

## Study Abroad and Student Exchange GPA Policy

Program Directors are encouraged to set their academic expectations (including GPA minimums) for their faculty-led programs. UA Study Abroad values faculty opinions regarding acceptance, because the Program Directors ultimately know the difficulty of their curriculum and will be working very closely with the students while abroad.

In order to satisfy UA requirements related to probation and academic disqualifications, UA Study Abroad has developed the following policy especially relevant to students applying with a GPA lower than 2.50:

- Applicants should have at least a 2.50 GPA (or possibly higher depending on program expectations).
- If a student with a GPA lower than a 2.50 (but absolutely no lower than 2.20) would like to apply to a UA Study Abroad program, they must submit the regular application materials plus the following documents:
  - Personal statement explaining the reasons for the lower GPA
  - Mid-term grades for ALL current classes
  - Additional recommendation

After submission of all application materials, the applications will be reviewed by the Study Abroad Coordinator and Program Director or Host Institution and acceptance will be determined at that time. An interview will be required as part of the decision process.

***Please Note:***

Students on academic probation should wait to apply for a study abroad program until their grades are above a 2.2 cumulative GPA.

Student applying to programs with less than a 2.0 cumulative GPA for one semester are currently on academic probation. Once a student has less than a 2.0 GPA for two terms (including summer), they will be academically disqualified from the UA. This means that they will be ineligible for financial aid monies, and UA Study Abroad will not be able to post their grades after the term abroad.

Because of the application deadlines and the financial commitments of each program, it is important to remember that even if a student becomes academically disqualified prior to the program start, they may still be liable for the entire program cost. It is in everyone's best interest to make sure that students will not be academically disqualified before the start of the program, especially in regards, to summer faculty-led programs.

