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. 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) 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. A $450 deposit is due prior to processing. For refund information, visit: bit.ly/3o4ttdE.

☐ (6) **Complete student information Google Form** at forms.gle/XriUSBLDSxCBx1EP7. 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:
  - Photo ID – photo or scan, showing birthdate
  - Unofficial college transcripts – representing all completed coursework
  - Los Rios waiver (bit.ly/3O84II7) – completed and signed
  - Consortium agreement (bit.ly/3z6vj3S) – completed and signed
  - FERPA consent (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) 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.

☐ (10) **Apply for scholarships, create a budget, and start saving!** Research and apply for scholarships, including the Study Abroad Ambassador Scholarship: 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)