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School of Humanities Junior Term Abroad Program Spring 2018 School Year 2017-2018 Overview & FAQs

Qualifying for the Program

1. Above average grades (rule of thumb: cumulative QPI of 2.8, with no Fs or Ws)
2. Current sophomore
3. No major disciplinary offense
4. Language proficiency (if applicable)

Irregular juniors may also be accepted into the program, on a case-to-case basis. Apart from these qualifications, students undergo a screening process handled by the Office of the Dean of the School of Humanities.

How to Apply + Deadlines

1. Attend the Information Session and talk to your parents.
2. Submit a Letter of Intent (noted by *both* your parents and your Department Chair/Program Director) and pay the \$500 Application Fee on or before **17 October 2016**. After applying, make sure your IPS indicates that you will take PH101 in the next semester.
3. Work on keeping your grades up until **14 April 2017**, the deadline for passing the Application Packet (form, portfolio, and other requirements). The form and list of requirements are downloadable from the SOH JTA website. Sign up for the interview on the same day.
4. Interviews (and IPS Consultations) will be during the **last two weeks of April 2017**.
5. Initial results will be released by the **first week of May 2017**.
6. School Assignments will be released by the **first week of June 2017**.

Program Types

- **Ateneo Student Exchange Program (ASEP)**
Students pay the Ateneo ISEP Fee, roughly the equivalent of one semester's tuition, before leaving for their destination university
- **External Study Abroad Program (ESAP)**
You pay your tuition fees directly to the destination university; no tuition fees to pay to Ateneo de Manila
- **ASEAN International Mobility for Students (AIMS) Program**
Offered by the ASEAN + partner universities across Asia. Competitive, with full scholarships (including tuition and living expenses)
- **Temasek Program**
Offered by the Singaporean government. Competitive, only for Fall 2017, with grants for airfare, lodging, and other expenses. Student will still pay the ISEP Fee before leaving.

THE FAQs:

Are students who transferred to Ateneo and students who have previously cross-enrolled at other universities allowed to join the JTA Program?

No more than one-third of the classes in a student's IPS can be taken in another university and be validated as Ateneo subjects. Students who transferred to Ateneo in their freshman or sophomore year, and those who have previously cross-enrolled at other universities, are advised to compute whether they might exceed the maximum number of validated units if they participate in the JTA Program. (Please see the Undergraduate Student Handbook)

Are OAA Financial Aid Scholars allowed to apply to the Junior Term Abroad Program?

OAA Financial Aid Scholars who meet the minimum requirements are eligible to apply to the ASEP and the competitive schemes that offer scholarships. Starting Spring 2018, they will be given a discount to their ISEP Fee equivalent to their current OAA Financial Aid tuition discount (e.g. 100%, 75%, 50%, etc.) They are also eligible for a 50% discount on the Confirmation Fee. However, any overload or additional term they need to take due to any changes in their IPS will not be covered by their scholarship. There may also be other requirements set by OAA; please ask them for more information.

What costs are JTA Program participants expected to pay?

A student under the SOH Junior Term Abroad Program is required to pay the following:

1. ISEP Fee for ASEP/Temasek Scholarship or Tuition Fees for ESAP
2. Confirmation/OIR Processing Fee (10,000; the \$500 application fee is deducted from this once paid)
3. Visa processing fees, as required by respective embassies
4. Round-trip air fare to the country of destination
5. Living expenses (food and lodging)
6. Medical and travel insurance
7. Additional pocket money for travel and leisure (optional)

Are scholarships or subsidies available for the JTA Program?

Apart from the OAA Financial Aid discounts and the AIMS and Temasek Programs, all ASEP students who go to members of the ASEAN University Network (AUN) through the Credit Transfer Program (CTS) will receive a \$50,000 discount on their ISEP Fee. In addition, a limited number of scholarships are sometimes made available by destination universities or governments of destination countries; these are subject to the screening process of the sponsoring body, such as the Bourse Jose Rizal offered by the French Embassy. We have no guarantee about the availability of these scholarships in any given school year, but all opportunities are announced through the Facebook page and website as soon as our office receives the information.