Welcome to the International Programs (IP) family! Please review the following steps and refer to your Program Packet in the International Programs student portal for additional information you need to know prior to departure.

**INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS STUDENT PORTAL**
You will use the student portal to submit required information, view upcoming deadlines, and prepare for your international program. It is your responsibility to log in frequently to complete tasks and view new updates from our office. Log in here: studentportal.international.fsu.edu

**PROGRAM FEES & DUE DATES**
You must complete your payments and/or a *Fee Deferment by the payment dates listed for your program on the International Programs website and the IP student portal. Students who are late in completing program payments or filing a Fee Deferment run a substantial risk of being cancelled from the program and may still be liable for fees. Should you wish to cancel on or prior to the published due date, your cancellation must be placed in writing to IP-Cancel@fsu.edu to be valid. For more information about our fee liability and refund policy, visit the Money Matters area of the IP student portal or your program page on the International Programs website, and navigate to the Money Matters tab.

Your place in the program is not confirmed until you pay or defer the non-refundable commitment fee for your program. Click here for payment instructions.

Please note: Technology fees as well as facilities and equipment fees are assessed by FSU and not included in the International Programs program fee.

*If you anticipate receipt of financial aid or scholarships to assist with payment of fees, you may need to complete a Fee Deferment.

- **FSU students**: review your Financial Aid file and make certain all required steps are complete and disbursement is scheduled prior to departure. Click here for details.
- **Non-FSU students**: consult with your home institution prior to departure to ensure all required steps are complete for financial aid and disbursement is scheduled prior to departure. Note: Non-FSU students cannot defer the commitment fee, but may defer up to 50% of the remaining balance once the commitment fee is paid. Click here for details.

Please contact the International Programs Financial Aid Advisor at IP-FinancialAid@fsu.edu with any questions about financial aid.

**NON-FSU STUDENTS (TRANSIENT STUDENTS)**
If you are a degree-seeking student at an institution other than FSU, you will be admitted as a transient student for the term you will be studying abroad. Your admission to the University as a transient student is necessary for registration and grade-recording purposes. It is your responsibility to ensure the credits you earn while studying abroad with Florida State University will transfer back to your home institution. Please plan to meet with your academic advisor to ensure the classes you intend to take will fit into your academic plan and that you will receive appropriate credit. It is up to your institution to approve study abroad credits toward your degree and to determine whether or not the grades will be calculated into your GPA.

If you have not already activated your FSUID, please do so as soon as possible: https://fsuid.fsu.edu/OIMSelfService/. Having an FSUID does not mean your account is automatically activated. Your FSUID will give you access to the myFSU portal, Student Central, and more. **You must have an activated FSUID in order to register for classes.**

**FLIGHT ARRANGEMENTS**
There is no group flight for this program and your program fee does not include airfare. Do not purchase your airfare until you are notified by International Programs to do so. You will receive a notification in your student portal after the commitment fee due date for your program with information regarding arrival and departure dates, and airport pick-up times, if applicable. If you choose to purchase airfare before you are instructed to do so, International Programs is not responsible for any fees associated with your flight changes or cancellations. Be aware there may be additional costs associated with missing group airport pickup(s) if they are offered. You must arrive to your study abroad location on the start date of your program, as stated on the International Programs website and IP student portal. Housing accommodations will not be provided before the start date or after the end date of your program.

All on-site orientations are mandatory and you are only guaranteed housing during your program dates, so plan accordingly.
PRE-DEPARTURE ORIENTATION MEETING
A date, time, and location for your pre-departure orientation meeting will be announced in the coming weeks. Please check the IP student portal frequently for updates from International Programs.

PASSPORT INFORMATION
Many countries require your passport be valid for at least six to eighteen months after your date of return into the U.S. Students requiring more than six months of passport validity will be notified by the International Programs office.

If you do not currently have a passport or do not have at least six months of validity from the end of the program, you should apply for one IMMEDIATELY! Please review estimated passport processing times and visa deadlines (if applicable), as it may be necessary to expedite the order. Any financial penalties associated with delayed arrivals or cancellations will be your responsibility. You may access the following website for instructions and passport applications: https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/passports.html.

FSU International Programs is a U.S. Passport Acceptance Facility, therefore you can apply for your passport and have passport photos taken in our office. For details, call 850.645.9714 or visit our website.

STUDENT VISAS
Certain countries require student visas regardless of country of origin, while other countries may require a student visa only of non-U.S. citizens. Rules, requirements, and procedures change frequently. Visit the Visa tab of your program page on the International Programs website for more information.

Any non-U.S. citizen or a U.S. citizen living outside of the U.S. should contact our Visa Specialists at IP-Visas@fsu.edu as soon as possible. A non-U.S. citizen or a U.S. citizen living abroad may be required to apply on their own or may have additional visa requirements.

INOCULATION/MEDICAL CONCERNS AND SPECIAL NEEDS
Florida State University requires certain immunizations prior to your registration for classes. If you are a recently admitted FSU degree-seeking student (freshman and transfer student) or non-FSU student, you will be required to submit the FSU Student Immunization Form through the student portal.

Familiarize yourself with specific requirements and health matters in your program location. The FSU Health and Wellness Center offers a travel clinic which provides immunizations. Additional information is available through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s site: www.cdc.gov/travel/. Please note that some countries have specific requirements for inoculations based on past locations the traveler has visited. It is the student’s responsibility to confirm whether or not the previous travel requires additional inoculations.

Be sure to bring sufficient quantities of any prescription medications with you to last the duration of your stay. Keep these in their original containers. Bring a copy of a legible prescription from your doctor and be aware that not all U.S. drugs are available elsewhere. In particular, Adderall and Concerta are not available in all countries. Don’t postpone discussing your prescription needs with your doctor. You will likely need to work with your insurance company to cover your vacation prescription. If you experience difficulty in obtaining a prescription for your time abroad, seek assistance from our office. If you use glasses or contact lenses, take an extra pair and/or the prescription. Complete routine medical and dental care before you leave.

If you wish to receive accommodations for special needs, register with the FSU Student Disability Resource Center (SDRC) as soon as possible, so we can assess our ability to provide appropriate accommodations. For more information, please visit their website: https://dos.fsu.edu/sdrc/. Non-FSU students should provide documentation from the disability resource center on their home campus.

INSURANCE
Your Program Fee includes international medical and evacuation insurance coverage through Cultural Insurance Services International. You can access the policy online: International Protection Plan http://international.fsu.edu/Documents/HealthSafety/CISIInsurancePolicy.pdf. The coverage will be effective for participants from the day the program starts until the day the program ends. Please note: this policy is NOT intended to replace your domestic coverage. For more information, visit https://studentinsurance.fsu.edu.

COURSE REGISTRATION
It is your responsibility to register for classes for the term(s) you will be abroad. You will receive a notification in the student portal informing you when registration is open with step-by-step instructions for online registration. Our registration periods are different from main campus registration periods. Details about textbooks and other course related materials will be provided when you are notified to register for classes.

MONEY AND CURRENCY
Bring or have access multiple sources of funds (debit card, credit card, etc.). Credit cards are useful in the event of an emergency and for everyday purchases. MasterCard and Visa are the most widely accepted credit cards overseas. A credit card with “chip and pin” technology is recommended, as this is the standard abroad. There are several credit cards on the market with no foreign transaction fees. Do your research to see which one is best for you.

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