

Temple University International Programs
FAQs for Temple Students Applying to Temple Programs

Dear Student,

Thank you for your interest in Temple's study abroad programs! Below are some frequently asked questions to help you along in the application process. If you have any questions after reading this material, please feel free to contact us at 215-204-0720 or study.abroad@temple.edu.

Application

Q: How do I apply for a Temple study abroad program?

A: With the exception of our exchange programs, all of our programs now have an online application. You should start by carefully reviewing the instructions on our website before beginning the online application. The first step is to locate a program in the "Programs" section of our website, then click the "Application Procedures" link on the right hand side. Once you have reviewed the application procedures, simply click the "Apply Now" button on your program page. If you have questions after reading the instructions, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Recommendations

Q: Can I ask a professor who's teaching me this semester for a recommendation?

A: Yes.

Q: What if I don't know any professors in my major very well?

A: If you're applying for a semester program, one of your recommendations must be from a faculty member in your major discipline. If you don't know any professors in your major, you can ask a lab assistant or TA for a recommendation, or make an appointment with a professor in your major to get to know her and to discuss your interest in studying abroad. If you are a transfer student, you may ask faculty members from your previous school to recommend you. Recommendations from high school teachers are not acceptable.

Q: What if I haven't declared a major?

A: You can ask a professor from the department in which you plan to declare a major, or you can ask someone from the department in which you've taken most of your classes. In either case, please include a note with your application explaining your choice of recommenders.

Q: How should I send the recommendations?

A: First, talk to your recommender about your plans to study abroad. Then, request the recommendation electronically after you have entered the online application. Your recommender will be notified of your request via email. Your recommender will have the option of submitting your recommendation online or on paper. If she wants to submit an online recommendation, she should simply follow the instructions she receives when you request the recommendation online. If she wants to submit a paper recommendation,

she can email, fax, hand deliver, or mail it, or she can give it to you to hand deliver in a sealed, signed envelope.

Eligibility Requirements

Q: Can I still study abroad if I don't meet all of the eligibility requirements?

A: We review applications on a case-by-case basis. If you don't meet all of the eligibility requirements (e.g. you're a sophomore applying to a semester program or your GPA is below the requirement) you may still be considered for admission into the program. Include a written statement with your application that explains your situation, and we'll take it into account in reviewing your application.

Financial Aid and Scholarships

Q: Are there scholarships available to study abroad?

A: Yes, there are scholarships available for all Temple study abroad programs—ask someone in our office or visit our website at <http://www.temple.edu/studyabroad/scholarships.html>.

Q: Who can I talk to about financial aid?

A: For financial aid information, you should see someone in Student Financial Services on the ground floor of Conwell Hall. Visit <http://www.temple.edu/sfs/contact.htm> for office locations at other Temple campuses. You can also check out the financial aid page on our website http://www.temple.edu/studyabroad/financial_aid.html.

Passport and Visa Information

Q: Will I need a visa to study abroad? How can I apply for one?

A: Students will need visas for most of our programs. We send specific application instructions to students after they've been accepted.

Q: I don't have a passport yet. When should I apply for one?

A: Because of long processing times, and because you'll need to include a passport with your visa application, we recommend that you have a passport by the program application deadline. If you are a first year student and you've never had a passport before, please ask us for an application for the Ann and Randy Hart Study Abroad Scholarship. For more information about that scholarship, visit our website at: <http://www.temple.edu/studyabroad/students/hartscholarship.htm>.

- For more information about passports and visas, please visit http://www.temple.edu/studyabroad/students/travel_docs.html.