



Education Abroad Program Participation Eligibility

I. Minimum Grade Point Average Eligibility

Kennesaw State Students who desire to participate in an Education Abroad Program are required to have a minimum 2.5 [institutional GPA](#) for faculty led programs and a minimum 2.75 institutional GPA for exchange programs. In some cases minimum GPA requirements vary and are clearly stated on the online program application page. Students falling below the minimum institutional GPA requirement may appeal eligibility requirements to applicable programs a written appeal. The following criteria will be considered when reviewing an appeal for acceptance to a program and are reviewed through a task force of members appointed by the [Education Abroad Faculty Standing Committee](#):

- A statement (500 words or less), written by the student, that clearly articulates how the education abroad program fits into the student's academic goals at Kennesaw State University
- GPA in the academic major/minor (weighs higher than the overall institutional GPA)
- Academic improvement over past two semesters (weighs higher than a low GPA freshman year or poor performance in 1-2 courses)
- Two letters of recommendation: For faculty-led programs, one letter must be from a faculty member on the education abroad program that you are applying for. The other should come from a faculty member and/or academic advisor indicating positive academic performance in recent courses relevant to the education abroad program (language, area studies, other courses with relevant content to the program). For exchange programs, two letters of support from academic sources are required.

Students that do not meet the minimum GPA requirement for their intended program may submit a GPA appeal for further review. (This does not apply to graduate applicants.)

- Faculty-led program minimum institutional (adjusted) GPA for appeal is 2.0
- Exchange program minimum institutional (adjusted) GPA for appeal is 2.5

Appeal Deadline

Appeals must be submitted by the application deadline for the program that the student intends to participate on.

Appeal Submission

All appeals must be submitted using the online system. To submit an appeal click [HERE](#).

First-year students that apply to an education abroad program for their *first semester* at KSU may be accepted based on meeting the criteria for their acceptance to the University. First-year students applying to programs during the student's second semester may receive a conditional acceptance to an education abroad program until their GPA can be confirmed at the end of their first semester at KSU. The students who receive a conditional acceptance will still need to pay their program deposit, which may be refunded (for most programs) if they are later denied acceptance. Students in these situations should verify with their Education Abroad Program Coordinator that they will receive a program deposit refund for a particular program before applying.

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Transfer Students' transfer GPA will be utilized to determine eligibility.

Transfer and first-year students admitted on academic probation will not be eligible to participate in an education abroad program. The student's Education Abroad Program Coordinator will verify the student's admission record before accepting them.

II. Student Code of Conduct and Education Abroad Programs:

Criminal charges, convictions (excluding minor traffic offenses), violations of Kennesaw State University's Student Code of Conduct, or other behavioral concerns that have been adjudicated through our institutional systems (including pending charges that are under review at the time of application), can result in a student being restricted from Education Abroad program participation. In such cases, the student will be afforded notice and an opportunity to be heard regarding any restrictions.

The Education Abroad Office involves and collaborates with the department of Student Conduct and Academic Integrity (SCAI) to proactively address student behavior concerns towards assessing and managing those concerns with the success of the student in mind. Please see KSU's [Student Code of Conduct](#) as well as information related to [SCAI](#) at KSU.