

Follow-up material for May 1, 2024, Tulane Office of Study Abroad “Know Before They Go” Family Webinar Answers to questions we couldn’t answer during the live webinar:

Home School Tuition Model Students receive information on the home school tuition model at several points during the study abroad decision and application process. This page may be helpful for your reference: <https://cge.tulane.edu/resources/finances>.

How would arranging airline tickets and health insurance work if my students wants to travel in Europe before and after their program starts? Many countries in Europe have a 90 day tourist visa for U.S. Passport holders. If they are there for under 90 days, then they do not need to apply for a visa. Tulane requires the tickets that are TO and FROM the program to be purchased via Concur. Health insurance, if provided via the program, is only for program dates.

Is housing in dorms singles or roommate situations? This is program-to-program dependent and can even vary on the same program. If a student has documented approved accessibility accommodations on file to live in a single, then they need to disclose them to OSA and to their program immediately. Space is at a premium, especially in old European cities, so doubles are more common there. We always recommend that students NOT compare housing amongst themselves/their peers on different programs because it can vary. Students are likely to spend more time out of their rooms than it it during their semester, as they'll be exploring.

Where do you find the list of what meds are allowed into a country? The travel.state.gov website is a wonderful jumping-off point for every country. CDC.gov will show suggested vaccinations for countries. For medication and import, you should check the host country's embassy, consulate, or ministry of health page (often linked by the State Department) for definitive answers.

How do students enroll in GEOBlue? Visit <https://global.tulane.edu/international-health-insurance>.

When will summer scholarships be posted to the invoice? I see the bill is due 5/15 but our scholarship is not there... Scholarships are posted separately from Tulane tuition. If your student has received a Tulane scholarship, but they do not see it yet, the student may contact their financial aid advisor for a posting timeline.

If a student did not receive an email with info about World Travel Services who should they contact? <https://cge.tulane.edu/booking> or travel@tulane.edu. This information also included in their Tulane study abroad approval letter.

When will we get the tuition bill? It will follow the normal Tulane semester billing cycle. For further questions, find contact information for] Tulane Accounts Receivable at <https://studentaccounts.tulane.edu/contact-us>.

Hi! Any weather/earthquake concerns for students going to Taiwan? Crisis24 monitors weather and earthquake activity actively. While we cannot predict seismic activity, when students book their travel through Tulane they are enrolled in Crisis24 and have access to a travel app called Worldcue where they can find all the safety information for their travel destination. Students can get up to date information on any weather or safety issues in their host destination, including advice in the case of an earthquake. <https://global.tulane.edu/crisis24-travel-emergency>.

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My student's program starts in Washington, DC. Then goes to India, S. Africa, then Argentina, then back to DC. The program said they book the international flights since the students fly as a group. And we must book our own to and from DC. Do they need to get an exception from Tulane to not use their travel group? Yes, encourage your student write to travel@tulane.edu to explain the nature of the program and that travel is booked/included in your program. This will make sure that the student receives and goes through the steps to manually enroll themselves in Crisis24 through Tulane.

Once my daughter gets her visa to France (let’s say she goes there by mid-August), is she allowed to travel outside of the USA before her ticket from NY to France or it is not recommended to travel outside of the US and come back before flying again from the US to study abroad? If she has her visa and her passport in hand, then she can travel prior with no issues. She should pay attention to the entry/exit requirements and dates specified by her visa type.

My son’s program says they don’t need a VISA but per the home country it says students to need a visa if there for than 3 mos – Amsterdam OSA staff would need more specific information on your student/program to answer this. Encourage your son to contact a study abroad advisor if he has concerns. The advice that he receives from his program is reliable, but he can always ask for an explanation if he has concerns. For example, there may be a portion of travel on program where he exits and reenters the country, which would make traveling on a tourist visa possible or the program could be short of 3 months.

My son wants to rent an AirBnB in Australia with other Tulane students... is that allowed? In general, independent housing is **not** allowed. OSA staff would need to know which program to confirm whether independent housing is one of the available housing choices of that program. This tends to only be an option for students who choose to do direct enrollment in an institution abroad.