

GRANTS FOR FOREIGN LANGUAGE MINORS

Students with a minor in a foreign language who wish to apply for grants to study abroad in summer or ShortTerm programs approved by the department must follow the guidelines and procedures set forth by the College's Administrative Committee (current Student Handbook) and by the Department of Foreign Languages. Acceptance as a minor does not guarantee a travel abroad experience. The financial support of the department is a privilege, and a reward for hard work; it is not a right. Applicants may not be on academic, labor, or social, or probation at the time of application and are subject to withdrawal of approval if such probation occurs prior to the beginning of the experience. It is understood that any student who does not return to Berea or does not complete his/her approved course of study is to reimburse the college for its share of cost of the program. Students who participate in a travel abroad experience will be responsible for a written evaluation of the program, if appropriate, 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 minor.
2. Must have completed two language courses 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. One of the courses the student has completed or is enrolled in must be beyond 103. Students in Classics will be eligible after having completed 102. Any exceptions to this rule must be approved by the department prior to application.
3. A GPA of B or better (3.0) in all language courses and minimum 2.8 overall. The student must also meet the minimum GPA requirements of the 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 (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 a minor
- 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.