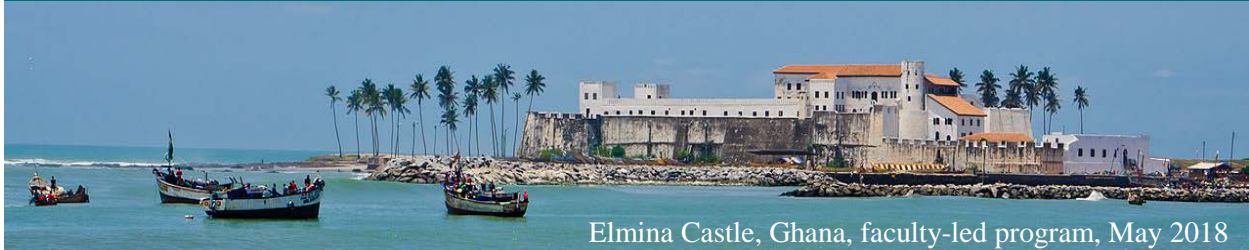


FAQs about Education Abroad



1. Do I need a passport to participate?

Yes, students who travel outside of the United States (except Puerto Rico) will require a passport.

2. Who can afford to participate?

Everyone! The Center for Global Engagement is committed to offering programs that fit a variety of budgets. Some programs cost the same or less than the cost of attendance at Coastal Carolina! There are many ways to finance your international experience—scholarships, financial aid and/or loans.

3. Where can I travel abroad as a CCU student?

Coastal Carolina University enjoys a large portfolio of approved education abroad programs all over the world to include traditional study programs, international internships and research options! We offer programs in more than 20 countries and on every continent except Antarctica.

4. Is it safe to travel internationally?

The safety and security of our students is paramount. The Center for Global Engagement staff continuously monitor security situations in all countries where we have education abroad programs, vet host families, enroll students in comprehensive international health and accident insurance, and require pre-departure as well as on-site orientations. Our goal is to help students adjust to their new surroundings and be academically and personally successful.

5. When should I start planning my education abroad experience?

The sooner, the better! Students who plan early have more program and destination options. All students are encouraged to start researching options during their first year. When you meet with your college adviser, use these 10 magical words: “I want to build education abroad into my degree plan.”

6. I don’t speak another language. Will that be a problem?

Not at all. All education abroad classes (except for foreign language classes) are taught in English so students can be academically successful, and we encourage students to consider studying abroad in countries where the primary language spoken is not English.

7. Do I have to take classes abroad, or are there other options?

In addition to taking classes abroad, CCU students have the opportunity to conduct research in their field and participate in international internships. Explore your options and find the program that best aligns with your academic, professional and personal goals!

8. How long are education abroad programs?

Students can participate in short-term faculty-led programs (which range from 10 to 30 days), summer programs (which range from a couple weeks to the entire summer), semester-long programs and year-long programs. Students are also welcome to study or intern abroad multiple times!

9. If I participate, will I graduate on time?

Yes! Our staff will work with you and your college adviser to make sure you take courses that keep you on track in your degree plan. Some students earn up to 12 credits while interning abroad. Consider an international experience if your major requires an internship for graduation.

10. Will I need to apply for a visa to participate?

Visa requirements vary depending on the country where you are studying or interning abroad, as well as the duration of your program. Some countries do not require a student visa for short-term programs (e.g., Maymester) but do require a student visa for programs that are longer than 90 days.

11. Where will I live while I am abroad?

Housing depends on your education abroad program. Some international programs offer a variety of accommodations to include staying in on-campus housing (i.e., residence halls) or off-campus housing and apartments. Other programs allow and encourage students to live with a host family.

12. I am an international student. Can I participate, too?

Yes, but please meet with International Students Services first to discuss options and visa processes.

13. Am I eligible to participate?

Students who are on probation (disciplinary, housing and/or University) are not allowed to participate in any kind of international program. For faculty-led programs, students need a minimum 2.5 GPA. GPA requirements for semester and year-long programs vary, and students must complete two semesters on campus at Coastal Carolina University before they can study, intern or research abroad.

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The Great Wall of China, faculty-led program, May 2016