

# ACADEMICS ABROAD

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## Conversation Guide by Pepperdine International Programs

### 01 Courses Offered Abroad

Before you accept your application, it is crucial that you have an academic plan- after all, it is school! If you are not sure of the classes being offered at your respective program, make sure you visit our [Community Page](#) to see the courses offered in your program.

### ON YOUR MIND

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### PREREQUISITES

Planning to study abroad starts right here in Malibu. In order to capitalize on the classes offered in your program, it is important that you fulfill any necessary prerequisites. These requirements are listed on your program's web page or in the academic catalogue. Be sure to take a look and keep prereqs in mind when you register for your Spring 2019 classes!

**As a general guide, these are the classes you should take before you go abroad (academic year, fall and spring students only):**

Buenos Aires: ENG 101, HUM 111, REL 101, SPAN 151

Florence: ENG 101, HUM 111, REL 101, ITAL 151

Heidelberg: ENG 101, HUM 111, REL 101, GER 151

Lausanne: ENG 101, HUM 111, REL 101, FRE 151

London: ENG 101, HUM 111, REL 101

Shanghai: ENG 101, CHIN 151

DC: REL 101, ENG 101, COM 180





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## LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

Learning a language is a journey that will give you a lifelong skill. One of the benefits of studying abroad is the chance to practice foreign language skills in the real world. Most importantly, you can connect with locals and engage with the culture in a personal way! To help students deepen their study abroad experience, we require students studying abroad for the academic year or a single semester to be enrolled in a language course while they are abroad. Students going abroad during the academic year are also required to take the first level of the corresponding language prior to going abroad (DC and London are exempt from these requirements).

During the summer, students studying in Florence, Lausanne, Shanghai, Heidelberg or Buenos Aires are required to take a 1-unit language survival course while studying abroad if they have never taken the language of their program before. Students don't need to take a language course prior to studying abroad in the summer, unless it is a prerequisite for a class they plan to take while abroad.

Students are sometimes permitted to test out of language courses. Contact the International Studies and Languages Division ([link to their website](#)) for more details.

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## ACADEMIC ADVISING

Academics are a primary component of your study abroad experience and we are excited for you to experience that! We also want to make sure that your time abroad does not negatively impact your academic plan. There are many people who would love to help you so please, speak with

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### OneStop Advisor

Your OneStop advisor will be able to help you look at your four-year plan, class offerings, and your GE requirements.

Visit the OneStop office to make an appointment or email them at [onestop@pepperdine.edu](mailto:onestop@pepperdine.edu)

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### Major Advisor

Your major advisor is a great resource to discuss specific major requirements and programs that best cater to yours.

Email them to schedule an appointment or get questions to major-specific questions.

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### Beverly Cawyer

Our Manager of Academics is well-versed in Pepperdine's academic tracks and can advise on classes to take before and during abroad.

Schedule time in our office or email at [beverly.cawyer@pepperdine.edu](mailto:beverly.cawyer@pepperdine.edu)

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## ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

You must fulfill these requirements to be eligible to go abroad. See your IP contract or the IP Student Handbook for more details.

### TO APPLY FOR ANY IP PROGRAM, YOU MUST:

- Have completed 30 college units or two semesters by the program start date
- Have a 2.5 *cumulative* Pepperdine GPA
- Not be on academic probation
- 151-level language course requirement\*

### TO MAINTAIN YOUR ELIGIBILITY TO GO AND REMAIN ABROAD, YOU MUST:

- Fulfill any necessary prerequisites (including Language 151\*)
- Be enrolled in the minimum number of required units, and enroll in any required courses while abroad
- Maintain a 2.0 GPA in every term prior to going abroad

\* Not necessary for Summer students

