

## Education Abroad Program Participation Eligibility

### I. Minimum Grade Point Average Eligibility

Kennesaw State Undergraduate Students who desire to participate in an Education Abroad Program are required to have a minimum 2.0 [institutional GPA \(Good Standing\)](#) for faculty-led programs, a minimum 2.75 institutional GPA for exchange programs & Non-KSU (Outgoing Transient) programs, and a minimum 3.0 institutional GPA for Internship programs abroad. In some cases, minimum GPA requirements vary and are clearly stated on the online program application page.

KSU Graduate students who desire to participate in an Education Abroad Program are required to have a minimum 3.0 GPA.

**Undergraduate students that do not meet the minimum GPA requirement for applicable programs may submit a GPA appeal for further review.** (Graduate students and Faculty-Led applicants are ineligible to appeal.)

- Exchange/independent program minimum institutional (adjusted) GPA in order to submit an appeal is 2.5. Students falling under this GPA are ineligible to submit an 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 the past two semesters (weighs higher than a low GPA freshman year or poor performance in 1 - 2 courses)
- Two Letters of recommendation/support from academic sources are required.

**Appeal Deadline:** Appeals should be submitted by the application deadline for the program that the student intends to participate on.

***Incomplete appeal submissions will not be considered.***

**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. **Transfer students** that apply to an education abroad program for their first semester at KSU may be accepted based on their Transfer GPA. **First-year students and Transfer students** applying to programs during the students' second semester (or later) at KSU may receive a conditional acceptance to an education abroad program until their KSU GPA can be confirmed at the end of their first semester at KSU. **Once a KSU GPA is determined, eligibility will be based solely on that GPA.** 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.

*Transfer and first-year students admitted on academic probation will not be eligible to participate in an education abroad program until they have come off probation and are in Good Academic Standing. 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 Student Conduct and Academic Integrity (SCAI) to proactively address student behavioral concerns related to Education Abroad programs. Such collaboration is done by assessing and managing those concerns while keeping the success of the student in mind. Please see KSU's [Student Code of Conduct](#) as well as information related to [SCAI](#) at KSU.