

INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS

Pepperdine International Programs Office Waitlist FAQ

What is the “Waitlist”? It is a waiting list for students who have not been immediately accepted into their first or second choice program. It does not mean you were rejected from that program entirely or are unable to apply for another program.

Why was I placed on the Waitlist? Students are on the waitlist due to the highly competitive nature of the application process as well as program capacity limits. As stated on our website and at NSO, only 2/3 of students are accepted into their first choice program. Applicants are assessed by reviewing their GPA, ACT/SAT scores, interview, essay, campus citizenship as well as other factors unique to the location.

What are my options now?

Option 1: Apply for another program

Should I apply for another program? Our main objective is for you to go abroad. If our office has notified you that you are on the waitlist, and you are still interested in going abroad, you should consider switching your application to another program that is still accepting applications.

How do I apply for another program? For Academic Year (including Fall and Spring), you can submit the application change request form in the link in your waitlist notification email (through Pepperdine Google Forms). For summer, you may close your application and open a new one through your Wavenet Student Center.

Do I need to interview again? For academic year (including Fall and Spring), you may need to interview again. If you are required to have another interview, you will be notified by our office to do so. For summer, you will need to interview again.

When should I reapply? We recommend that you reapply ASAP. Applications are now reviewed on a rolling basis and we cannot anticipate when we will close programs to new applicants.

Option 2: Stay on a waitlist

What is my position on the Waitlist? The waitlist is not ranked. No student is higher than another. When a program opening becomes available, we take into account many factors before making a decision on new acceptances.

How do I get off the Waitlist? When a space becomes available for a program you are waitlisted for, the International Programs staff and visiting faculty member will re-evaluate the waitlist to determine who will be given an acceptance letter. We encourage you to continue to meet all program prerequisites (including any language courses), as this may increase your chances of being accepted when a space becomes available.

Can I stay on a Waitlist and apply for another program for the same term? Some students may receive specialized email opportunities to open a second application. For most students, you can not have two applications open in the same term, even if you are waitlisted for one.

Other Important Info

If you are considering changing programs, make sure that you take into account the courses offered and prerequisites before you submit your application. Please speak with your academic and financial aid advisors if you plan to switch to a different program.