



WHAT MAKES A STRONG ISEP APPLICATION?

LEVEL OF EFFORT REFLECTS LEVEL OF COMMITMENT TO THE PROGRAM!

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1. Application Preparation (general)
Completeness counts; all the proper pieces need to be present.
 - One recommendation letter from the professor of the Uni BE
 - Transcripts from all prior higher education institutions (check requirements for Graduate programs)
 - TOEFL oder IELTS in proposed language of study
 - Neatness counts – if it cannot be read, it cannot be used. Please type all documents carefully.

2. Language Preparation
 - Placement in the USA and some international-to-international sites requires a TOEFL score.
 - Placement in Latin America requires intermediate to advanced Spanish proficiency
 - Statement of purpose in the host language MUST be written by the applicant (no google translate)

3. Course Request List Preparation (Introduces applicant to how host system is set up; applicant learns if objectives can be met at the host site and if necessary courses are available)
 - Should be specific to each requested institution (courses from the HOST institution should be listed)
 - Student should be as flexible as possible – ISEP cannot guarantee that all courses will be available
 - Make sure dates of study reflect actual dates at the host institution

4. Country Particularities
 - For placements in the USA: Student may only select one „Most Competitive“ site and must list it as their first choice (check with the filter „Chance of placement“)
 - Students should make sure their TOEFL score meets the minimum requirement at selected site(s)

- Not all US sites offer graduate level courses and not all programs are open to ISEP students. Make sure to review the descriptions of the Website, including academics, housing availability, language requirements and other factors.
5. Placement Flexibility: Students should list as many sites as they would accept placement (up to 10 to increase chances of placement). When students list less sites:
 - Loss of time: As program officers follow up individually, other options may close
 - No placement at all: students often ultimately decide the specific site is less important than the exchange itself
 - Do not list if you do not want it.
 6. All applicants will have to pay a \$100 non-refundable application fee and at the time of acceptance, a \$325 non-refundable placement fee.
 7. The student will have to purchase health insurance offered by the ISEP no later than 45 days prior to the start date of the program or risk losing their space in the program. For further details please refer to:
<https://www.isepstudyabroad.org/guides-and-tips/health-safety/isep-student-health-insurance>

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