

Summer Abroad: Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

General

What is Summer Abroad?

In Summer Abroad, students spend 2-8 weeks attending classes at one of our partner universities. Programmes run from May to August each year.

How will I benefit from Summer Abroad?

Summer Abroad is designed to give SIM students the global exposure that employers value. While abroad, you will be able to experience campus life at world-class universities; take courses with top professors; meet students from all over the world; and live independently in a foreign city. Often, you will find yourself having the option of taking courses in a variety of areas that are not offered in SIM as well. It is thus an intensive academic and cultural experience and you should expect to gain much from it.

Eligibility

I failed one subject / My grades are average, can I apply for Summer Abroad?

Yes, we look at all parts of every application to help inform our judgment. However, do note that certain courses require excellent grades (Second Class Honours – Upper / GPA 3.3 of 4) as prerequisites for entry.

I'm currently in the diploma programme, can I apply for Summer Abroad?

Yes. Students enrolled in diploma programmes are considered as first-year university students and are eligible for most programmes. Do note that as they do not have a university transcript, they may not be able to register for certain courses where university level grades are required as prerequisites.

Can I attend more than one Summer Abroad programme?

Yes, you may apply for multiple sessions **if they do not clash**. To do so, please indicate both programs on SIMConnect.

I am in my graduating semester, can I apply for Summer Abroad?

Yes. Current students who are attending classes at the point of registration are eligible to apply for Summer Abroad.

I have graduated from SIM, can I apply for Summer Abroad?

Depends. You can attend Summer Abroad if the chosen programme ends within **twelve (12)** months from your last day of classes at SIM.

Example:

STUDENT A

Last day of classes/exams at SIM

30th May 2015

Seoul National University Summer Abroad Programme

June 26th – July 30th 2016

NOT ELIGIBLE – Exceeded Date Requirement (14 Months)

STUDENT B

Last day of classes/exams at SIM

30th November 2015

Seoul National University Summer Abroad Programme

June 26th – July 30th 2016

ELIGIBLE – Within Date Requirement (8 Months)

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I am a graduate program (Graduate Diploma/Masters) student, can I apply for Summer Abroad?

Currently, only undergraduate students are eligible to apply.

Programme Selection

How do I choose which programme to attend?

With over 22 partner universities, there is a programme for everyone! Students often pick programmes that do not clash with their regular semester, that enable them to explore their academic interests, and that are within their budget.

Representatives from Partner Universities usually visit SIM in January/February and conduct Info Sessions to share more about the programme that their school offers. Students interested to find out more should keep an eye out for details of these Info Sessions on SIMConnect and the Digital Signages. Alternatively, students may also email globallearning@sim.edu.sg to book an appointment with a staff to discuss which programme best suits their needs.

I'm unable to attend an Info Session / There is no Info Session for the programme I am interested in, how do I find out more about the programme?

Other than the Info Sessions, students may find out more by browsing the websites of our partner universities. All websites are listed on <http://www.simge.edu.sg/ge/summer-abroad>. Alternatively, students may also email globallearning@sim.edu.sg to book an appointment with a staff to discuss which programme best suits their needs.

SIM Application / Pre-Registration / Selection Process

How do I apply for Summer Abroad?

Please apply through SIMConnect using the following pathway:

Self Service > Global Learning > Apply for Global Learning.

You will be prompted to choose your program/session and upload documents. Please ensure that you have all your application documents ready. Rename your files according to the following format: **STUDENT ID_DOCUMENT e.g. 1234567_PASSPORT**. Finally, ensure that your name and student ID is clearly stated on every page of your documents.

What documents do I need to submit for my Summer Abroad application?

Applicants are required to submit a passport scan (minimum validity period of **six (6)** months from the date of departure), university/polytechnic transcript OR letter of certification (first year students only) and the Summer Abroad Indemnity form. Applicants who wish to be considered for scholarships should submit an additional scholarship application.

Regular Application (Total of 3 Documents)

1. Passport copy (Minimum validity period of six (6) months from the date of departure. If your passport requires updating, please upload a copy of your current passport first and you may submit the updated copy when read.)
2. Full university / polytechnic transcript OR letter of certification (First year students only)
3. Signed Indemnity form. Download the document here: <http://www.simge.edu.sg/ge/summer-abroad>

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Scholarship/Sponsorship Application (Total of 5 Documents) *Incomplete applications will not be considered.

1. Passport copy (Minimum validity period of six (6) months from the date of departure. If your passport requires updating, please upload a copy of your current passport first and you may submit the updated copy when read.)
2. Full university / polytechnic transcript OR letter of certification (First year students only)
3. Signed Indemnity form. Download the document here:
<http://www.simge.edu.sg/ge/summer-abroad>
4. Scholarship and Sponsorship Application Essay. Download the document here:
<http://www.simge.edu.sg/ge/summer-abroad>
5. Resume

My passport's validity period is less than six (6) months. What should I do?

You may submit your existing passport copy first. Once your passport renewal process is completed, please email the updated copy to globallearning@sim.edu.sg. Indicate your name and the program you have applied for.

Do I have to submit a separate application for scholarship/sponsorship?

No. All applications with **Five (5)** completed documents (Passport/Transcript/Indemnity Form/Global Learning Scholarship and Sponsorship Application Document/Resume) will automatically be considered for scholarships/sponsorships.

If I'm only able to apply for one programme, what if I am unable to get into the school of my choice?

Most students are accepted into the programme of their choice. For students who were not accepted, we are happy to discuss your options with you. Do email globallearning@sim.edu.sg to book an appointment with our staff so that we may advise.

Does successful pre-registration with SIM mean confirmed acceptance into the program of my choice?

The Office of Global Learning processes applications and nominate students to our partner universities. Our partner universities will then go through the list of nominated students and accept/reject students. While most nominated students do get accepted into their school of choice, there will always be exceptions from year to year. Do also note that some programs have specific academic requirements.

Is there a limit to the number of participants that will be accepted into a programme?

The limit for each programme varies. The basis of acceptance is not dependent on the group size limit.

Are students accepted on a first-come-first serve basis?

No. As long as you submit your application by the established deadline, your application will be considered.

Will I be informed of my application outcome?

All applicants will be informed of the application outcome via email by **mid-March**.

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Pre-Departure

Will I get to meet the other participants going for the same programme?

Yes, a pre-departure briefing will be held for all accepted participants. Details of the session will be advised via email.

Do I need to buy insurance? What insurance should I buy?

Travel insurance* is **compulsory** for all Summer Abroad participants. It is your responsibility to ensure that you have comprehensive travel insurance for the duration of program dates and for stay outside of program dates.

**Insurance must minimally include health insurance and outpatient expenses.*

All SIM students will be able to purchase travel insurance (UOI-Travelsure) at a special rate. Please email our department at globallearning@sim.edu.sg for the exclusive link.

Can I source for my own accommodation?

It is **compulsory** for all Summer Abroad participants to reside in housing provided by the universities, as the intra-cultural living environment is an important forum for the diversity and networking training that are fundamental aspects of all summer programs.

When can I book my air tickets?

Students who do not need visas are encouraged to book air tickets only after making full payment of tuition to confirm their place at our partner university. Students who require visas should only book air tickets **after** receiving their visa.

Where can I get the supporting letter for my VISA application?

Before applying for the VISA at the Embassy, you may request for a supporting letter from SIM to state your admission and participation in the program. Once you have been confirmed of a placement in the program, please proceed to apply for your visa as soon as possible. The embassy may take some time to process and the confirmation of your visa application might be delayed. In the event where the visa is not issued on time, you might not be able to go for the program.

My student pass will soon expire. How should I proceed?

Due to the expiry of your student pass, please note that you might have to apply for your visa and/or depart for the program from your home country. Please enquire with the embassy for information on how you should proceed.

Others

How do I withdraw from the programme?

To officially withdraw from a programme, an email with the stated reason(s) for withdrawal must be sent to globallearning@sim.edu.sg. Include your name and the programme you applied for.

How do I make changes to the courses I have already registered for?

Please contact the respective Summer Abroad program coordinator for eligibility.