

Unapproved Program Participation

Effective Academic Year 2026-27

Students are strongly encouraged to participate in Clemson University approved education abroad programs. This is in place to:

- Ensure consistent access to program resources and support services
- Promote student safety and emergency preparedness
- Foster community engagement and cultural immersion
- Comply with host institution and partner program requirements

Students wishing to pursue participation in a study abroad program that is not part of the Clemson University's [approved education abroad programs list](#), will be required to:

- Take a leave of absence from Clemson University for the duration of the program
- Independently coordinate their academic coursework evaluation through the University Registrar's process for [Transferring Credits from Other Schools](#)

Students who elect to participate in an unapproved program, will be fully responsible for all details and costs associated with participation. Clemson University will not be able to assist students with any issues that come up during the course of their study abroad experience. In this case, students are assuming all risks and responsibilities that come with participation in an unapproved program. These risks can include, but are not limited to, transferability of coursework, safety concerns, financial loss, less support from program provider, and possible disruptions to your study abroad experience.

Students Receiving Financial Aid at Clemson University should note the following:

- Students who choose to enroll in an unapproved program for a semester will be considered to have broken their continuous enrollment with the university. As a result, any federal student loans (Direct and/or Parent PLUS) and private student loans will enter their repayment grace periods.
- Any scholarship(s) the student has earned would not be applicable during the semester of unapproved enrollment, and their eligibility for scholarship renewal will be jeopardized.
- Students receiving a Pell Grant who choose to enroll in an unapproved program will also affect their Lifetime Eligibility Used (LEU), reducing the remaining Pell Grant eligibility available to them, which is limited to the equivalent of 12 full-time semesters.

