

Pepperdine International Programs Office Waitlist FAQ

What is the “Waitlist”?

- A waiting list for students who have not been immediately accepted into their first 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. Applicants are assessed by reviewing their GPA, ACT/SAT scores, interview, essay, as well as other factors unique to the location.

How high am I 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 (refer to factors above).

How do I get off the Waitlist?

- When a space becomes available for a program you are waitlisted for, the International Programs Director and at times faculty re-evaluate the appropriate waitlist to determine who will be given an acceptance letter.

How do I apply for another program?

- You need to come into our office and fill out a Program Change Form which can be picked up from our front office coordinator, Drake Schaneberg. If you are abroad, you can request this form electronically: international.programs@pepperdine.edu

Do I need to interview again?

- There may be an additional interview process depending on the program / applicant.

When should I reapply?

- Summer program applicants: We recommend reapplication in October/November and will continue to take applications as needed.
- Academic year applicants (non-summer programs) should reapply immediately given that language courses are required for the spring 2015 semester. Reapplying after November 3rd is greatly risking your chances of gaining acceptance into another program.

Can I stay on a Waitlist and apply for another program for the same term?

- No.

Should I apply for another program? Below is a current snapshot of programs with higher or lower/no Waitlists. The IP Office will not communicate changes to this table at any point in the future, as it would create too much flux in our admissions process. This table is only current as of October 24, 2014. If you are interested in another program and are Waitlisted for a program with a higher than average Waitlist, you may want to consider switching your application.

Higher than average Waitlist	Some programs with lower than average to no Waitlist
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • London Academic Year • London Internship (Summer) • East Africa (Summer) • Fiji (Summer) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shanghai Academic Year • Washington D.C. Academic Year • Shanghai GE (Summer) • Buenos Aires GE & Internship (Summer) • Florence SACI & GE (Summer) • London GE (Summer) • Lausanne GE 8 Week & June (Summer)

Other important information:

- If you are considering changing programs, make sure that you take into account the need to take that program’s introduction language course before you go abroad. This will need to be done in the spring of 2015, or the semester before you leave.
- Make sure you speak with your academic coordinator AND financial aid advisor in the case that you would like to switch to a different program.
- **International Programs Office is hosting a Waitlist Q&A session on October 27th from 7:00-8:00 pm in PLC 125.**
- Shanghai Program informational session: October 28th from 8:00-9:00 pm in Plaza Classroom 189.
- Feel free to speak with IP ambassadors that work in our office. Inquire within our office about ambassador work schedules.
- Pepperdine University offers a great experience for Malibu-based sophomores. Housing: Rockwell Towers, Themed Residential Halls, and Calamigos Ranch. The Year Two experience consists of a trip to Catalina Island and San Francisco as well as a Year-Two-day-One Retreat in August. For more information on the Sophomore Year Two Housing Experience please visit the links below.
<https://community.pepperdine.edu/housing/living-areas/calamigos-ranch.htm>
<https://community.pepperdine.edu/housing/living-areas/rockwell-towers.htm>
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