

PROGRAM PROVIDER: USAC
 COMPARING PROGRAM MODELS

SPECIALTY PROGRAM MODEL

UNIVERSITY PARTNER MODEL

<p>HOUSING OPTIONS Who will students live with...other American students or other international students? Will they live on-campus or off-campus?</p>	<p>Varies Homestay: Local family and possibly another USAC students Residence Halls and Apartments: Other USAC students and sometimes local and other international students.</p>	
<p>MEAL PLAN OPTIONS Are meals provided or do students pay for their own meals?</p>	<p>Varies by program. With homestays, typically some meals will be included.</p>	<p>Varies by program. On some programs with residence hall living options, students may be able to purchase a meal plan. For the most part, students will be in accommodations (apartment or residence hall) where they have access to a kitchen and can prepare their own meals.</p>
<p>CULTURAL ACTIVITIES OPTIONS Are these available to students with both program models? Is the cost different?</p>	<p>Yes! Different local activities are included in the program.</p>	<p>Cultural activities on or partnership programs will be coordinated by the host university.</p>
<p>OPTIONAL EXCURSION OPTIONS Are these available to students with both program models? Is the cost different?</p>	<p>USAC Specialty Programs have optional excursions and field studies. These are in addition to the field trips and cultural activities that are included in the program. Students can choose to add optional excursions for a fee.</p>	<p>Many of our partnership host universities will offer excursions for study abroad students. These vary program to program but can be found in the Activities section of each program page on our website.</p>
<p>ON-SITE STAFF Who is available to students? How much oversight will be given to students?</p>	<p>Resident Director, Program Assistant and other on-site USAC staff. Our onsite staff work closely with students on the programs daily. The USAC Office will be located on the host university and sometimes very near where students live. RDs and onsite staff coordinate classes, housing, all excursions, internships, etc. and are in touch with and available for students 24/7.</p> <p>You can see the full list of RDs and Program Directors for Specialty and Partnership programs here - https://usac.edu/usac/staff-abroad</p>	<p>In most cases, our host university international office program directors are students' main point of contact onsite. We know our host university partners very well. Our USAC partnership coordinators are in touch with them very frequently. We visit them and they visit us in Reno regularly.</p> <p>There are some partnership programs that are hybrid partnership/specialty and have a USAC Resident Director: UK, Ireland, Ghana.</p>
<p>COURSE LOCATION Where would students be taking their courses? On a university campus or at an independent location?</p>	<p>Students take their courses on the host campus, with one exception. Classes on the USAC Puntarenas, Costa Rica program take place at the USAC center there.</p>	<p>Students take their courses on the host campus.</p>

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<p>INSTRUCTORS FOR COURSES Who will be teaching the courses? Faculty hired by the Provider or Faculty at an actual university?</p>	<p>Courses on USAC Specialty programs are taught by USAC faculty. Usually they are local faculty, but we also have some visiting professors from the US. On some specialty programs students also have the chance to direct enroll in host univ. courses.</p>	<p>Courses are taught by host univ. professors.</p>
<p>COURSE AVAILABILTIY Are students limited on what courses they can take? Are there only certain courses available at the On-site Centers?</p>	<p>The course list on Specialty Programs is typically a more curated list, with a focus on a few key areas. For example, our program in Valencia, Spain features Spanish language and many STEM courses.</p>	<p>Students typically have access to much of the full course catalogue.</p>
<p>STUDY CENTER LOCATIONS How many different Study Center locations are available?</p>	<p>30 programs in 17 countries.</p>	<p>22 partnership programs in 11 countries.</p>