

**FAQs for the Study Abroad Courses**

Thank you for your interest in the International Study Abroad Programs. 2018 promises to be a rewarding educational and travel experience! To secure your place on one of the trips in 2018, we’ll need a deposit in the form of a check or credit card payment of $500. Please note that this is a non-refundable deposit and will go towards payment of your trip costs of approx. $3900-$4700 US. You also need to complete the Registration form and the Acceptance of Study Policies form. (Please note there is one for **graduate students** and one for **undergraduates;** please complete the appropriate form).  The Registration form needs to be mailed or dropped off to me because I need your original signature.  Please make sure to place an “X” by the course you will be substituting for the travel course.  The “Acceptance of Study Policies” form can be scanned or faxed to me (909-335-5233). If you would like to make a credit card payment to secure your place, you can call me at 909-748-8748.  If you do not have a current passport please work on getting that ASAP. Please enter your name on the registration form as it appears (or will) appear on your passport.

**Below are some FAQs:**

* **Does the trip count for one of my core classes?** Yes, your Global Business course will be replaced with the study abroad trip.
  1. If you are an undergraduate, it would be BUSB 342.
  2. If you are an MBA student it would be BUAD 655 or INTB 655 or the Global Business course within the Emphasis (FINC 662W, GSIB 692W, INTB 693W, ISYS 680W, INTB 694W).
  3. If you are a MAM student the trips replace your MGMT 690.
* **How much do the trips cost?** The cost of the trips are not usually finalized until about 3 months prior to departure. $4500-$4800 is normal for the European trips , and the Asian trips are typically around $3900. Trip costs fluctuate due to Euros, British Pound, Baht, Dong and the fuel surcharges.
* **What does that include?**  All Airfare, bus and coach passes, hotel accommodations, tour fees, lectures, corporate visits and some of your meals. Students need to bring money for meals, souvenirs and for personal sightseeing excursions.
* **Can I bring a friend or relative?** Yes, we encourage our students to bring family members and/or friends (must be at least 16 years old).  The trip costs will be the same for your guest but your guest will not have to pay tuition costs and may attend lectures/corporate visits.
* **When is the first payment due?** A $500 non-refundable deposit is due to secure your place on this year’s trips, and then the next payment of approximately $2000 will be due about 5 months prior to departure, with the remaining payment of approximately $2000 due about 45 days prior to departure.  (Payments are $500, $2000, approximately $2100). At any time you may pay for the trip in full or make larger payments to pay for the trip earlier.
* **Are there travel scholarships available**?  Yes, please click on the following link for more information. [Scholarship Info.](file:///C:\Users\christine_mee\OneDrive%20-%20University%20of%20Redlands\International%20Programs\2017%20AY%20Travel%20Programs\Cambridge%202017\•%09http:\www.redlands.edu\study\schools-and-centers\school-of-business\academic-programs\study-abroad\study-abroad-scholarship-opportunities\)
* **Are there classes I will attend?** Three mandatory preparatory pre-departure sessions will be held on Saturdays usually 2 months prior to departure.  We will notify you of the pre-departure dates in due course. Usually we have one two at least 45 days out and one about 3 weeks out.
* **Can I scan or email the Registration form?** If you complete the form with blue ink and scan to me in color. Otherwise, you can snail mail or drop off in Hornby hall.
* **Do I need health insurance**? Yes, if you do not have health insurance then you just need to purchase a two week travel policy.  There are many websites that sell travel health insurance (prices vary based on your age).  A Travel Release form and Medical Release form will be sent to you at a later date so please note that you will need to gather medical insurance information.
* **When does the trip leave?** Each trip will have an itinerary that is created and will be mailed to all students and guests about 3-4 months prior to departure.
* **Do we make flight arrangements?** No, we handle the flight arrangements through a travel agency. Because we receive a group rate, we are not allowed to let you make deviations. If you would like to deviate, then you must make your own flight arrangements. If you wish to bring a guest, they will travel with the group for the entire two-week period.

Please let me know what your plans are so we can make this a smooth transition for you.

Thanks,

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