Los Rios Study Abroad Application Checklist – Florence, Spring 2026

- (1) <u>Check minimum eligibility</u>: 18 years old + 12 college units completed + 2.25 cumulative college GPA
- □ (2) <u>Meet with your academic counselor</u> to plan which offered courses will best fulfill your educational goals. For a complete course list, visit: <u>https://tinyurl.com/Flo26CP</u> Note: you must enroll in and complete 12 units from the list, including INDIS 353 and at least one PSYC or BIOL class.
- (3) If you qualify for the California College Promise Grant (CCPG), add all the following schools to your 2025-2026 FAFSA: Your Los Rios Home College: ARC (001232) CRC (007536) FLC (038713) SCC (001233), Diablo Valley College (001191), Santa Rosa Junior College (001287), and Cañada College (006973).
- (4) <u>Considering financial aid</u>? Schedule a meeting with <u>Dan Alexander</u> (ARC), <u>Phuong Le</u> (CRC), <u>Khaa-Lel</u> <u>Whitaker</u> (FLC), or <u>Maritza LaVu</u> (SCC) to discuss eligibility, potential award, and other funding sources.
- □ (5) <u>Apply to the program and pay deposit</u>. The application is on the American Institute for Foreign Study (AIFS) website: <u>tinyurl.com/Flo26App</u>. A \$450 deposit is due prior to processing. For refund information, visit: <u>tinyurl.com/Flo26Rfd</u>.
- □ (6) <u>Complete student information Google Form</u> at <u>tinyurl.com/Flo26GForm</u>. This is where you will be asked to confirm program options and indicate class preferences, among other things.
- □ (7) <u>Email the following items</u> to <u>studyabroad@losrios.edu</u>:
 - Photo ID legible photo or scan, showing birthdate
 - Unofficial college transcripts representing all completed college coursework
 - Los Rios waiver (<u>tinyurl.com/Flo26Waive</u>) completed and signed
 - Consortium agreement (<u>tinyurl.com/Flo26Agrmnt</u>) completed and signed
 - **FERPA consent** (<u>tinyurl.com/Flo26FERPA</u>) *completed and signed; parent/guardian listed*
- □ (8) <u>Check your email for an onboarding meeting invitation</u>. 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), Khaa-Lel Whitaker (FLC), or Maritza LaVu (SCC) to check your eServices status, fill out required forms, discuss next steps, and ask questions. For details, review the FA Checklist: tinyurl.com/Flo26FAList.
- (10) <u>Apply for scholarships, create a budget, and start saving</u>! Research and apply for scholarships, including the *Study Abroad Ambassador Scholarship*: <u>tinyurl.com/Flo26Schlr</u>. In addition to the AIFS program admin/housing fee (\$8,745), other items to budget for <u>include</u> airfare (group package \$1235 or schedule your own), optional upgrades (meal plan \$625; medical \$65), tuition (\$552; \$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) <u>Register for classes</u>. 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) <u>Attend pre-departure meetings</u>:
 - Los Rios Kickoff Reception (recommended): TBD Nov-Dec 2025; American River College
 - Pre-Departure Orientation (mandatory): January; Location TBD