



The International Student Exchange Program, or ISEP, is currently the largest study abroad exchange network in the world. Member institutions share their campuses and give students access to thousands of high-quality academic programs in more than 50 countries!

Agnes Scott College has been a proud member of ISEP since 1998, so that students like you can take advantage of these great opportunities at an affordable price. Students can pay for Agnes Scott's tuition, room and board and study at one of ISEP's many locations around the world.



Academic Calendar

Varies widely according to hemisphere, country and specific institution. Please ensure that semester dates will not conflict with your start and end dates at Agnes Scott.

Semester 1: Varies from July – Mid–November to Late September – Early January. In some locations you may have special arrangements to take final exams or turn in papers early so that you can return home in time for the start of Agnes' spring semester, however not all locations allow this.

Semester 2: Varies from Early January – Early May to Early March – Early August



Accommodation

Accommodation varies at each institution in the ISEP network and could include the following:

- Single or shared dormitory
- Single or shared homestay
- Single or shared apartment on or off campus, typically with shared kitchen, dining area and living room.

Students may also receive their meals in the form of a meal stipend from their host or home institution, a traditional meal plan at a cafeteria, or meals made by their homestay families.



Academic Subject Areas

Nearly any major at Agnes Scott can find appropriate courses at one or more of the institutions in the ISEP network, as long as courses and their availability are carefully reviewed. Very few institutions will have the academic schedule for the following year ready or available online at the time of your submission. Instead, you can review courses they are currently offering or that they have offered in the past, to get a sense of what is typically there. Make sure you are looking at the correct semester (fall or spring), as not all classes are offered every semester.

Note that at some institutions, classes are called “modules” or “papers”, and “course” could actually mean a degree program. Departments may also be called “faculties”. Popular majors at Agnes Scott could be called something different elsewhere, or have many classes across various departments that could fit your major.



Credit Hours

Students must take a minimum of the equivalent of 12 US credits while abroad to be enrolled full-time. Credit systems vary widely in different countries and institutions. Grading systems are also often quite different from the United States. Grade and credit translation will take place upon receipt of the official transcript at the completion of the program.



Location

ISEP has partner institutions in over 50 countries on all of the continents of the Earth, except Antarctica!



University

There are private and public colleges and universities of all different kinds in the ISEP network.



Language of Instruction

Many locations provide programs in English, others require a high level of understanding of the native language, and many others have a mix of classes in both English and the host language.



Enrollment Size

Universities in the ISEP network can range in enrollment size from about 1,000 students to over 20,000. Don't be afraid to try something new! You will find at many locations that students in each individual department take various courses together and still have a "smaller feel" to the environment, although the campus may be quite large.



Eligibility Requirements

- All ISEP programs have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.75, with some requiring a 3.0 or 3.2 GPA.
- Students typically must have at least sophomore class status to apply.



Cost

Students continue to pay their regular tuition, standard on-campus double room and 21-meal plan at Agnes Scott, and all financial aid applies.

All ASC Exchange and ISEP programs have various methods of providing services and/or additional or optional fees. Every country and university is different. Typical additional costs for study abroad include program application fee, airfare, international health insurance, visa or residency permit, travel for visit to embassy or consulate for visa appointment, immunizations, refundable housing deposit, textbooks, international calling plan, and more.



Other Considerations

- For almost all ISEP programs, you must research and select multiple locations to which you are interested in going, and rank them in order of preference. When submitting your Intent to Study Abroad in Carta, submit it under your most preferred location, but have alternatives ready, which you will list on your ISEP application.
- Never select a location that either doesn't have the courses you need, or isn't a place you actually want to go. If you list it, you might get placed there.
- Some locations are very limited, while other locations have excellent chance of placement, and everything in between. Students should be looking to apply for

Exchange programs only, but we sometimes place students on Direct in certain situations. If you are interested in an ISEP–Direct program, please notify your study abroad advisor.

- The application deadline to ISEP for Fall students is February 1st, and you must also submit your Intent to Study Abroad by the same date.
- Spring students must submit Intent to Study Abroad by March 1st, but do not submit ISEP applications until Mid–August. It is a good idea to get started on your ISEP application before spring semester is over, though.



Application Notes

Some institutions require additional materials for the application, or may have an internship opportunity for which you need to submit a resume. Please make careful note of which programs require extra materials for the ISEP application.