

FAQ

- 1) I am a high school student taking dual credit classes at ACC? Can I still study abroad?
Yes, high school students are eligible to participate in ACC study abroad programs.

- 2) I attend another university and am not taking any classes at ACC. Can I study abroad with one of your programs?
Anyone can enroll at ACC for the sole purpose of participating in a study abroad program. However, be sure to check if there are prerequisites for the program in which you are interested.

- 3) Will I earn credit for studying abroad?
Program participants will earn ACC credit for the course they take abroad. Credits range from 1 to 6 hours, depending on the program.

- 4) I want to study abroad next summer, then transfer to a four-year university. Will the credits I earn through study abroad transfer to my new school?
As with any ACC course, you will need to speak with an academic advisor regarding whether your ACC credit can be transferred. Credit earned through ACC study abroad is the same credit earned if they course were taken at any ACC campus.

- 5) I would like to apply for the Board of Trustee's International Study Abroad Scholarship but am not sure if I'm eligible. What do I need to do?
If you would like to apply for a scholarship you need to meet the following criteria
 - have at least a 2.0 GPA
 - be enrolled in a degree or certificate program at ACC
 - have at least 12 ACC college credit hours
 - have completed at least 5 credit hours in the fall 2007 semester OR be enrolled in and successfully complete 5 hours in the spring 2008 semester

- 6) What if I don't have enough money to pay the program fee in full when I apply?
Most programs require a small non-refundable deposit at the time of application. The remainder of the program fee can usually be paid in installments. Please contact your program coordinator for payment plan information.

- 6) Who do I make my check or money order to?
Checks can be made out to Austin Community College.

- 7) Can I pay with a credit card?
Yes. You must make an appointment with your program coordinator to process the payment in person at the Highland Business Center.

- 8) I receive financial aid. Can I use it to pay for study abroad?
You can use your financial aid as you would in any other ACC course. Contact the ACC Financial Aid Office if you have any questions.
- 9) What do I do if I don't see any ACC study abroad programs that interest me?
You can find links to other study abroad organizations & institutions under the tab "Programs – General Information."
- 10) How long are the study abroad programs?
ACC specializes in short study abroad programs. Programs range from 12 days or as long as 5 weeks. Most programs are 4-5 weeks long.
- 11) Will I be abroad during the whole class?
Most of our study abroad courses take place entirely abroad, although there are a couple of programs where the course is taught partially in Austin, and partially abroad.
- 12) I am an ACC student, but I'm studying abroad through a third-party provider. Will my credits transfer to ACC?
ACC does not pre-approve credits that are not through ACC study abroad. Upon your return from your time abroad, your official transcript will be evaluated by ACC and credits approved or rejected. However, you can speak with an Academic Advisor before you leave to see if the courses you are interested in taking are likely to transfer or not.
- 13) I have already taken a course that is being offered as a study abroad program. Can still I take the course again abroad?
In most cases, you may take the course again. ACC will take the higher grade from the two courses when calculating your final ACC GPA. However, if you are planning to transfer to another institution, they may take an average of the two final grades.
- 14) Do I have to speak the language of the host country?
Absolutely not. All study abroad courses are taught in English (unless the program is a language course). However, students are encouraged to practice vocabulary, phrases, etc. as there will be opportunities to communicate with non-English speakers through their daily routine abroad.