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| **Program and Language Requirements** | • Minimum overall GPA of 3.0 (School of Management students must also maintain a 2.75 GPA within their major).  
• Good academic and disciplinary standing  
• Students are required to enroll in a Samoan language course and 13 units of specific coursework listed below  
* Consult academic dean for below minimum GPA approvals and major-specific requirements. Check with study abroad advisor or program website for country and program specific requirements. |
| **Language of Instruction** | Courses are taught in English |
| **Application Deadline** | Applying to study abroad for a semester is a two-step process. You should plan to apply at the beginning of the Fall semester of your Sophomore year.  
1. Students must meet with a Study Abroad Advisor and complete a USF Study Abroad Pre-application for their program of choice and an alternate through the Center for Global Education’s website. Pre-Applications completed by the Dec 1st deadline will be reviewed and students will be notified of their program nomination by the 3rd week of January.  
2. Accepted students can then apply for their nominated program. Students are responsible for submitting the host program’s application and required documentation by the program’s deadline. Please note that nomination by USF does not guarantee acceptance by the host program. |
| **Fall & Spring:** Dec. 1st | |
| **Program Dates** | Fall: August-December  
Spring: January-May |
| **Program Layout** | • Orientation in Hawaii at East West Center  
• Village homestay in Lotofaga: 10 days  
• Excursion/homestay to American Samoa for 4 days; excursion/homestay to Fiji for 1 week and excursion to Savai’i, Samoa’s largest island for 1 week  
• Independent Study Project in an approved location in Samoa. Students are on their own with minimal supervision: 4 weeks  
• Final seminar where students present their project and participate in a reentry program: 3-4 days |
| **Course Subjects** | Students enroll in a 16-unit course load consisting of the following 3 unit courses:  
Traditional Societies in Transition; Globalization and Contemporary Issues; Intensive Samoan Language Study; Research Methods & Ethics; and Independent Study Project (4 units). *Courses subject to change* |
| **Special Courses, Internships, and/or Scholarships** | SIT offers matching Pell Grant. SIT scholarships are available at: [http://studyabroad.sit.edu/how-to-apply/scholarships-and-financial-aid/](http://studyabroad.sit.edu/how-to-apply/scholarships-and-financial-aid/) |
| **Accommodation** | Students will be housed primarily in homestays and sometimes in local university housing with Pacific Island housemates.  
* USF Program Fee: Includes room and board. Board includes all meals. |
| **Other Expenses Not Included in USF Tuition** | Airfare, passport, visa, books, local transportation, independent travel, and incidentals.  
*Print the Budget Planning Worksheet to determine cost estimates |
| **Supplemental Health and Travel Assist Services** | Enrollment in USF sponsored programs include automatic coverage through ACE/AXA ASSISTANCE USA, Inc. while abroad. Students are covered by SIT insurance as well. |
| **Visa Requirements** | Students with US passports will receive a visa upon arrival in Samoa. They will need to complete pre-visa paperwork and submit hard copies of passport photos to SIT before the visas can be processed in Samoa. Further information about the paperwork and visa application processes will be sent by e-mail from SIT admissions counselor (in June for fall, in December for spring). Students apply once they receive this information. |

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