

GRANTS FOR FOREIGN LANGUAGE MAJORS

Students with a major in a Foreign Language(s) who wish to apply for grants to study abroad in programs approved by the department must follow the guidelines and procedures set forth by the College's Administrative Committee (see current Student Handbook) and by the Department of Foreign Languages. Acceptance as a major does not guarantee a term abroad. The financial support of the department is a privilege, and a reward for hard work; it is not a right. Double majors in language will receive financial support from the department following the above mentioned regulations. Applicants may not be on academic, labor, or social probation at the time of application and are subject to withdrawal of approval if such probation occurs prior to the beginning of the experience. The program is intended for majors who are in their junior year and expect to return to campus for at least one regular term and preferably a full academic year. It is understood that any students who do not return to Berea or do not complete their approved course of study are to reimburse the college for its share of cost of the program. Students who participate in the term abroad program will be responsible for a written evaluation of the program and for correspondence to donors and potential donors to the International Travel Fund.

A. Academic

1. Must have applied and been accepted by the Department of Foreign Languages for a major.
2. Must have completed a minimum of two language courses beyond 103 at Berea College (at least one language course per semester for the two semesters prior to the term abroad). The student must also be enrolled in a language course at the time of application. Any exceptions to this rule must be approved by the department prior to application. Recommended but not required courses are:
 - FRENCH: Two of the following: FRN 140, 300, 310; and one course level 320 and up
 - GERMAN: GER 140, 310, 315
 - SPANISH: SPN 310, 315; and one from 300, 320, 321, 330, 331
 - CLASSICS: LAT 103; and 1 Classics related course or equivalent
3. A GPA of B or better (3.0) in all language courses and minimum 2.8 overall. The student must also meet minimum GPA standards indicated by sponsor program.
4. Academic maturity as demonstrated by serious attitude towards studies and class attendance.

B. Personal

1. Evidence of social maturity, open mindedness, ability to adapt to a new situation, and other characteristics of a good ambassador.
2. Genuine desire to live another language and culture, enthusiastic participation in language-related extracurricular activities, use of foreign language materials, and a willingness to share experiences upon return.
3. Evidence of psychological stability by effective academic performance and good social relationships.

C. Other

1. Participation in orientation at Berea or as provided by the program abroad.
2. Completion of departmental application form.
3. Completion of one more course in the language studied abroad (other than 490 or 495) immediately upon return to Berea. Any exceptions to this rule must be approved by the department prior to application.

CHECKLIST

➤ Have you:

- declared your major
- submitted a copy of your transcript
- requested 2 letters of recommendation
- discussed your application with a faculty member in the appropriate language area

How to determine your GPA: Each full credit = 4 semester hours. Multiply the number of credit hours by the number of points (see below). For example, if you received an A in Esperanto 101, (a 1 credit course) multiply the number of class hours (4) by the number of points for each hour (A=4 points), thus $4 \times 4 = 16$ points for Esperanto 101. Continue until you have computed the number of points for all your classes. Finally, divide the total number of hours into the total number of points for your final G.P.A.

A+: 4 x 4
B+: 4 x 3.3
C+: 4 x 2.3
D+: 4 x 1.3

A: 4 x 4
B: 4 x 3
C: 4 x 2
D: 4 x 1

A-: 4 x 3.7
B-: 4 x 2.7
C-: 4 x 1.7
D-: 4 x 0.7

Deadlines:

October 1 (for Short Term and spring*); February 10 (for summer and fall)

If these dates fall on a weekend, applications are due the following Monday

* In the case of Faculty-led Short Term trips abroad, this deadline may be extended according to the specific situation of the course in question.