able to earn credit for courses taken abroad and many earn credits for their major or minor. It is important to plan ahead and discuss your study abroad plans with your academic advisor to ensure it will fit into your academic plan.

- **DO I NEED TO SPEAK A FOREIGN LANGUAGE?**

Many UT education abroad programs are designed to improve foreign language skills and allow students to earn credits towards a language major or minor. However, many programs are open to students with little or no foreign language background. Many schools offer courses in English, even in countries such as Italy and Spain, as well as beginner level language courses.

- **HOW DO I BEGIN THE PROCESS?**

The first step in studying abroad is to research your opportunities by entering MyUTampa and selecting the Terra Dotta System (TDS) for Study Abroad. This will take you to the UT Study Abroad Portal. Once you select a program, start a "UT Application" from the brochure page of your selected program. Education Abroad Advisors are available to guide you through all steps of the application process.