

Los Rios Study Abroad Application Checklist – Florence, Spring 2025

- **(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: tinyurl.com/Flo25Courses. *Note: you must enroll in and complete 12 units from the list, including INDIS 351 and at least one MATH class.*
- **(3) Considering financial aid?** Schedule a meeting with [Dan Alexander](#) (ARC), [Phuong Le](#) (CRC), [Irina Randak](#) (FLC), or [Maritza LaVu](#) (SCC) to discuss eligibility, potential award, and other funding sources.
- **(4) If you qualify for the California College Promise Grant (CCPG)**, add all the following schools to your 2024-2025 FAFSA: American River College (001232), College of San Mateo (001181), Santa Rosa Junior College (001287), and Diablo Valley College (001191).
- **(5) Apply to the program and pay deposit**. The application is on the American Institute for Foreign Study (AIFS) website: tinyurl.com/Flo25App. A \$450 deposit is due prior to processing. For refund information, visit: <https://tinyurl.com/Flo25Rfd>
- **(6) Complete student information Google Form** at tinyurl.com/Flo25Gform. 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** – legible photo or scan, showing birthdate
 - **Unofficial college transcripts** – representing **all** completed college coursework
 - **Los Rios waiver** (tinyurl.com/Flo25Waive) – completed and signed
 - **Consortium agreement** (tinyurl.com/Flo25Agrmnt) – completed and signed
 - **FERPA consent** (tinyurl.com/Flo25FERPA) – completed and signed; parent/guardian listed
- **(8) Check your email for an onboarding meeting invitation**. This meeting with program director Adam Windham is when you are officially confirmed for the study abroad program!
- **(9) Using financial aid?** Schedule another meeting with [Dan Alexander](#) (ARC), [Phuong Le](#) (CRC), [Irina Randak](#) (FLC), or [Maritza LaVu](#) (SCC) to check your eServices status, fill out required forms, discuss next steps, and ask questions. For details, review the Financial Aid Checklist: tinyurl.com/Flo25Aid.
- **(10) Apply for scholarships, create a budget, and start saving!** Research and apply for scholarships, including the *Study Abroad Ambassador Scholarship*: tinyurl.com/Flo25Schlr. In addition to the AIFS program housing/admin fee (\$8,345), other items to budget for *include* airfare (group package \$ 1,269 or schedule your own), tuition (\$552 - \$782; \$0 with CCPG), textbooks (\$ **Varies**), meals and personal expenses (depends on lifestyle; \$2,100 - \$3,000+), *optional* upgrades (additional medical \$65; meal vouchers \$595; Rome \$495; Sorrento \$650; Venice \$495), and any additional adventures you might want to take while in Italy.
- **(11) Register for classes**. Once confirmed, *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**:
 - **Los Rios Kickoff Reception (recommended)**: TBD Nov/Dec 2024; American River College
 - **Pre-Departure Orientation (mandatory)**: TBD Jan 2025; Bay area, TBD)