

Los Rios Study Abroad Application Checklist – Florence, Spring 2027

- ❑ **(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: <https://tinyurl.com/coursepacket>. *Note: you must enroll in and complete 12 units from the list, including INDIS 351 and at least one ENGLT or ENGWR class.*
- ❑ **(3) If you qualify for the California College Promise Grant (CCPG),** add all the following schools to your 2026-2027 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) Considering financial aid?** Schedule a meeting with [Dan Alexander](#) (ARC), [Phuong Le](#) (CRC), [Khaa-Lei Whitaker](#) (FLC), or [Maritza LaVu](#) (SCC) to discuss eligibility, potential award, and other funding sources.
- ❑ **(5) Apply to the program and pay deposit.** The application is on the American Institute for Foreign Study (AIFS) website: <https://tinyurl.com/AIFS>. \$450 deposit is due prior to processing. For refund information, visit: <https://tinyurl.com/Rfnd>
- ❑ **(6) Complete student information Google Form** at <https://tinyurl.com/StdntInfo>. 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/waiver) – completed and signed
 - **Consortium agreement** (<https://tinyurl.com/Agrmt>) – completed and signed
 - **FERPA consent** (<https://tinyurl.com/FERPA>) – 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), [Khaa-Lei 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: <https://tinyurl.com/FAlist>
- ❑ **(10) Apply for scholarships, create a budget, and start saving!** Research and apply for scholarships, including the *Study Abroad Ambassador Scholarship*: <https://tinyurl.com/AmbScholar>
- ❑ **(11) In addition to the AIFS program admin/housing fee (\$9,195), other items to budget for include** airfare (group package **\$1,394** or schedule your own), optional upgrades (student residence **+\$2,250**; medical **(\$65)**, tuition **(\$552; \$0 with CCPG)**, textbooks **(\$ Varies)**, meals and personal expenses (depends on lifestyle; **\$700-\$1000 per month for day-to-day needs**), and any additional adventures you might want to take while in Europe.
- ❑ **(12) 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!
- ❑ **(13) Attend pre-departure meetings:**
 - **Los Rios Kickoff Reception (recommended):** TBD; Location: American River College
 - **Pre-Departure Orientation (mandatory):** January 16, 2027; Location: Diablo Valley College