Outgoing Mobility

Through bilateral agreements with prestigious partner institutions around the world, USEK gives its students the opportunity to spend part of their studies abroad and broaden their academic and cultural horizons.

Studying abroad is one of the most enriching experiences of student life. You will discover new ways of learning in a multicultural environment, improve your language skills, meet people from around the world, and build friendships and memories that last a lifetime.

What Is a Study Abroad Program?

A study abroad program is an exchange period of one semester or one academic year at one of USEK's partner universities. The courses you complete at the host university are recognized and validated at USEK when you return.

Who Is Eligible?

Any regular USEK student enrolled in a Bachelor's or Master's program may take part in an exchange for one or two semesters, provided they meet the following criteria:

Bachelor's (undergraduate) students

- A cumulative GPA of 75 or above
- At least 30 validated credits
- Not in their final semester of studies

Master's (graduate) students

- A cumulative GPA of 80 or above
- Between 9 and 12 validated credits
- Not in their final semester of studies

All applicants must also be in good academic standing and not on academic probation.

Where Can You Go?

There are two types of mobility:

- **Non-funded mobility (exchange agreements):** you can apply to any of USEK's partner institutions. The full list, sorted by country and faculty, is available in the International Affairs section of the USEK website.
- **Funded mobility (scholarships and grants):** calls for applications are published regularly on the Semester Abroad Opportunities page of the USEK website and on the IAO social media pages.

How to Apply

1. **Choose your destination.** Browse the list of partner institutions and the current calls for applications, then select your mobility type and destination.
2. **Submit your application.** Fill in the online Study Abroad Application form before the deadline. You will receive a confirmation once your application has been submitted.
3. **Select your courses.** Review the host institution's course catalog and meet your academic advisor to choose courses that match the ones you would have taken at USEK. The total number of credits must be equivalent.
4. **Prepare your Learning Agreement.** Sign the Learning Agreement and send it to your advisor. It is then approved by the Associate Dean and forwarded to the International Affairs Office (IAO), which handles your nomination with the partner institution.
5. **Receive your acceptance.** Once accepted, you will receive an official acceptance letter from the host institution, along with the steps needed to complete your registration.

Application Deadlines

- **March 15** for the Fall semester
- **October 15** for the Spring semester

Funded programs may have their own deadlines, which are stated in each call for applications.

Costs and Funding

- You remain enrolled at USEK and pay your tuition fees at USEK as usual.
- You are exempt from tuition fees at the host university.
- For non-funded mobility, you cover all other expenses: travel, accommodation, living costs, visa fees, insurance, local transportation, etc.

Scholarships and funding opportunities are also available. The latest calls are posted on the Semester Abroad Opportunities page and on the IAO social media pages, and the IAO team is always available to guide you through the process.

Before You Leave

- Read the host institution's guide for incoming students and check its academic calendar (semester dates, exams, welcome session).
- Find accommodation. Ask the host university whether it offers student residences.
- Apply for your visa, following the procedures on the relevant embassy's website.
- Arrange international health insurance and civil liability insurance.
- Book your flights.

When You Arrive

- Follow the instructions sent by the host institution's International Office, and email them to confirm your arrival.

- Attend the welcome session, if there is one (it is mandatory for exchange students at some universities).
- Get involved in campus life and join student associations.
- Share your experience with us on the USEK IAO social media pages.
- Enjoy your stay!

When You Return to USEK

- Send your official transcript from the host institution to the IAO.
- Complete the feedback form.
- Stay involved in USEK's international activities and events, and help future exchange students.

Questions?

The International Affairs Office is here to help. Contact us at **iao@usek.edu.lb**