



Steps to Going Abroad

Application Process

Get Ready!

1. Watch the "First Steps" video online. (<http://studyabroad.ucsd.edu/students/first-steps.html>).
2. Identify one or more Global Seminars that interest you (<http://globalseminar.ucsd.edu>).
3. Attend program-specific information sessions to meet professors and learn more. See events calendar at <http://studyabroad.ucsd.edu/students/programs/global-seminars/calendar.html>.
4. If you have additional questions, make an appointment with an advisor by calling 858-534-1123.
5. Apply for or renew your passport (see below).
6. Investigate financial aid and scholarships (see below).

Get Set!

7. Complete Global Seminars application (see reverse).
8. Receive notification of acceptance by e-mail.
9. Complete pre-departure forms/information and submit to Global Seminars and the study abroad provider.
10. Research health issues in your host country and get appropriate immunizations (see below).
11. Attend pre-departure orientations.

U.S. Passport



You can apply for a United States passport on campus:
<http://uspassports.ucsd.edu/>

Download forms from the State Department website:
<https://travel.state.gov/>

Did you know?

Getting a passport can take up to 16 weeks & expedited services can take up to 12 weeks.

Start EARLY!!

Financial Aid and Scholarships

IMPORTANT!

Don't forget to file for FAFSA by *March 2!*

<http://www.fafsa.ed.gov>

Summer financial aid

<https://fas.ucsd.edu/summer-session/>

Search for scholarships

<http://studyabroad.ucsd.edu/students/programs/global-seminars/scholarships.html>

Other fundraising options

<http://studyabroad.ucsd.edu/students/programs/global-seminars/funding.html>



Health Clearance

Attend a travel clinic, if recommended by your physician.

Travel clinics are available through Student Health Services or your private physician's office.

<https://wellness.ucsd.edu/studenthealth/services/travel-clinic/Pages/Global-Seminars-Alternative-Breaks.aspx>

Check for health issues in your host country before your departure.

CDC Website: <http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/>

UC San Diego Global Seminars

STEPS TO APPLY

globalseminar.ucsd.edu

There are three main parts to the Global Seminars application. Follow these directions carefully, and email globalseminar@ucsd.edu if you have any questions.

Part I: Required Documents

- 1. Create a TritonsAbroad Profile:** Log into [TritonsAbroad](#) by clicking the link on the Global Seminars website and complete your profile. Click "Search Programs" to find your program of interest.
- 2. Health Screening Form:** Download this form from the Tritons Abroad Document Library or use the version that Student Health gives you when you make your appointments. Scan and upload the form into your GS application once it has been signed.
- 3. Judicial Affairs Form:** Download this form from the Tritons Abroad Document Library. Turn it in at your College Student Affairs Office (or other university official as appropriate for non-UCSD students). The person signing the form will return it directly to Study Abroad UC San Diego.

Part II: Online Application

- 4. Personal statement:** Your essay should be approximately 500 words long and address how the program fits with your academic, career, and personal objectives.
HINT: Write your essay in a word processor program, then copy and paste it into your GS Online Application.
- 5. Waiver and policy forms:** Read these forms very carefully so that you understand your rights and responsibilities. Checking the box in the online application is the same as a legally binding signature.
- 6. Unofficial transcript:** Upload a copy of your academic history from TritonLink. Non-UCSD students, please include an unofficial transcript from your home school.
NOTE: First year/transfer students who do not have a UC San Diego GPA should turn in an updated transcript at the start of Winter quarter.
- 7. Passport:** Upload a photocopy of your valid passport or a receipt showing that you have applied for your passport. If you are not a US citizen, include a copy of your permanent resident card or a visa that is valid through the end of the time that you will be abroad. International students must discuss study abroad plans with the International Students & Programs Office. *(A passport copy is not required for programs within the US)*

Part III: Pay Application Fee

- 8. Nonrefundable deposit:** Pay the \$250 deposit online by credit/debit card. This deposit will be applied toward your program fee. This fee is nonrefundable unless your application is not approved or the program is cancelled.