



Education Abroad Eligibility Policy

General Eligibility

Participants in Kennesaw State University Education Abroad programs must be eligible to enroll in required Education Abroad coursework for their selected program, and they must complete said required coursework as part of the Education Abroad program. Participants must also be in Good Academic Standing, NOT Academic Warning or Probation.

Dual Enrollment

Students who have completed at least 9 credit hours of KSU coursework as dual enrollment students may participate in KSU Education Abroad faculty-led programs if they are at least 16 years of age on the first day of travel (as defined as the day the program departs the United States). Dual enrollment students may only participate in Education Abroad programs that offer eligible courses per the Dual Enrollment Program requirements. Recent graduates of Kennesaw State University are eligible to participate in faculty-led and affiliate Education Abroad programs the term immediately following their graduation only (e.g. May graduates are eligible to enroll in summer education abroad programs only.) Recent graduates are not eligible to participate in exchange programs. Participants in KSU exchange programs must be current, degree-seeking students at KSU.

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 3.0 institutional GPA for exchange and affiliate, & non-KSU study programs, and a minimum of 2.0 for internships and directed study courses abroad. In some cases, individual programs may have higher GPA requirements. Such cases are clearly stated on the online program application page.

Graduate students who desire to participate in an Education Abroad Program are required to have a minimum 3.0 institutional GPA ([Good Standing](#)).



First-year students (undergraduate) must have a KSU GPA in order to apply for exchange or affiliate programs. First-year undergraduate students may apply for faculty-led programs prior to earning a KSU GPA, but their acceptance is conditional upon earning a satisfactory KSU GPA after their first semester. First-year students attending spring break programs may be granted admission to programs based on their GPA upon admission to KSU, because they would not have a KSU GPA before the program deadline. If their GPA is not satisfactory per the required GPA for their program, the student may be removed from the program and refunded their application deposit. In cases where the student is still required to pay the deposit and/or program fee the student must be allowed to continue on the program, regardless of GPA. **Once a KSU GPA is determined at the end of the student's first term at KSU, eligibility will be based solely on that GPA.**

Transfer students may apply to an education abroad program during their first semester at KSU and may be accepted based on their transfer GPA. Likewise, graduate students in their first semester may participate in a faculty-led program using their cumulative undergraduate GPA or transfer GPA. **However, once a KSU GPA is determined at the end of the student's first term at KSU, eligibility will be based solely on that GPA.** Transfer students may participate in faculty-led programs during their first semester at KSU and may participate in exchange and affiliate programs during their second or subsequent semester at KSU. Transfer students who become ineligible per the requirements for a given Education Abroad program may be withdrawn from the program and the application deposit or fee refunded. In cases where the student is still required to pay the deposit and/or program fee, the student must be allowed to continue on the program regardless of GPA.

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.

GPA Appeals

Students who do not meet the minimum GPA requirement for exchange and affiliate programs may submit a GPA appeal for further review. Only GPAs that are within 0.25 of the required minimum GPA will be considered for appeal. Students must be in good academic standing to be eligible for an appeal.



A task force of members appointed by the Education Abroad Faculty Standing Committee reviews GPA appeals based on the following elements:

- A statement (500 words or less), written by the student, that clearly articulates why the student believes they should be granted an appeal, and 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) OR evidence/explanation of an unusual event that significantly negatively impacted a recent semester's GPA.
- 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.

Academy for Social Inclusion

Students currently enrolled in the Academy for Social Inclusion through WellStar College may petition to participate in KSU Faculty-Led programs as non-degree seeking students. Academy students should contact Education Abroad for further information.

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.



Education Abroad 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.