

## Aug 1, 2025 | Study Abroad Parents' Meeting

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### I. Welcome and Gratitude

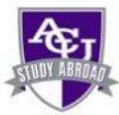
- Team introductions

### II. ACU's Approach to Study Abroad

- Our locations
  - Strategic, safe, medium-sized host city locations
    - In addition, programs in Rwanda, Costa Rica, Japan, Ireland, and more...
  - Strong university communities; access to great faculty
  - Local ACU student support (local staff, Faculty-in-Residence, local faculty, community partners)
  - ACU-owned and operated campuses in safe, central locations
- Guiding Philosophy:
  - ACU's Mission Statement— SA Mission Statement: *SA supports this mission through interaction with the global Christian community, academic excellence, the pursuit of wisdom, the practice of humility, and through giving and receiving hospitality.*
  - We trust our students and believe they need a mix of strong support and meaningful independence to learn, practice responsibility, and develop skills.
  - We believe Study Abroad is a spiritually transforming experience that has the potential to affirm Christian faith. To do this, we believe students benefit from experiences with religious difference both in and outside of local Christian communities.

### III. General Key Dates and Deadlines

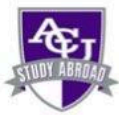
- Applications open(ed) on July 1.
  - Priority deadline is October 1.
    - All students who submit their applications before the priority deadline will be informed of their acceptance/waitlist on October 15.
  - Final deadline is Nov. 1.
    - All students who submit their applications before the final deadline will be informed of their acceptance/waitlist on Nov. 15.
  - RA applications are due by Nov. 1.
    - 1st round interviews will be Nov. 11-15th
    - 2nd round interviews (if necessary) will be November 18-22nd
    - Final RA selection results will be sent on November 26th
  - After you're accepted:
    - Passport "Open House" Event – November 19, 2025 (2-4 pm)



- Orientation (Semesters) – One Day Event, Apr 25, 2026 ?//  
Nov 14, 2026 ?
  - Website and Critical Information
  - Safety and Situational Awareness (including alcohol awareness)
  - Community Standards and the Disciplinary Process
  - Community Formation
  - Pilgrimage and Spiritual Formation
- Orientation (Summers) – Half-day event ( Feb 14, 2026 ?)
- Planned course offerings for Fall, Spring, Summer (including non-hub site) programs are featured on our website through 2027 here: [www.acustudyabroad.com/explore-programs](http://www.acustudyabroad.com/explore-programs)
- Information regarding special student roles which are paid or heavily scholarshiped, can be found here: [www.acustudyabroad.com/student-positions](http://www.acustudyabroad.com/student-positions)
  - No RA roles for non-hub site opportunities
- Information on our programs and campuses can be found here:
  - Programs: [www.acustudyabroad.com/programs](http://www.acustudyabroad.com/programs)
  - Campuses: [www.acustudyabroad.com/international-campuses](http://www.acustudyabroad.com/international-campuses)

#### IV. **Finances - What to expect**

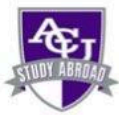
- **Semester Programs:**
  - Study Abroad participants are charged four different categories of fees:
    - Block tuition (36 credit hours, same as on campus)
    - Housing: \$3,500 (average of sophomore housing costs)
    - Board: \$2,500 (charged, then 100% is returned to students' bank accounts in four monthly installments)
      - First deposit is scheduled for before students depart
    - Study Abroad Fee: \$8,250
      - Includes round-trip flight
      - Includes international health insurance
      - Includes local excursions
      - Includes 7-10 day EFT (Educational Field Trip) transportation and most meals
      - Includes some group meals
      - Some general transportation costs
    - These fees do not include:
      - Independent travel costs
      - Most meals
- **Summer Programs:**
  - No additional tuition fees if summer courses are within the student's block allotment
  - Study Abroad participants are charged one fee:
    - Study Abroad Fee: \$6,700
      - Includes round-trip flight
      - Includes international health insurance



- Includes housing
  - Includes local excursions
  - Includes some group meals
  - These fees do not include:
    - Independent travel costs
    - Most meals
- **Non-Hub Site Programs:**
  - Study Abroad participants are charged fees that vary based on the program:
    - Study Abroad Fee: Generally fees are \$6,000-8,000, but they:
      - Includes round-trip flight
      - Includes international health insurance
      - Includes local excursions
      - Includes some group meals
    - These fees do not include:
      - Independent travel costs
      - Most meals
- **Billing:**
  - Fall charges are usually posted the first week of June, spring charges are posted the first week of December, and summer charges are posted in the first week of May
- **Financial Aid:**
  - Scholarships available within ACU and outside ACU
    - <https://www.acustudyabroad.com/finances#scholarships>
  - Payment plans available for semester programs only

## V. Common Concerns

- **RA and Media Coordinator Roles**
  - [www.acustudyabroad.com/student-positions](http://www.acustudyabroad.com/student-positions)
- **Preparation**
  - [www.acustudyabroad.com/preparing-to-go](http://www.acustudyabroad.com/preparing-to-go)
- **Deviations:** [www.acustudyabroad.com/flight-information](http://www.acustudyabroad.com/flight-information)
  - Deviate requests must be submitted no later than 60 days prior to departure from the United States to request a deviation in writing (no phone calls). After this, it may no longer be possible to make flight changes. Realize that extension dates are NOT guaranteed to be available, so the sooner you request, the better. Once you are in your host country, a return date change will not be possible. Deviations cost \$100 + any difference in flight fare.
- **Visitation Information:** [www.acustudyabroad.com/visiting-programs](http://www.acustudyabroad.com/visiting-programs)
  - We welcome family and friends to visit Study Abroad students! However, family members and friends are not allowed to stay in the ACU residence overnight. Visitation is only permitted during the hours of 10 a.m. and 8 p.m., unless specific program policies provide additional guidelines. Guests must remain in the “public”



areas of each facility unless they have the explicit permission of the Program Director to visit any other areas of the facility. More policies guiding visitation, including timing and accommodation information, can be found at the link above.

#### Q&A Items

