



# STUDY ABROAD 101



# WHY STUDY ABROAD?



## **Broaden Your Global Perspective**

- Gain meaningful intercultural understanding and appreciation



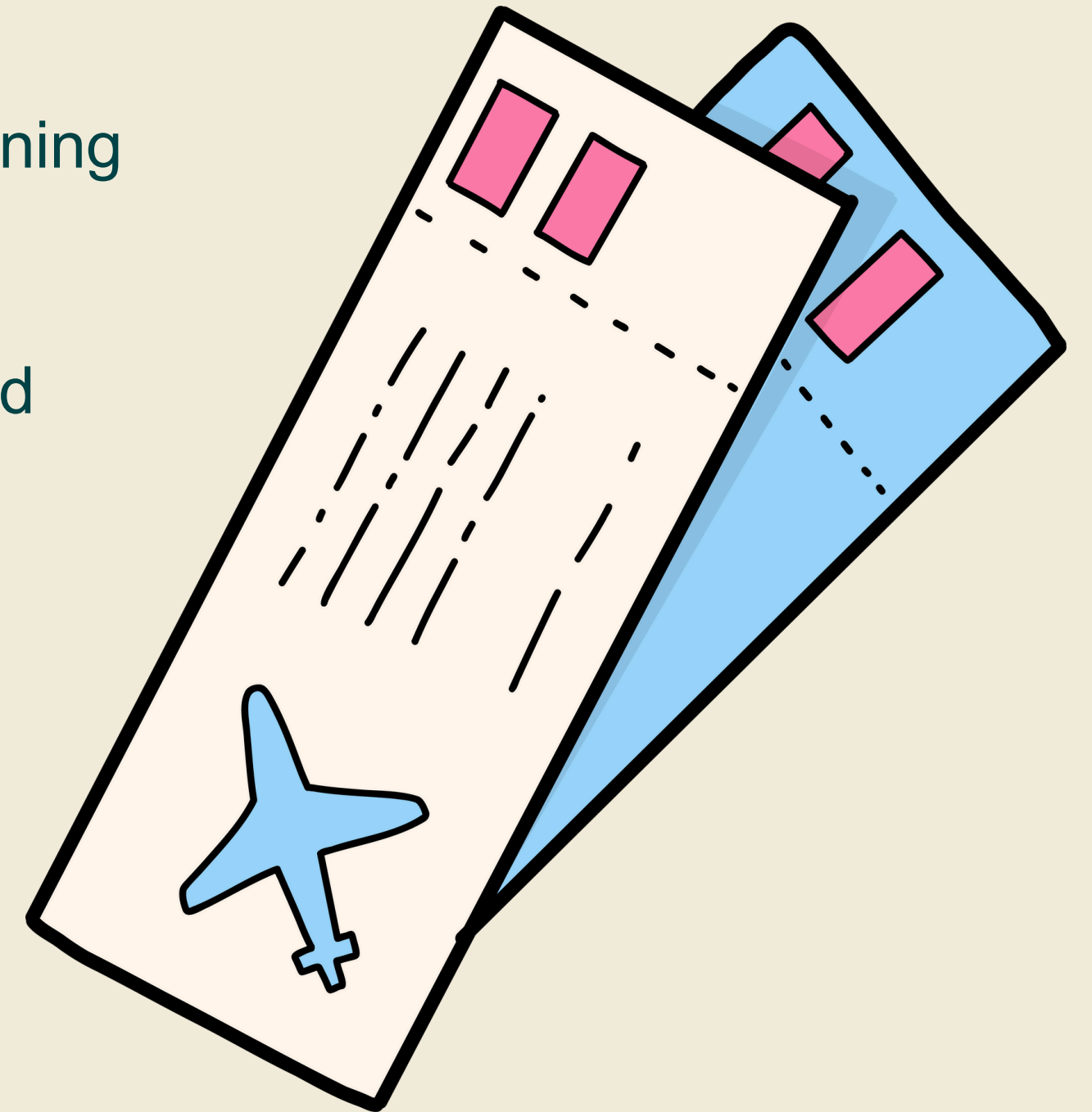
## **Boost Career Opportunities**

- Stand out in the job market and increase your earning potential



## **Develop Essential Life & Career Skills**

- Build adaptability, communication, confidence, and self-reliance



# STUDY ABROAD OPTIONS AT SHSU

## Exchange:



- Take courses at one of SHSU's partner universities outside of the country

## Faculty-Led:



- Enroll in an SHSU course and travel with your SHSU professor and class for 1-4 weeks in the summer or winter

## Affiliated/Non-Affiliated:



- Study abroad through a third-party provider

## National Student Exchange (NSE):

- Exchange with a student within U.S or Canada



Learn more: [Study Abroad Programs](#)



# DIFFERENCES

	Exchange Programs	Faculty-led Programs	Affiliated Programs	NSE
Tuition Costs	SHSU tuition	SHSU tuition + program fees	Program's tuition	SHSU tuition + related fees
Financial Aid	Applies (verify with Financial Aid)	Applies (verify with Financial Aid)	Applies (verify with Financial Aid)	Applies (verify with Financial Aid)
Course Registration	Courses transfer back to SHSU	Registered as SHSU course	Courses transfer back to SHSU	Courses transfer back to SHSU
Application Process	Exchange + SHSU Study Abroad application	Only SHSU Study Abroad application	Program + SHSU Study Abroad application	NSE + SHSU Study Abroad application



# FUNDING STUDY ABROAD



Studying abroad can be affordable with the right planning!



Visit the [Study Abroad Funding](#) page to explore:

- Scholarships
- Financial aid options
- Budgeting tips
- External funding resources



**Start early** to maximize the chances of receiving funding!



# COST BREAKDOWN

	Tuition	Housing	Financial Aid	SHSU Fees	Additional Costs
Exchange Programs	SHSU tuition under full-time status + related fees	Separate	Based on award	Study Abroad fee, insurance fee	flights, meals, visa (if applicable), personal costs
Faculty-led Programs	SHSU tuition for course + related fees	Included	Based on award	Program fee, Study Abroad fee, insurance fee	flights, meals, visa (if applicable), personal costs
Affiliated Programs	Program's tuition	Separate	Based on award	Study Abroad fee, insurance fee	flights, meals, visa (if applicable), personal costs
NSE	SHSU tuition + related fees	Separate	Based on award	Study Abroad fee, insurance fee	flights, meals, visa (if applicable), personal costs

# APPLICATION DETAILS (EXCHANGE & AFFILIATED)

All students must complete **two sets of applications**:



## 1. Bearkat Abroad Portal

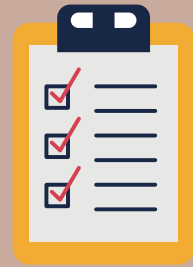
- Only **one application** is required - apply to your **#1 choice program**
- **Free** to apply
- Access the portal here: **Bearkat Abroad Portal**
- Available programs: **Study Abroad Programs**



*Non-affiliated programs (not listed) are also allowed but have additional conditions*



# APPLICATION DETAILS (EXCHANGE & AFFILIATED)



## 2. Apply to Your Program(s)

- You may apply to **multiple programs** while exploring your options. Once you've selected your **#1 choice**, notify the **Study Abroad Office**



## Program Requirements Vary

- Some programs may have their own application fees



If your program requires approval, email requests to [studyabroad@shsu.edu](mailto:studyabroad@shsu.edu)



# APPLICATION DETAILS (FACULTY-LED PROGRAMS)



All students must complete the application through the Bearkat Abroad Portal



Only one application is required - apply to your top-choice program



Free to apply




Consult with the program's faculty leader for specific program details




# BEARKAT ABROAD PORTAL: WHAT TO EXPECT

## Stage 1: Pre-Decision

- Before your application is approved, you'll need to:

 **Attend a Study Abroad Appointment** *(required for all programs except faculty-led)*

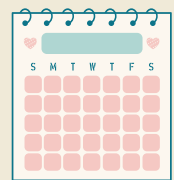
 **Attend a Student Money Management Appointment**

 **Verify faculty-led approval** (for faculty-led programs) & confirm **judicial standing**

 **Submit your unofficial transcript**

 **Sign financial responsibility agreements**

Deadlines:



- **Fall and Academic Year:** March 15
- **Spring and Summer:** October 15



# BEARKAT ABROAD PORTAL: WHAT TO EXPECT

## Stage 2: Post-Decision

- After your application is approved, you'll need to:



**Sign all required forms**



**Submit the Consortium Agreement Form**



**Complete the Course Pre-Approval Form**



**Provide your contact and emergency contact information**



**Submit your flight details**



**Upload your passport and student visa**



**Complete the Pre-Health Travel Survey**

# IMPORTANT NOTES



Required **forms and tasks may vary** depending on your program type

Some tasks are **time-sensitive** and may affect:

- Financial aid
- Credit transfer
- Other key aspects of your study abroad experience







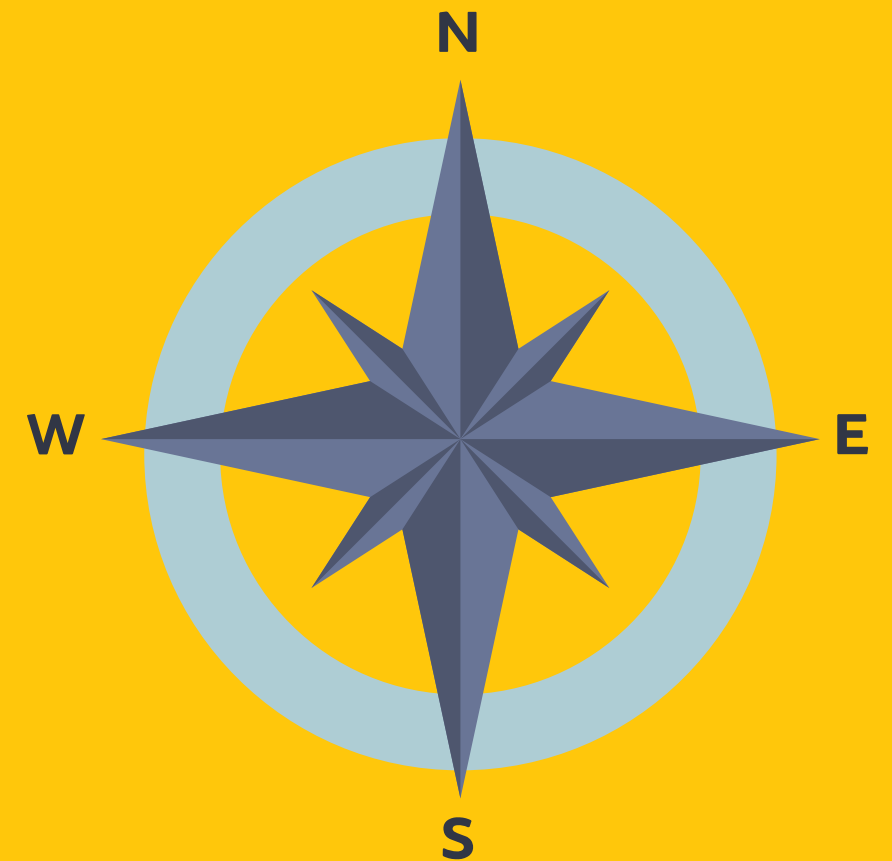
**All tasks must be completed before departure**



# YOUR STUDENT ACCOUNT

The following items will be charged to your SHSU account:

-  **Study Abroad Fee**
-  **SHSU Travel Insurance Fee**
-  **SHSU Tuition and Related Fees** (*applies only to Exchange and Faculty-Led programs*)
-  **Program Fee** (*applies only to Faculty-Led programs*)



# ADDITIONAL FEES TO BE PAID DIRECTLY

- The following expenses **will NOT** be charged to your SHSU student account and must be paid directly to the program or independently

- May include:



Application fees &/or deposits required by your program



Flights and transportation to and from your destination



Visa and passport costs (including renewals)



Insurance required by your program



Books and supplies



Personal expenses



Other fees itemized by your program



**Important:** If you receive an invoice from your program, payment must be made directly to the third-party provider



# IMPORTANT PAYMENT INFORMATION

- Some programs require a **non-refundable deposit**, which you are responsible for paying:
- The **SHSU Study Abroad fee is non-refundable**
- If SHSU receives an invoice that includes your deposit, the amount will be **credited toward your student account balance**
- It is your responsibility to check your **email, Bearkat Abroad Portal** and any other application portals to stay up to date on your application status



# HOW TO TRANSFER CREDITS: EXCHANGE & AFFILIATED/NON-AFFILIATED PROGRAMS

## Course Pre-Approval Form

- **Required for all students** participating in study abroad
- Must include signatures from your **academic advisor**
- Available in your **Bearkat Abroad Portal** after your pre-approval
- Approved courses may count toward:
  - Major requirements
  - Minor requirements
  - Elective credit





# HOW TO TRANSFER CREDITS: EXCHANGE & AFFILIATED/NON-AFFILIATED PROGRAMS

To have courses count toward your **major or minor**:



**Consult with your academic advisor**



Be aware: **Departments may limit** how many courses can transfer back



**Bring course syllabi and descriptions** to your advising meeting to help with course evaluation



# HOW TO TRANSFER CREDITS: EXCHANGE & AFFILIATED/NON-AFFILIATED PROGRAMS

To ensure your courses transfer successfully:



**Have your program's official transcript sent to: Office of Study Abroad**

*studyabroad@shsu.edu*

**Courses will only transfer after both of the following are received:**



- Your **completed Course Pre-Approval Form**
- The **official transcript** from your host institution



# NEXT STEPS

## Talk to your academic advisor



- Discuss how studying abroad may affect your graduation timeline and degree plan

## Review the study abroad process



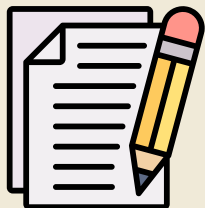
- Visit the Office of Study Abroad website to understand steps, deadlines and requirements

## Research programs that interest you



- Explore opportunities through the Bearkat Abroad Portal or the SHSU Study Abroad Programs page

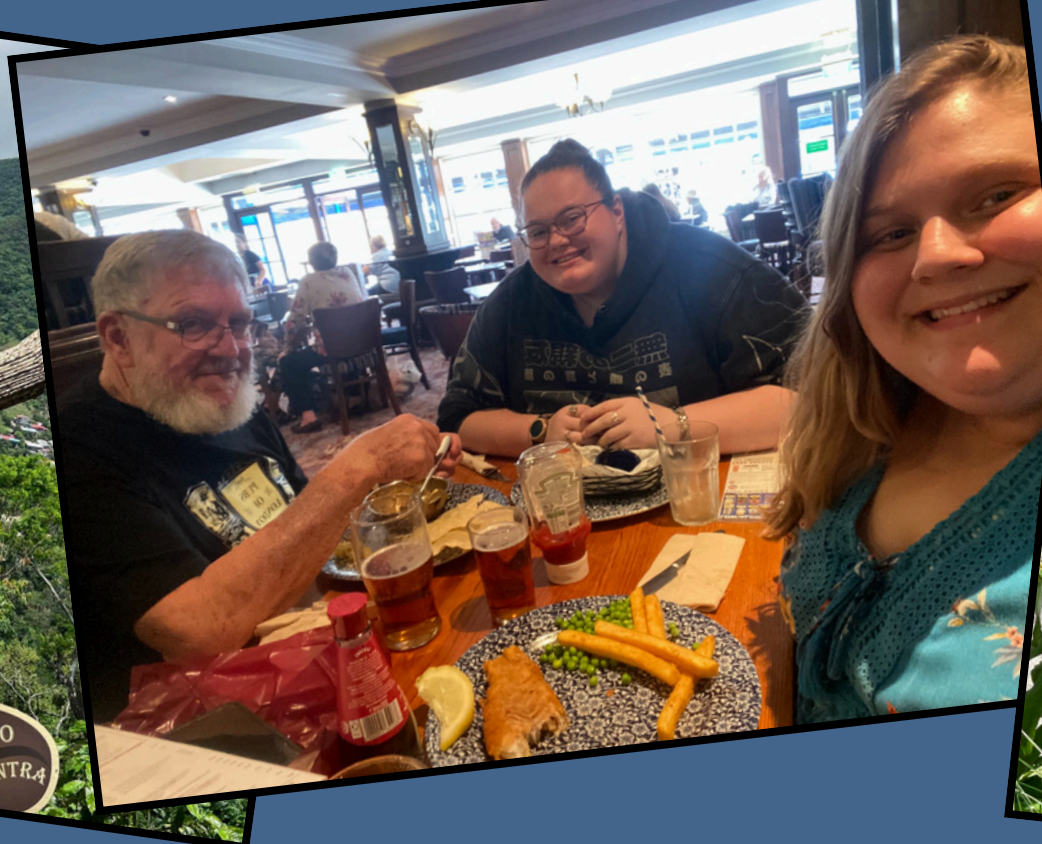
## Apply to your chosen program



- Begin applying directly to the programs of interest
- Then, start your **Bearkats Abroad Portal application** for your **#1 choice program**







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*WHAT ARE YOUR QUESTIONS?*