

## Los Rios Study Abroad Application Checklist – Florence, Spring 2023

- (1) **Check minimum eligibility:** 18 years old + 12 college units completed + 2.25 cumulative college GPA
- (2) **Meet with your academic counselor** to plan which offered courses will best fulfill your educational goals. For a complete course list, visit: [bit.ly/3iCi5iB](https://bit.ly/3iCi5iB). *Note: you must enroll in and complete 12 units from the list, including ANTH 391 and at least one of the SOC courses.*
- (3) **If you qualify for the California College Promise Grant (CCPG)**, add all the following schools to your 2022-2023 FAFSA: American River College (001232), Los Medanos College (010340), Santa Rosa Junior College (001287), and Cañada College (006973).
- (4) **Considering financial aid?** Schedule a preliminary meeting with financial aid officer Brandy Rose ([RoseB@arc.losrios.edu](mailto:RoseB@arc.losrios.edu)) to discuss eligibility, potential award, and other funding opportunities.
- (5) **Apply to the program and pay deposit.** The application is on the American Institute for Foreign Study (AIFS) website: [bit.ly/3z8uZ4Y](https://bit.ly/3z8uZ4Y). A \$450 deposit is due prior to processing. For refund information, visit: [bit.ly/3o4tttE](https://bit.ly/3o4tttE).
- (6) **Complete student information Google Form** at [forms.gle/XriU5BLDSxCBx1EP7](https://forms.gle/XriU5BLDSxCBx1EP7). This is where you will be asked to confirm program options and indicate class preferences, among other things.
- (7) **Email the following items** to [studyabroad@losrios.edu](mailto:studyabroad@losrios.edu):
  - **Photo ID** – photo or scan, showing birthdate
  - **Unofficial college transcripts** – representing all completed coursework
  - **Los Rios waiver** ([bit.ly/3O84II7](https://bit.ly/3O84II7)) – completed and signed
  - **Consortium agreement** ([bit.ly/3z6vj3S](https://bit.ly/3z6vj3S)) – completed and signed
  - **FERPA consent** ([bit.ly/3PpTH5W](https://bit.ly/3PpTH5W)) – completed and signed; Typically, a parent/guardian is listed
- (8) **Check your email for an onboarding meeting invitation.** This meeting with the program director is when you are officially confirmed for the study abroad program!
- (9) **Using financial aid?** Schedule another meeting with financial aid officer Brandy Rose ([RoseB@arc.losrios.edu](mailto:RoseB@arc.losrios.edu)) to check your eServices status, fill out required forms, discuss the next steps, and ask questions. For more details, review the Financial Aid/Loan Checklist: [bit.ly/3cbDH9o](https://bit.ly/3cbDH9o).
- (10) **Apply for scholarships, create a budget, and start saving!** Research and apply for scholarships, including the *Study Abroad Ambassador Scholarship*: [bit.ly/3O7Scs6](https://bit.ly/3O7Scs6). In addition to the AIFS program/housing fee (**Apartment \$7,995**), other items to budget for *include* airfare (group package **\$1,326** or schedule your own), optional upgrades (meal vouchers **\$495**; medical **\$65**), tuition (**\$552-690**; **\$0** with CCPG), textbooks (**\$ varies**), meals and personal expenses (depends on lifestyle; **\$2,100-3,000+**), and any additional adventures you might want to take while in Europe.
- (11) **Register for classes.** Once solidified, your space in classes will be reserved — so don't worry about registration until we send detailed instructions via email closer to the enrollment period. Note: you will register for each class separately through the college offering it, so it is likely you will be registering in multiple college districts. Don't worry, we will guide you!
- (12) **Attend pre-departure meetings:**
  - **Florence Kickoff Reception (Los Rios only):** Dec 2022 or Jan 2023 (TBD); American River College
  - **Consortium Pre-Departure Orientation (mandatory):** likely Jan 2023 (TBD); Location (TBD)