

SU-in Cyprus

This document serves as a resource for you to help your student as they prepare to study away. Your student has all of this information.

The semester before your student studies away, they will be provided with information regarding the GO Long Process Overview and a Program-specific resources. These cover the next steps in the GO process. Global Semesters is the study abroad unit for the University of Nicosia.

Students should refer to their acceptance documents for exact program dates. Typically Fall semester runs from mid-September to late-December. Spring Semester runs from late-January until late-May/early-June.

Application Process

Your student needs to apply directly to University of Nicosia through Global Semesters (the study abroad office). The application is started through a link on their GO portal, and accessed via www.globalsemesters.com. Students will complete the online application – indicating Susquehanna University or Susquehanna in Cyprus during their application process to ensure that the University of Nicosia knows that they are an SU student.

Deadlines: October 1 (Spring study abroad), March 1 (Fall study abroad).

This will take you to the student application portal, where you will be able to complete your application input/upload:

- Application forms and waivers, including course selection
- If they are interested in a research project internship, they should note that and follow the additional instructions.
- Official Transcript – ordered online (note: there is a small fee)

Next steps:

- Once admitted by Global Semesters, the next time they log in to your globalsemesters.com account, they'll see the Enrollment Checklist
 - Upload passport image (also upload to GMS application)
 - Upload an 2x2 size passport-style photo - used for the UNIC student ID
- Emailed via DocuSign "Student Waiver" and "Student Expectations"
- The Academic Approval Form – details and instructions for submitting the courses they wish to enroll in as part of the registration process will be emailed

The Global Semesters Student Guide for answers to many questions: [Student Guide-Web Version.pdf](#)

Courses at the University of Nicosia

For the semester in Cyprus, your student will be directly enrolled at the University of Nicosia via Global Semesters and most of the courses that the university offers will be available. For “practicum”, “research” or “internship” courses, your student must receive prior approval (they should email admissions@globalsemesters.com).

Course selection (via a registration form sent from Global Semesters/University of Nicosia) will occur during the preparation semester. It is important to also complete the course approval process through GO - there is some information [HERE](#).

- Required Courses: Internship, Research, or [Cyprus related course](#) (i.e. Cyprus Art History)
- Students must be enrolled in at least 12 US credits throughout the semester.
 - Credits at the University of Nicosia are issued as “ECTS”
 - 6 ECTS = 3 SU credits (1 ECTS = 0.5 SU credits)
- Students can take up to five courses (15 US credits).
- Courses usually offered in the Fall are outlined [HERE](#).
- Courses usually offered in the Spring are outline [HERE](#).

Housing at the University of Nicosia

University of Nicosia's incoming visiting students are overseen by the Global Semesters Office. Global Semesters provides housing in their buildings named [SIX](#), [Triangle](#), and [U](#). All three buildings are within walking distance of campus and a grocery store. Learn more [HERE](#).

- Students will be living in fully furnished, fully equipped single studio apartments with kitchens, all linens and towels, heat and air conditioning, and kitchen appliances and utensils.
- All the units have Wi-Fi (wireless internet broadband) available. The University of Nicosia campus library also has Wi-Fi access available for all students.
- Units are not supervised residence halls. Students are expected to be capable of mature, independent apartment-style living with their roommates.
- Students are spread out and placed in spots where available; housing is competitive.

The housing application happens after your student has been accepted.

Please refer to the [Housing section](#) of the Semester in Cyprus webpage for more information on housing.

* The housing costs on the budget sheet are confirmed costs. If your student chooses a more expensive housing option, you will be charged the difference.

Visa Requirements for the University of Nicosia

No student visa is needed for this program. Students may need to enroll in the European ETIAS online registration: https://travel-europe.europa.eu/etias_en - this is scheduled to take effect in 2024.

The University of Nicosia will send a travel letter to before departure which your student can use to enter and exit the country. We recommend that your student carries a copy this letter throughout their semester abroad – both in Cyprus and if they travel outside of the country.

*note that visa information is provided based on US citizenship. Students holding a non-US passport should consult with the host consulate for any visa considerations.

After Acceptance:

Your student will receive an acceptance email from Global Semesters. SU should be billed directly for tuition and housing. If you receive a bill, please forward it to the GO Program (goprogram@susqu.edu) right away. Your student is responsible for any damage deposits.

At this point, the Global Semesters' local program coordinators will be sending emails with valuable pre-departure information about everything from packing and selecting courses to the airport experience. This includes a Pre-Arrival Guide which will give some important information before departure and upon arrival. The first week of the program is reserved for orientation.

Booking flights and Arrival information:

Students are responsible for booking their own flight to Cyprus and back. They should book the flight after receiving the official acceptance letter from Global Semesters and have confirmed program dates.

If you'd like to use a travel agent to assist with travel planning, Student Universe (studentuniverse.com), Travel Time (trvtime.com) and STA Travel (<http://statravel.com/airfare-deposit-program.htm>) have been used by students in the past. If not using a travel agent we recommend booking airfare directly with the airline rather than a third-party website.

Larnaca International Airport (airport code LCA) is the closest international airport to Nicosia. Larnaca Airport is approximately 40 minutes from your apartments in Nicosia.

Getting to campus: Global Semesters will arrange for a pickup at the airport as long as your student arrives during designated times. Students with flights arriving outside their pick-up hours, should notify Global Semesters as they will assist in arrangements for a taxi pick-up, at an additional cost (about 45 euros).

Please note that if your student arrives before the program official arrival date, Global Semesters housing will not be available. A list of recommended hotels in both Larnaca and Nicosia can be provided by the Global Semesters program coordinator.

After your program ends, some students in the past have chosen to extend their stay in Cyprus past their program's end date for additional vacationing or travel. Global Semesters housing ends at the program's end date and your student will be responsible for finding housing after this time.

There is no group bus transfer to the airport for your departures. Shuttles or shared taxis are available at your cost.

Other Matters:

Packing: Pack all essential items in your carry-on (medicine, jewelry etc.). Refer to the guidelines for bringing liquids in a carry-on (<https://www.tsa.gov/travel/security-screening/liquids-rule>) as well as the airlines' luggage weight limits. We have additional resources posted in your students' application regarding some tips for Traveling and Packing.

Medication: For prescription medicines, students must either bring enough with them for the duration of the semester. Note that some medications are prohibited by the European Union, including many medications for the treatment of attention deficit disorders. Please reach out to a physician to determine a plan of action. We recommend that your student has a written prescription with them as they may be asked for it by customs officials.

Money Matters: We recommend having some local currency. Most local banks have access to give Euros or your student can convert USD to Euros at the airport. ATMs are also readily available throughout Cyprus and they can withdraw Euros from ATMs. Students should inform their bank about all travel plans, and also find out whether the bank and credit card issuers charge international transaction fees.

Health Insurance: Global Semesters provides you with full insurance coverage during your time in Cyprus.

Travel Day:

Your student should carry their passport, acceptance letter, student travel visa letter (the letter from Global Semesters), Program Contact and Arrival Instructions in their carry-on luggage. **DO NOT CHECK THEM!**

We recommend arriving at least three hours before an international flight is scheduled to board to give time to get through airport security, bag check, etc. If the flight is delayed or cancelled, contact the travel agent or airline where you booked the ticket to be put on the next flight and alert the host program/university of any travel delays.