

# VISA INFO FOR NON-U.S. CITIZENS

## Participating in an Education Abroad Program

Michigan State University is **NOT** responsible for getting student visas.

It is the **PARTICIPANT'S RESPONSIBILITY** to research visa requirements for their time abroad.

### MAKE PLANS FOR ALL COUNTRIES VISITED

Participants will need to know their complete travel itinerary to ensure they obtain the required visa(s) for every country they will visit – including countries they may just be traveling through to get to another destination. A “transit visa” is often required just to pass through a country.

### APPLY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

Visas can take a long time to process and each country has their own requirements and timelines. Participants who do not obtain a visa prior to departure, and are unable to participate in the program, may be responsible for paying the entire program fee.

For withdrawal policies, visit the web at [studyabroad.isp.msu.edu/studenthandbk/program\\_withdrawal/prior\\_to\\_departure.html](http://studyabroad.isp.msu.edu/studenthandbk/program_withdrawal/prior_to_departure.html)

### APPLY FROM THE U.S. not from your home country

Applying from Michigan (not the participant's home country) is **FASTER** and **EASIER** for students who attend Michigan State University.

### MAKE SURE YOUR U.S. VISA IS CURRENT

International students must check with the Office for International Students and Scholars to be sure their U.S. visa is current so that they can re-enter the U.S. upon return from education abroad program.

### NEED HELP?

Companies are available for hire that will assist with the visa application process, including:

- A Briggs Passport & Visa Expeditors (<http://www.abriggs.com/>)
- Travisa (<http://www.travisa.com/nonuscitizen.asp>)
- Washington Express Visas ([www.washingtonexpressvisas.com/visaservices/](http://www.washingtonexpressvisas.com/visaservices/))



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