



ABOUT

With the world as its classroom and more than 50 years of experience, Semester at Sea integrates multiple-country study, interdisciplinary coursework, and hands-on field experience for meaningful engagement in the global community. Over a 100-day voyage on a shipboard campus, students are offered a cross-cultural and comparative education as they visit 9-12 countries in the course of one semester.

TERMS

- Fall (September – December)
- Spring (January – April)

LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION

English

ACADEMICS

Coursework intentionally mirrors the itinerary of each voyage in a cumulative and comparative way, offering a relevant and unique study abroad opportunity for focused intercultural learning. In conjunction with our academic partner, Colorado State University, we offer 70+ full accredited courses and meet the generally accepted standards for transfer. A list of frequently offered courses can be found [here](#).

Students enroll in a minimum of 12 credits. All students are required to take Global Studies which provides an integrated, interdisciplinary introduction to each of the countries visited on a given itinerary. At the completion of the semester, students receive a transcript from Colorado State University.

COSTS

Student program fees vary depending on voyage and cabin type.

Fees include:

- Tuition
- Three meals a day onboard the ship
- Housing and Amenities
- Premium Health Insurance
- Academic Field Classes
- Full-time, On-Site Residential Student Services Staff
- Pre-voyage support services
- Free shipboard email account and academic internet services

For specific semester fees, please visit this [link](#).

INSURANCE

All voyage participants are enrolled in a World Class Coverage Plan through [Cultural Insurance Services International \(CISI\)](#), a world leader in travel insurance. This plan is included as part of participant program fees, and is in effect upon arrival to the ship through disembarkation at the end of the voyage. Full policy coverage can be found [here](#).

ADMISSIONS

- All applicants for Semester at Sea file the same [online application](#)
- Students must be enrolled full-time in a degree-granting program at an accredited college/university
- Students must have completed at least one full term
- Students must demonstrate at least a 2.50 cumulative GPA and be in good academic standing
- Students must complete a disciplinary clearance form
- Students must demonstrate their writing skills in a 300-500 word essay as indicated on the application
- Submit official transcripts and certificates from any colleges or universities attended. If the documents are in a language other than English, please attach a certified English translation.
- Students whose first language is not English must substantiate their English language proficiency either by:
 - Submitting a score report from the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL). A minimum score of 550 (PBT) or 80 (iBT) is required.
 - Submitting results from the IELTS exam. A score of 6.5 or higher on the IELTS exam is required.
 - IELTS or TOEFL results should be sent directly to admission@isevoyages.org directly from the testing agency.
- Students whose first language is English are exempt from the TOEFL requirement.
- Students who are enrolled full time in an international university where the language of instruction of English may have the TOEFL/IELTS requirement waived.

Semester at Sea operates on a rolling admission basis. Students are encouraged to apply 6-12 in advance of their intended semester.

ACCOMMODATIONS

The MV *World Odyssey* is the Semester at Sea campus. The ship has a similar feel to a college or university and meets all SAS requirements including safety, program features, and efficiencies. Some of the *World Odyssey's* features include:

- Cabins
- Reception and administrative offices
- A student union
- Classrooms
- Fitness center and pool
- Outdoor dining

More information on the shipboard campus, including a visual cabin tour can be found [here](#).

VISAS

Semester at Sea will work closely with students and provided specific visa requirements depending on the student's nationality. It is the participant's responsibility to obtain all required visas in order to participate on the program.