

Education Abroad Non-Transfer Credit Related Policies

- Students who apply to participate in an Education Abroad program in a country for which the U.S. Department of State has issued a Level 3 or 4 travel advisory will not receive approval from Texas State Education Abroad unless the student submits the required waiver form.
- The federal government requires that aid eligibility only be based on those courses that count toward the completion of the student's degree. To be considered a full-time student for financial aid purposes, graduate students must be enrolled in 9 credit hours per semester that will count toward their degree. To be eligible for most financial aid, students need to be enrolled at least half-time in courses that count toward the degree (5 hours of graduate course work or other course work required for the program)
<http://www.finaid.txstate.edu/undergraduate/eligibility.html>
- Texas State Education Abroad is unable to provide advising for non-Texas State programs, and students must work independently with the program provider. Texas State cannot take responsibility for the academic quality of non-Texas State programs, nor does the University carry any liability for Texas State students who choose to participate in them.
- Students must research the academic quality of their selected Education Abroad program, as well as their health and safety practices. Students are strongly advised to speak to former participants in order to verify the quality of the program and have realistic expectations. Contact the program provider and request contact information of previous participants.
- While participating in a non-Texas State/independent program during a long semester (fall or spring), students are **NOT** considered Texas State students; thus, students may not have access to some of the services provided by Texas State to matriculated students only.
- Students who enroll in non-Texas State Education Abroad programs are not eligible to receive financial aid through Texas State; however, they may apply for financial aid through the institution offering the program. Students are strongly encouraged to discuss their Education Abroad plans and financial situation with the Texas State Financial Aid and Scholarships Office before they commit to any Education Abroad program.