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Student Eligibility

To study abroad through the SAO, students must go through a specific application process. This begins with a mandatory First Step informational session which presents an overview of both the application process and study abroad opportunities. These are held several times a week during each enrollment cycle (September - October, and January - March). Students attend one session and then depending on which country they are planning to study in, they are assigned an SAO advisor with whom they meet to complete all the components of the application.

The following is an outline of the specifics of eligibility for each 'tier' of the application and participation process:

1. Students are eligible to submit an application to study abroad through SAO only if they meet ALL the following criteria¹:
 - currently enrolled at UIC
 - completed a minimum of 12 hours at UIC
 - have both a cumulative and UIC minimum GPA of 2.5/4.0
 - in good academic standing
2. Students are eligible to apply to a specific study abroad program if they meet the criteria above and:
 - have completed the SAO application form
 - have met with their SAO Advisor have his/her support to submit a program specific application
 - meet all the minimum requirements of their planned study abroad program which could include course pre-requisites, GPA, language levels, and class standing
3. Students are eligible to participate in a study abroad program if they meet all the criteria above and:
 - have no holds on their UIC student account
 - have no outstanding discipline record
 - have paid all applicable fees to the SAO and the program sponsor in full
 - have attended a pre-departure orientation session
 - have submitted all paperwork, including a completed Course Approval Form

¹ There is a petition process in place for students who do not meet the minimum requirements.

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Some students may technically meet all requirements but not be good candidates for study abroad. The SAO reserves the right to not forward/support a student's application, and subsequently not register that student for study abroad, if it believes there are issues which may cause disruption to the program.

Students also sign a 'Conditions of Participation' agreeing to a number of academic and behavioral guidelines/rules. SAO reserves the right to withdraw a student from a program, or support their withdrawal by the program sponsor, if this agreement is disregarded by the student.