

This guide is intended to help students prepare for the visa process. Please note that visa requirements and procedures can change with little or no notice. The Center for Global Study & Engagement (CGSE) strongly recommends reviewing this guide before applying to study abroad to ensure that visa timelines and requirements do not conflict with other academic, travel, or personal commitments.

Visa requirements may differ based on your citizenship status. If you are an international student or hold dual citizenship, please consult CGSE early to understand how this may affect your visa process.

How to use this guide

This is a planning tool to help you understand the general visa process. Once accepted into a program, you will receive a detailed visa guide including key dates, deadlines, required documents, and action items specific to your program via email and through the program's D2L Brightspace pre-departure course.

Visa Requirements

U.S. Passport Holders are not required to obtain a visa before participating in this program and students can enter visa free and remain in Georgia for up to a year without a visa. The program includes travel to Azerbaijan and Armenia, where you will need to present your valid passport. Students are required to obtain a visa for the excursion to Azerbaijan. SRAS will assist you with this process and the cost of the visa is included in the program fee, but it is your responsibility to complete all required documents as outlined by SRAS.

If you plan any independent travel before or after the program, it is your responsibility to ensure you follow all immigration policies.

International Students

If you are not a US citizen, you may be required to obtain a visa. Please check with the appropriate Consulate that serves your jurisdiction regarding the student visa process. In most cases, international students can apply in the US. If you are planning to travel to your home country during the break and will need your passport over the summer, you will need to apply for a visa in your country of citizenship. Check the Georgian Consulate's website in your country for visa requirements. The CGSE will supply documents as needed, but it is your responsibility to confirm what documents are required and to communicate your plans with both the CGSE and the SRAS team.

If applying in the US, the Georgia Consulate General of New York has jurisdiction over Pennsylvania. Refer to the [consulate website](#) for the most accurate information.