



CIEE ESSENTIAL ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

1. The following criteria apply to participation in ALL CIEE programs. Participant must be in good standing at their home university or school (e.g. not currently on any type of academic/disciplinary probation or suspension).
2. Participant must meet the GPA requirements of the program, where applicable.

Day- to-Day Living, Travel, and Accommodations

1. Participant must be able to navigate and travel independently to and from program destination.
 - For High School Programs, chaperoned flights are not guaranteed.
2. Participant must be able to navigate and travel independently within the program location, or have accommodations built into a pre-approved care management plan.
 - For City programs, this means utilizing primarily public transportation
 - For all programs, this includes walking to and from CIEE Study Center from accommodation.
3. Participant must be able to manage Participant's own banking and finances.
4. If living in a group apartment on a College Program, Participant may need to be able to shop for food, cook, keep the premises tidy, etc.
5. Participant must be responsible for all Participant's belongings.

Health, Safety, and Security

1. Participant must be able to understand and apply all provided health, safety and security information and directives.
2. Participant must comply with all program policies related to health, safety and security.
3. Participant must communicate all known health conditions to CIEE prior to the start of the program, to ensure that CIEE staff can best support Participant while abroad.



4. Participant must be able to manage all necessary self-care, including but not limited to maintaining adequate nutrition and hydration, dressing appropriately for environmental conditions, maintaining personal hygiene, administering, and monitoring medications.
5. Participant must be able to manage the daily physical demands of Participant's chosen program, as defined on the Program webpage.
6. Participant must be able to tolerate and function effectively in an environment that may potentially include warmer or colder temperatures, dust, tropical sun, air pollution, and insects.
7. If a Participant experiences illness (physical or mental health), Participant must be willing to access local healthcare professionals for medical treatment and advice.
8. Participant must be responsible for their own behavior and adherence to Program Rules and Expectations, including during unsupervised free time and while moving about on their own in the program location. Participants, including minors under the age of 18, are expected to comply with Program Rules and Study Center guidelines during periods of unsupervised time. Violation of Program Rules during unsupervised time will carry the same dismissal consequences as supervised periods.
9. If the Participant requires assistance or reminders to self-manage their own physical or mental health needs, the Participant must submit a care management plan for review and approval by CIEE 4 weeks prior to the start of the program.

Culture and Tolerance

1. Participant must be able to tolerate and function effectively in an environment where Participant may not speak the language or where Participant is not culturally competent.
2. Participant may need to tolerate significant levels of ambivalence and ambiguity that naturally occurs when one encounters a different culture than one's own, especially if they did not grow up speaking the local language.
3. Participant must be able to tolerate and function effectively in conditions that are of a standard potentially different from that to which they are accustomed, including different standards of:
 - a. Diet
 - b. Accommodations



- c. Communications
 - d. Transportation
 - e. Sanitation
4. Participant must be able to tolerate and function effectively in an environment that may have predominating cultural constructs that may be very different from Participant's own in regards to:
 - a. Communications
 - b. Time
 - c. Personal Space
5. Participant must be able to tolerate, function effectively within the bounds of the CIEE Code of Conduct, and behave in a respectful manner in an environment that may have predominating cultural values and views that are very different from Participant's own in areas that may include:
 - a. Gender Roles
 - b. Sexual Identity
 - c. Religion
 - d. Individualism
 - e. Politics

Minimum Age Requirements:

1. University/Gap Year Abroad/First Year Abroad/Custom/TEACH Study Abroad/Global Internship programs, participant should be 18+ years of age by Program start date. For participants younger than 18 years of age, prior approval by CIEE and an appropriate waiver signed by parents/guardians is required and will not be issued for anyone below 17 years of age.
2. For participation in High School Study Abroad programs, Participant should be at least 14 years of age by Program start date.