## Los Rios Study Abroad Application Checklist – Florence, Spring 2026

(1) <u>Check minimum eligibility</u> : 18 years old + 12 college units completed + 2.25 cumulative college GPA
(2) <u>Meet with your academic counselor</u> to plan which offered courses will best fulfill your educational goals. For a complete course list, visit: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/Flo26CP">https://tinyurl.com/Flo26CP</a> Note: you must enroll in and complete 12 units from the list, including INDIS 353 and at least one PSYC or BIOL class.
(3) <u>If you qualify for the California College Promise Grant (CCPG)</u> , add all the following schools to your <i>2025-2026 FAFSA</i> : Your Los Rios Home College: ARC ( <b>001232</b> ) CRC ( <b>007536</b> ) FLC ( <b>038713</b> ) SCC ( <b>001233</b> ), Diablo Valley College ( <b>001191</b> ), Santa Rosa Junior College ( <b>001287</b> ), and Cañada College ( <b>006973</b> ).
(4) <u>Considering financial aid</u> ? Schedule a meeting with <u>Dan Alexander</u> (ARC), <u>Phuong Le</u> (CRC), <u>Khaa-Lel Whitaker</u> (FLC), or <u>Maritza LaVu</u> (SCC) to discuss eligibility, potential award, and other funding sources.
(5) <u>Apply to the program and pay deposit</u> . The application is on the American Institute for Foreign Study (AIFS) website: <u>tinyurl.com/Flo26App</u> . A \$450 deposit is due prior to processing. For refund information, visit: <u>tinyurl.com/Flo26Rfd</u> .
(6) <u>Complete student information Google Form</u> at <u>tinyurl.com/Flo26GForm</u> . This is where you will be asked to confirm program options and indicate class preferences, among other things.
(7) Email the following items to <a href="mailto:studyabroad@losrios.edu">studyabroad@losrios.edu</a> :
<ul> <li>Photo ID – legible photo or scan, showing birthdate</li> <li>Unofficial college transcripts – representing all completed college coursework</li> <li>Los Rios waiver (tinyurl.com/Flo26Waive) – completed and signed</li> <li>Consortium agreement (tinyurl.com/Flo26Agrmnt) – completed and signed</li> <li>FERPA consent (tinyurl.com/Flo26FERPA) – completed and signed; parent/guardian listed</li> </ul>
<b>(8)</b> <u>Check your email for an onboarding meeting invitation</u> . This meeting with program director Adam Windham is when you are officially confirmed for the study abroad program!
(9) <u>Using financial aid</u> ? Schedule another meeting with <u>Dan Alexander</u> (ARC), <u>Phuong Le</u> (CRC), <u>Khaa-Lel Whitaker</u> (FLC), or <u>Maritza LaVu</u> (SCC) to check your eServices status, fill out required forms, discuss next steps, and ask questions. For details, review the FA Checklist: <u>tinyurl.com/Flo26FAList</u> .
(10) Apply for scholarships, create a budget, and start saving! Research and apply for scholarships, including the Study Abroad Ambassador Scholarship: tinyurl.com/Flo26Schlr. In addition to the AIFS program admin/housing fee (\$8,745), other items to budget for include airfare (group package \$TBD or schedule your own), optional upgrades (meal plan \$625; medical \$65), tuition (\$552; \$0 with CCPG), textbooks (\$ Varies), meals and personal expenses (depends on lifestyle; \$2,100 - \$3,000+), and any additional adventures you might want to take while in Europe.
(11) <u>Register for classes</u> . Once confirmed, your space in classes will be reserved — so don't worry about registration until we send detailed instructions via email closer to the enrollment period. Note: you will register for each class separately through the college offering it, so it is likely you will be registering in multiple college districts. Don't worry, we will guide you!
(12) Attend pre-departure meetings:
<ul> <li>Los Rios Kickoff Reception (recommended): TBD Nov-Dec 2025; American River College</li> <li>Pre-Departure Orientation (mandatory): January; Location TBD</li> </ul>