

READY TO APPLY EDUCATION ABROAD CHECKLIST

Admissions/Partners Application

- What items are needed for the MyAbroad portal application: Essay, transcript, references?
- What items are needed for foreign partner/affiliate application?
- What is the application format: online, scan & email, or regular mail?
- What is the deadline?
- Who is the overseas contact person(s)?
- How do I know if I am eligible?

Visa – Student Visa for Foreign Country

- What items are needed for my entry into the country? Do I need a visa? When do I apply? How far in advance?
- What is the cost of the visa or entry permit?
- Which consulate do I submit my application? Do I need to go in-person?
- How long does it take to receive the visa or entry permit?

Academics

- What courses are available? Where do I find courses?
- How many classes or credit must I enroll into?
- How do my grades transfer? What is the pass/fail process?
How do I add/drop courses while abroad?
- What is the course selection and evaluation process?
- If you are a graduating seniors check the process for in-absentia graduation.

Housing

- What type of housing is available? Homestay, resident halls, apartments...
- Where do I find housing options?
- Should I get a roommate?
- Do I need to complete a housing form? When? How do I pay?
- Exchange students check the foreign website for exchange student guides

Finances, Budgets, and Money Matters

- Where can I look up my total program costs?
- What are costs per item and associated fees: insurance, program fee, application fee?
- How do you plan to pay for your program? What are your upfront costs?
- What scholarships are available? What are the scholarship application deadlines?
- Review your financial aid requirements and disbursement timeline.

Communication

- How will I receive information about your MyAbroad application and requirements?
- How will I receive information from my foreign partner/provider?
- When do I attend mandatory Pre-Departure Orientation?

Security and Safety

- Am I going to a Restricted Region?
<https://global.utexas.edu/risk/travel/restricted-regions>
- When is my mandatory Health and Safety Orientation?

Health and Wellness

- What overseas insurance do I have? How do I use my insurance? Cost and payment? Do I keep my domestic insurance?
- How do I complete my mandatory Health Clearance? Do I need a Specialist Clearance?
<https://global.utexas.edu/abroad/apply/after/health-clearance>

Other Considerations/Questions to Ask Your Program Coordinator

Explore what your experience in another country might be, particularly related to these topics:

Relationships -	What about public displays of affection in _____ city/country?
Gender Dynamics-	What are the cultural norms for relationships (friendships, dating)? What should I know if I am a female traveling independently?
Politics and Society-	How are Americans perceived/regarded in _____ city/country?
Inclusion Abroad-	What are the attitudes towards people with disabilities in _____ city/country?
Social Considerations-	Is it safe for me to _____? Will I be stared at or asked obtrusive questions because of the way I look?
Power and Authority-	What are the attitudes towards racial and ethnic minorities in _____ city/country? Am I used to being part of the majority at home but will be a minority abroad? Or vice versa? How should I react if I find something to be offensive? Who will I contact if I face racial or discriminatory incidents?

Notes

