



International Studies Abroad (ISA) Program Models

	STUDY CENTER MODEL	HOST UNIVERSITY – COURSES WITH INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS	HOST UNIVERSITY – COURSES WITH LOCAL STUDENTS
HOUSING OPTIONS	<p>Students will select from the housing options available by location. The options range from host family, pension, residence hall, goshitel, apartment, or independent housing. Housing is included in the program cost unless the student selects independent housing. With independent housing, students will receive a discount equal to the housing portion of the program price.</p> <p>With host families, students usually live with other students from the US. In a pension, residence hall, apartment, or goshitel, it can be other US students, international students, or locals. The location for each housing option varies, but those coordinated by ISA are generally centrally located and well connected.</p>		
MEAL PLAN OPTIONS	<p>Meals are included with host families and with pensions. Most other housing options do not include meals or laundry service. Each program lists what is included based on the housing type selected.</p>		
CULTURAL ACTIVITIES OPTIONS	<p>Cultural activities are the same for all students in one program location. These activities are included in the program price. Additional activities may be added throughout the term and will be free to students.</p>		
OPTIONAL EXCURSION OPTIONS	<p>All students with ISA have the same excursions offered during that term. Most excursions are included, but in some locations, there may be an optional excursion for an additional cost.</p>		
ON-SITE STAFF	<p>Every ISA location has on-site staff there to support students at all times while abroad. From airport pick-up throughout the program, the staff is there to assist students and help them get acclimated to their new environment and the local culture. The ISA staff also assists any time students need help with events related to health & safety. Students are their top priority!</p>		
COURSE LOCATION	<p>Students take courses at the ISA Study Center.</p>	<p>Students take courses at a local university in the host country, which is an ISA partner. Sometimes courses are taught in a different part of the campus than the main campus where locals take classes.</p>	<p>Students take courses at a local university in the host country, which is an ISA partner.</p>

COURSE MAKE UP	They will take courses with other study abroad students from ISA.	Courses are filled by other US study abroad or international students.	Courses are filled by local students and other US study abroad or international students.
INSTRUCTORS FOR COURSES	Courses are taught by instructors hired by ISA and vetted by the Academic Sponsor/School of Record.	Courses are taught by professors from the host university.	Courses are taught by professors from the host university.
LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION	Courses are available in the host country language and in English. Language courses are available from beginning to advanced levels at most study center locations.	Students can usually take a mix of courses in English or in the host country language (where applicable).	Students can usually take mix of courses in English or in the host country language (where applicable). Often, if they are taking courses with locals in the host country language, they will need advanced level proficiency.
COURSE AVAILABILITY <i>For all programs:</i> Students can enroll in any available course offered in their selected program as long as they meet the course prerequisites. Students seeking to enroll in language courses may have to take a language placement test to determine their language level.	Some programs at ISA study centers have required courses, but this is clearly stated in the program descriptions. Courses are contingent on meeting minimum enrollment numbers. Students are asked to identify alternate courses in case any of their top choices are canceled due to low course enrollment numbers. The academic calendar and exam dates align with the US-model.	Students are asked to identify alternate courses in case any of their top choices are canceled due to low course enrollment numbers. The academic calendar and exam dates usually align with the US-model. Any exceptions to dates (ex. exams that fall during the winter break) are noted in the program description on the ISA website.	ISA on-site staff work with students to understand the host country's academic model and help them understand what resources are available to them. The academic calendar and exam dates are determined by the host university and follow host country customs. In some instances, the exam period may extend several weeks past the last day of class. Information about the academic calendar is provided in the program description on the ISA website.
STUDY CENTER LOCATIONS	ISA only offers the study center model in Sevilla (one of the programs), Meknes, and Cusco.	N/A	N/A