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Visiting Program (Outgoing)

Students who wish to study abroad have the option to apply directly to an international host university of their choice (i.e., potentially a university that AUS does not have an ongoing exchange agreement with either directly or via ISEP) as "Visiting Students." Visiting Students spend one semester or up to a year abroad at their host university, and then return to their home institution to continue their studies. In some cases, attending a visiting program may represent the most affordable or otherwise desirable option for an AUS student.

Some students can get a little confused when it comes to differentiating between the visiting program and the exchange program. Here are the key distinctions between the two programs, which mainly relate to the way the associated fees are processed:

Visiting Program

- Students are required to pay the tuition and all other fees directly to the host university or sometimes to third-party providers such as ISEP Direct or CIEE. Visiting Students must still register at AUS to be identified with "study abroad" status during their semester abroad.

Exchange Program

- Tuition and sometimes other fees are paid directly to AUS, and students are registered with "study abroad" status during their semester abroad. In some cases, students pay housing and other non-tuition fees upon arrival at the host university.

All outgoing Visiting Students must complete an online application via the Office of International Exchange Programs (IXO) (go to www.aus.edu/ixo) to study abroad. In addition, these students must also complete application materials at their host universities or directly through the third-party provider (i.e., CIEE, ISEP Direct).

Potential Host Universities/Third Party Providers

***This list is not complete by any means but highlights some of the available options for students interested in applying.**

i. CIEE



CIEE offers various programs for you to study abroad in different locations. The programs can be filtered based on discipline, subject, location or language of instruction. You can apply through CIEE's website directly at www.ciee.org/study-abroad/search/.

Depending on your placement through CIEE, the program can either be mixed gender or gender segregated.

The program duration can be one semester or a full year.

- **Program Eligibility:**
 - Minimum GPA: 2.5 (cumulative)
 - Minimum class standing: sophomore (by the time of application)
 - Student must be in good judicial standing with no major disciplinary violations in the past 12 months.
 - Some CIEE Direct programs may have additional eligibility requirements, such as minimum foreign language skills or a higher cumulative GPA.
- **Application Process:**
 - Before you begin the application process, please carefully read these instructions and all associated forms that follow in their entirety, and consult the CIEE website at www.ciee.org/study for up-to-date information on CIEE academic policies and procedures.
 - Pay a visit to IXO and consult with one of the available peer advisors. Having an advising session will help you determine the appropriateness of the program you are interested in attending and will inform you of application deadlines and procedures.
 - Collect your application materials. A complete application contains the following items:
 - US \$30 non-refundable application fee
 - Personal Data Form
 - Academic Information Form
 - official transcript(s)
 - Home School Nomination Form
 - six passport-size color photos
 - a 500-word personal statement that answers the following questions:
 - How does the program content relate to your present and future academic and career goals?
 - What aspects of your personal experience—for instance, relevant coursework, job experiences, previous travel or study in the host country—have prepared you to live and study in a foreign country? Please specify any particular experience with the culture of the host country.
 - What are your objectives for your time overseas with CIEE?

- For non-US programs, the personal statement may be required to be written in the local language.
 - Two evaluations are required for semester and academic year programs; one is required for summer programs. All evaluations should be from persons familiar with your college or university academic background, your reasons for studying abroad, and if applicable, your reasons for applying for a CIEE-administered scholarship. One or both should be from a professor who knows you well. Provide evaluators with information on the program, including eligibility requirements and the application deadline.
- **Program Fees (will vary according to destination):**
 - tuition
 - housing
 - pre-departure advising and optional on-site airport meet and greet
 - full-time program leadership and support
 - field trips and cultural activities
 - CIEE iNext travel card which provides insurance and other travel benefits

Fee Type	US \$ (2017-18)
Participation Confirmation	300
Educational Costs	12,963
Housing	3,420
Insurance	167
Grand Total	16,850

*** Program fees are subject to change.**

- Available scholarships/aid and their deadlines can be found at:
 - <https://www.ciee.org/study-abroad/scholarships-grants/>.
- All contact information can be found at:
 - <https://www.ciee.org/study-abroad/contact/>.

ii. GO Minnesota

GO Minnesota

GO Minnesota's short-term and semester study abroad programs in the US provide a unique opportunity for you to be immersed in American culture. The program's website can be found at <http://gomn.umn.edu/>.

Most programs provided by GO Minnesota are mixed gender.

The program duration can be either a summer session or one full semester.

▪ **Program Eligibility:**

- Minimum GPA: 2.5 (cumulative)
- Be in good academic standing with at least one year of university-level coursework
- Proof of academic proficiency in English (more details can be found at: <http://gomn.umn.edu/programs/minnesota-semester/eligibility-requirements/>).
- Be at least 18 years of age

▪ **Application Process:**

- Begin by clicking the "Apply Now!" button on the GO Minnesota website: <http://gomn.umn.edu/programs/minnesota-semester/apply/>.
- Click on the "Apply Now" button in the bottom right corner of the page.
- Select "I'm new to the University" to create a Guest Account.
- Complete the Request Guest Account form (this is NOT the application but it is required in order to complete the online application).
- Once the Guest Account request form has been completed, you will be prompted to sign in with your Internet ID (your full email address used to create the account) and password (you created on the Guest Account request form).
- Complete the "My Profile" section:
 - You only need to complete any of the sections marked with an *.
 - You do not need to complete the Employer Information section.
 - Once all of the required sections are complete, click on the "Continue Checkout" button.
- From the My Applications page, click "Start."
- Follow the instructions within the application.
 - Please note the "Continue Checkout" button must be clicked upon completion of each page, in order to progress to the next page.
 - Once all documents have been uploaded, you may click "Submit Application."
- When all required pages are complete, follow the "Click here to checkout" link to pay the US \$75 application fee.
- Follow the instructions to make your online payment.

▪ **Program Fees:**

- Tuition for 13-16 undergraduate credits
- Advising
- Orientation
- Excursions
- On-campus student activities

- Volunteer opportunities
- University fees
- Mandatory international health insurance
- Housing

Fee Type	US \$ (2017-18)
Program Fee	11,205
University Fees (varies)	845
Mandatory International Health Insurance	1,049
Housing	4,529
Grand Total	17,628

*** Program fees are subject to change.**

- All contact information and addresses can be found at:
<http://gomn.umn.edu/connect/contact-us/>.

iii. ISEP Direct



ISEP Direct programs offer you the ability to customize your study abroad experience to meet your needs. Your ultimate placement in an ISEP Direct program is not based on space available, but is guaranteed to be at your top choice institution (as long as you meet minimum academic requirements). The program's website can be found at:

<https://www.isepstudyabroad.org/guides-tips/get-started/research-program-types/isep-direct/>.

Depending on your placement through ISEP Direct, the program can either be mixed gender or gender segregated. The program duration can be one semester or a full year.

▪ **Program Eligibility:**

- Minimum GPA: 2.75 (cumulative)
- Minimum class standing: Sophomore (by the time of application)
- Student must be in good judicial standing with no major disciplinary violations in the past 12 months.
- Some ISEP Direct programs may have additional eligibility requirements such as minimum foreign language skills or a higher cumulative GPA.

▪ **Application Process:**

- If you wish to apply, IXO will create an account for you and you will receive a username and a password for the ISEP website to log in and create an application.
- Complete the Participant Profile:
 - biographical information
 - dependents
 - emergency contact
 - academic information
 - terms and conditions
- Complete the Host Request List.
- Complete the Course Request List for each requested host.
- Complete other necessary documents such as the language proficiency or passport documents.
- Pay your application fees.
- Enroll in the ISEP Student Health Insurance.

▪ **Program Fees:**

Fee Type	US \$ (2017-18)
ISEP Direct Program Fees	<i>*Determined by host institution*</i>
ISEP Direct Application Fee	100
ISEP Direct Program Deposit	325

*** Program fees are subject to change.**

- Available scholarships/aid and their deadlines can be found at: <https://www.isepstudyabroad.org/guides-and-tips/get-started/plan-your-finances/isep-scholarships/>.
- All contact information can be found at: <https://www.isepstudyabroad.org/contact-us/>.

iv. Semester at Sea



Semester at Sea is a study abroad program founded in 1963. It provides the opportunity for students to study onboard a ship that sails and travels to multiple ports around the world. The ship itself is used as a traveling campus. The program's website can be found at <http://www.semesteratsea.org/>.

Semester at Sea is a mixed gender education program.

The program duration is approximately 100 days.

▪ **Program Eligibility:**

- Students must be enrolled full-time in a degree-granting program at an accredited college/university (domestic or international).
- Students must have completed at least one full term at the post-secondary level.
- Students must demonstrate at least a 2.75 cumulative GPA and be in good academic standing.
- Students must have their school's judicial affairs office complete a disciplinary clearance form at time of application.
- Students must demonstrate their writing skills in a 300-500 word essay as indicated on the application.

▪ **Application Process:**

- Application
 - Complete an online application.
 - Write a short essay of 300-500 words.
 - Pay a non-refundable application fee of USD 50.
 - Attach all college-level transcripts.
 - Attach a disciplinary clearance form completed by your school's judicial affairs office.
 - A letter of recommendation from a current college professor is strongly encouraged, but not required.
- Acceptance
 - Upon the reviewing of all forms, the decision is made concerning your application.
 - Qualified students of any sex, gender identity, race, disability status, veteran status, nationality or ethnicity, are eligible candidates for admission.
- Financial Aid
 - AUS students receive a US \$400 credit on every study abroad experience.
 - Upon acceptance, a US \$1,000 deposit payment is required to reserve a cabin space.
 - After the deposit payment, you may apply for a financial aid.
- Start Packing
 - Voyage preparation begins five months prior to embarkation. Until then, admitted and confirmed students can start networking in their respective semester's Voyage Facebook group.

- **Program Fees:**

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- Tuition—up to 15 semester credits
- Housing (price varies by cabin category)
- All meals aboard the ship
- All academically required field classes
- Premium medical insurance
- Full-time, on-site residential student services staff
- Advisement and assistance by ISE Program Administration

Cabin Types	US \$ (2017-18)
Inside Triple	23,950
Inside Double/Outside Triple	26,950
Outside Double	29,950
Inside Single	30,950
Outside Single	31,950
AUS Student Discount	(400)

- **Program fees are subject to change, and do not reflect US \$400 credit. All cabin categories subject to availability.**
- Available scholarships/aid and their deadlines can be found at: <http://www.semesteratsea.org/admission-aid/scholarships/>.
- All contact information can be found at: <http://www.semesteratsea.org/contact/>.

v. Study Abroad Foundation



The Study Abroad Foundation (SAF) provides high-quality study abroad opportunities and personal support services for qualified university students enrolled at SAF member universities across Asia. The Foundation currently operates programs in North America, Europe, Australasia and Asia. The program's website can be found at <http://hq.studyabroadfoundation.org/>.

Depending on your placement through SAF, the program can either be mixed gender or gender segregated.

The program duration can be one semester or a full year.

- **Program Eligibility:**
 - Minimum GPA: 2.5 (cumulative)
 - Minimum class standing: Sophomore (by the time of application)
 - Student must be in good judicial standing with no major disciplinary violations in the past 12 months
 - Minimum TOEFL score: 61 OR Minimum IETLS score: 6.0
 - Some SAF Direct programs may have additional eligibility requirements such as minimum foreign language skills or a higher cumulative GPA.
- **Application Process:**
 - All students who wish to participate in a SAF program are required to complete an online application form with the following required documents:
 - English transcripts (2)
 - original TOEFL or IELTS score (if required)
 - bank statement (2)
 - copy of the student's passport
 - six ID pictures
 - statement of purpose (if required)
 - recommendation letter
 - An application fee is required (US \$100 for programs 10 weeks or less or US \$200 for programs lasting 11 weeks or more).
- Contact information: Study Abroad Foundation Southeast Asia, Room B, 7/F, No. 373-6 Jianxing Rd, Taichung 404, Taiwan. Tel: +886 (0) 4-2238-8600 | Fax: +886 (0) 4-2238-8601 | Email: info@safseasia.org

vi. Yonsei University, Korea

Yonsei University's Visiting Student Programs offer opportunities to students who plan to study for a year or a semester in Korea's top university, located in the heart of Seoul, the dynamic capital city of Korea.

In addition to gaining academic excellence, international students are also immersed in a beautiful and culturally rich environment and can share special memories and experience Korean culture by participating in various Yonsei clubs and activities for international students.

- **Program Eligibility:**

- Minimum GPA: 2.5 (cumulative)
- TOEFL score must be a minimum of 550 in PBT, 213 in CBT, or 79 in IBT, IELTS 6.5
- Minimum class standing: Sophomore (by the time of application)
- Student must be in good judicial standing with no major disciplinary violations in the past 12 months.

- **Application Process:**

All students who wish to directly enroll are required to complete an online application form directly through Office of International Affairs, Yonsei University by following these steps:

- Secure a nomination (by home university or institution).
- Create an ID and password at <http://oia.yonsei.ac.kr>.
- Complete the Online Application Form.
- Pay the Application Fee.
- Mail the application materials, which include an official transcript, proof of language proficiency and a copy of the passport.
- Receive a Letter of Admission by email (late November ~ early December).
- Pay the tuition fee and apply for housing.

- **Program Fees:**

Fee Type	US \$ (2017-18)
Application Fee and Documentation	130
Tuition	4,425
Housing	1,580
Meals	1,770
Transportation	350
Books and Supplies	350