

Los Rios Study Abroad Application Checklist – Barcelona, Fall 2023

- (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: bit.ly/3JeV1ZH. *Note: you must enroll in and complete 12 units from the list, including ANTH 391 and at least one ENGWR or ENGLT class.*
- (3) **If you qualify for the California College Promise Grant (CCPG)**, add all the following schools to your 2023-2024 FAFSA: American River College (001232), Diablo Valley College (001191), Santa Rosa Junior College (001287), and College of San Mateo (001181).
- (4) **Considering financial aid?** Schedule a preliminary meeting with financial aid clerk Giovanni Fletes (FletesG@arc.losrios.edu) 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: bit.ly/3Y1K0z6. A \$450 deposit is due prior to processing. For refund information, visit: bit.ly/3HdmuYS.
- (6) **Complete student information Google Form** at bit.ly/3Ygie1S. 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** (bit.ly/3kPTrTX) – completed and signed
 - **Consortium agreement** (bit.ly/3W0dTIg) – completed and signed
 - **FERPA consent** (bit.ly/3H8fqge) – completed and signed; typically, a parent/guardian is 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 financial aid clerk Giovanni Fletes (FletesG@arc.losrios.edu) to check your eServices status, fill out required forms, discuss the next steps, and ask questions. For more details, review the Financial Aid Checklist: bit.ly/3l6Umzc.
- (10) **Apply for scholarships, create a budget, and start saving!** Research and apply for scholarships, including the *Study Abroad Ambassador Scholarship*: bit.ly/3Y9Qk7B. In addition to the AIFS program admin/housing fee (**apartment \$7,945; homestay \$8,695**), other items to budget for **include** airfare (group package \$ TBD or schedule your own), optional upgrades (additional medical **\$65**), tuition (**\$552 - \$690; \$0** with CCPG), textbooks (**\$ Varies**), meals and personal expenses (depends on lifestyle; **\$2,100 - \$3,000+**), and any additional adventures you might want to take while in Europe.
- (11) **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!
- (12) **Attend pre-departure meetings:**
 - **Los Rios Kickoff Reception (recommended):** Late July or early August 2023; American River College
 - **Pre-Departure Orientation (mandatory):** Saturday, August 19, 2023; Skyline College (San Bruno, CA)