



Travel Seminar

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What are the different types of travel seminars?

There are 2 types of travel seminars:

Standalone travel seminar This program is not connected to any course on campus; rather, the course is delivered in its entirety off campus. This program model may be offered during the winter and summer breaks.

Travel seminar incorporated into an on-campus course This program is a combination of an on-campus course and an off-campus academic experience. The on-campus course is offered during the fall or spring semester. The off-campus portion may be offered during the winter, spring or summer session.

- Spring semester to the spring semester
- Spring semester final exams or during the semester
- Winter break session
- Summer break session

Why do travel seminars differ in the amount of credits granted?

The number of credits awarded is based on instructional hours on site and number of days of the program. Credits will vary based on those two aspects of the travel component.

What is the application process for a travel seminar?

The application process for each travel seminar may differ. While there is a formal application that must be completed, the questions presented in the application will be specific to the travel seminar. Additionally, faculty directors and OCSE may elect to hold in-person interviews or request additional written materials from applicants which will be pertinent to the specific travel seminar.

Can you apply for a travel seminar without attending an information session?

Yes. Information sessions are conducted to give students an opportunity to learn more about the travel seminar from the faculty directors and OCSE and pose specific questions that may not be answered in the program brochure. Attendance is not mandatory in order to apply as travel seminar brochures and applications can be found on the OCSE webpage (http://cms.skidmore.edu/ocse/programs/short_term/index.cfm)

Is there a limit on the number of travel seminars that you can apply to or participate on?

There is no limit on the number of travel seminars that you can apply to or participate on. However, each travel seminar has its own separate and independent application process. Due to limited space travel seminars can be highly competitive.

When are students notified of the results of the application process?

The notification process will differ for each travel seminar; however, admission decisions are generally made within 2 weeks of the application deadline. All applicants will be notified by email of the results.

What happens if I am waitlisted for a travel seminar?

Students who are waitlisted for a travel seminar will be advised as to their numerical standing on the waitlist. A deadline will be given as to when they must notify OCSE if they wish to remain on the waitlist or withdraw, surrendering their position. Should a student choose to remain on the waitlist for a travel seminar with an on-campus course, he/she must register for and take the on-campus course. He/she must understand that there is no guaranteed participation on the travel seminar even though they are taking the on-campus course. Waitlisted students' participation on the travel seminar is contingent upon another student's inability to take part in the program.

How do I register for a travel seminar?

Students cannot register for (or withdraw from) a travel seminar themselves. OCSE will work with the Registrar's Office to register all accepted students.

Can I enroll in a travel seminar as Pass/Fail?

No. All travel seminar participants will receive a letter grade.

Can I audit a travel seminar?

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