



ESSENTIAL ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR GAP YEAR ABROAD

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- You have to be 18 years or older at the time of your departure.
- You have to be a high school graduate in good academic standing.
- You have read, understood, and agreed to the terms outlined in the CIEE Gap Year Abroad Terms and Conditions.
- You must be able to manage all necessary self-care, including maintaining adequate nutrition and hydration, dressing appropriately for environmental conditions, and maintaining personal hygiene.
- You are required to manage themselves any prescribed medications; including adhering to required prescribed dosages of medication, for the duration of the program.
- You must agree to travel to the program with any prescribed medications that will last the duration of the program.
- You cannot be undergoing legally adjudicated or court mandated therapy. You must also be able to manage your behaviors and actions without requiring constant therapeutic interventions.
- You must comply with all program policies related to health, safety and security.
- You must be responsible for your own behavior.
- You must maintain a reasonable level of situational awareness appropriate to circumstances.
- You must be able to tolerate and function effectively in an environment where you may not speak the language or where you are not culturally competent.
- You may need be able to tolerate significant levels of ambivalence and ambiguity that naturally occurs when one encounters a different culture than one's own especially if you did not grow up speaking the local language
- You must be able to tolerate and function effectively in conditions that are of a standard potentially different from that to which you are accustomed including different standards of:
 - Diet
 - Accommodations
 - Communications
 - Sanitation
- You must be able to tolerate and function effectively in an environment that may have predominating cultural constructs that may be very different from your own in regards to:
 - Communications
 - Time
 - Personal Space
- You must be able to tolerate, function effectively and behave in a respectful manner in an environment that may have predominating cultural values and views that are very different from your own in areas that may include:
 - Gender Roles
 - Sexual Identity
 - Religion
 - Individualism
 - Politics
- You must be able to tolerate and function effectively in an environment, which may potentially include warmer or colder temperatures, dust, tropical sun, air pollution, and insects.
- You must be able to understand and apply all provided health, safety and security information and directives.
- You must be responsible for your own belongings.
- You must be able to navigate and travel independently to and from program destination.
- You must be able to navigate and travel independently within the program country utilizing primarily public transportation.