Hawai'i Pacific University

Study Abroad Checklist

Research Options

Study Abroad through: ☐

Our exchange partner schools

- Students will be charged HPU tuition but will make their own visa and housing arrangements
- All Federal Financial Aid and HPU scholarships can be used

Our partner Education Abroad Organizations

- Student will pay education abroad organization directly for all tuition, housing and travel costs
- All Federal Financial Aid can use used

Study Abroad Program Options: http://www.hpu.edu/Study_Abroad/index.html

Language Study

Start or continue your language studies if you plan to study in a non-English speaking country ☐

Passport

Apply for or renew your Passport ☐

Appointment

- Make an appointment by filling out the Study Abroad Inquiry Form: https://secure.hpu.edu/xchangeprog/ ☐
- Receive an HPU Study Abroad Application and discuss your plans for studying abroad. The Director can answer any questions you might have at this time

Academic Advisor

In preparation for your appointment, please meet with the Academic Advisor for your major to get a better understanding of your remaining degree requirements ☐

Educate

Educate yourself about where you're planning on studying. Contact students who've been there and read related survey info, visit the school's website, and even prepare a budget for the estimated costs associated with the location ☐

Financial Aid & Scholarships

If you receive financial aid, meet with a Financial Aid counselor to figure out what aid you'll be able to use toward your semester abroad ☐

Make sure to review all Study Abroad scholarships:
http://www.hpu.edu/Study_Abroad/Resources/page_Scholarships.html

**Please note that most scholarship application deadlines are often a semester or year before you plan to study abroad*

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Course Grid

Ensure that the courses you plan to take abroad will count towards your HPU degree, by filling out the course grid on your HPU Study Abroad Application ☐

- Obtain a course description and syllabus in English for all courses and alternative courses you wish to register for
- Work with the Director of Study Abroad to schedule an appointment with the Study Abroad Faculty Liaison for your major for discussion, suggestions and approval for your courses abroad to fulfill degree requirements

Visa Process

Familiarize yourself with the visa process of the host country to ensure a smooth transition should you get accepted ☐

Some questions to consider:
How long is the process normally?
What forms or documents do I have to turn in?
Is there an embassy near me or will I have to send it out of state?
How much does a visa cost?
What type of visa do I apply for?
Do I need to request an official transcript from HPU?
Will I have my visa in my hand before studying abroad?

Application

Submit your HPU Study Abroad Application by the posted deadline: ☐
Fall Semester Deadline: Mid-March
Spring Semester Deadline: Mid-October
Submit your Host University or program's application. Deadlines will vary.

Eligibility requirements for studying abroad:

•Undergraduates and Graduate students who have completed at least one semester of studies at HPU and who intend to complete a degree at HPU
•Minimum GPA of 3.0
•Good academic and judicial standing
•Having declared at least one major
•Completing an HPU Study Abroad Application which includes a course grid verifying your coursework overseas and HPU equivalents
•Essay articulating your goals for studying abroad

Ensuring you will Receive Credit for your Time Abroad:

•Each course you plan to take needs to be approved by the appropriate academic department for credit towards your major, minor or general education requirements.
•Enroll in whatever constitutes as a full course load at your Host University or program.
•While abroad, encouraged to take one course to learn the language of your host country.
•Take courses for a letter grade and earn a C or higher. However, your grades from abroad will not be factored into your HPU GPA.