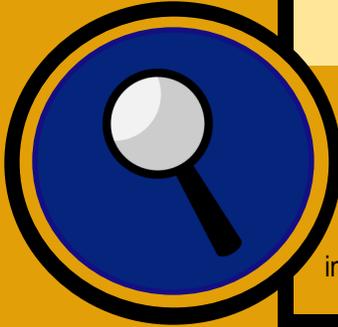


Third-Party Program Approval

What is the Third-Party Program Approval Process?

Students can choose to participate in a *non-FIU* or *outside* study abroad program. These third-party programs are not offered by FIU. It could mean direct enrolling in a foreign institution, participating in a program through a different US university, or participating in a 3rd party provider program. If you are interested in participating in a third-party program, you must apply through the Office of Study Abroad to have your program reviewed for approval to count here at FIU. The Third-Party Program Approval application is *separate* from the application to the actual program. The application to participate in the program would be handled through the organization running your chosen program.

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Find a program

Do some research to find an outside study abroad program by looking into other universities and/or 3rd party providers. These websites might be helpful in your search: www.studyabroad.com or <http://iiepassport.org/>. When reviewing programs, be sure to confirm that the program accepts outside students. Then, pay attention to details like application requirements, deadlines, course offerings, etc. You can also contact the program for further information on things like housing, transcripts, etc.

Meet with the Office of Study Abroad

Schedule an appointment with the Office of Study Abroad to review the process of getting an outside program approved. Some of the topics addressed may include: approval application instructions, remaining degree requirements, the course approval process, financial aid implications, etc.



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Apply for Approval

Go to abroad.fiu.edu to complete the application for Third-Party Program Approval. The deadlines for the application are listed below, and required items are listed in the application. Students must be in good academic standing (2.0 GPA for undergraduate or 3.0 GPA for graduate) to be approved.

Keep in mind you also need to complete the application for the program by the deadlines set for the program. This means you will have two, separate applications related to your study abroad experience. Due to the various program deadlines, FIU cannot tailor our approval deadlines to meet outside program deadlines.

Approval deadlines are as follows:

- ◆ *Summer* — April 15th
- ◆ *Fall or Academic Year* — June 15th
- ◆ *Spring* — November 1st

Note: Once accepted, you will be required to attend a mandatory Pre-Departure Orientation to prepare you for your trip.