

Washington State Community College Consortium for Study Abroad (WCCCSA)

LISBON

Fall Quarter 2027



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WASHINGTON STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE CONSORTIUM FOR STUDY ABROAD

IN COLLABORATION WITH



AIFS *Abroad*



Spending a fall quarter in Lisbon gives students the chance to enjoy the *City of Seven Hills* at its best. Outside of class, you can explore historic neighborhoods like Alfama and Bairro Alto, ride the iconic yellow trams, enjoy a café with a pastel de nata, or stroll along the Tagus River. You can attend local festivals, cheer at a futebol match, enjoy Lisbon's thriving food and music scenes, and take advantage of walkable streets and affordability—all while immersing yourself in Portuguese culture and daily life. Fall is also ideal to visit nearby towns such as Sintra's fairytale palaces, the beaches of Cascais, or historic Oporto.

YOUR PROGRAM INCLUDES

- One-time round-trip airport transfers between the airport in Lisbon (LIS) and the student housing on program arrival and departure days to suit the majority of flights.
- Accommodation in single and twin rooms within a shared apartment with other WCCCSA students. Typically, four-to-six students will share apartments with equipped kitchen, bathroom(s) and common space, located within approximately 40-minutes travel time to the AIFS Study Center and classrooms. Linens and towels, weekly cleaning, laundry facilities, and free wireless internet are provided.
- Meals: Students will have kitchen access at the student accommodation, a welcome meal, and a farewell meal.
- Travel pass: A Lisboa Navegante card granting unlimited travel on the metro, buses, trams and regional trains in the central zone of Lisbon for the duration of the program.
- An orientation program in Lisbon consisting of a meeting and workshops with experienced AIFS staff, covering topics such as general acclimation to Portugal, safety and security, cultural differences, travel, money and optional cultural activities; a local area walking tour and a sightseeing tour of Lisbon.
- A program of free and subsidized cultural activities, such as a boat cruise, a tile painting workshop, a cooking class or food experience, sporting events, walking tours, etc.
- A full-day excursion to Coimbra, home to Portugal's oldest university including round-trip transportation by private bus, a walking tour of Coimbra and entrance to the University of Coimbra historic campus and Joanina library, with the services of a professional English speaking guide and AIFS escort.
- A full-day excursion to Sintra including round-trip transportation by private bus, entrance to the Pena Palace, Quinta da Regaleira and the Moorish Castle, the services of a professional English-speaking guide and AIFS escort.
- A team of experienced AIFS Student Services staff in Lisbon for information and advising.
- Medical insurance coverage and 24-hour emergency contact service.
- Pre-Departure enrollment services and orientation.

PROGRAM DATES

Depart US:
Sunday, September 26, 2027

Arrive Lisbon:
Monday, September 27, 2027

Depart Lisbon:
Monday, November 22, 2027

OPTIONAL TRANSPORTATION PACKAGE

Students may purchase the AIFS Optional Transportation Package consisting of round-trip airfare between Seattle (SEA) and Lisbon (LIS) and round-trip transfers overseas between the airport and the housing in Lisbon. Mandatory U.S. government and airline-imposed departure taxes, fees and fuel surcharges will be billed separately.

DEADLINES

Early Bird Discount:
April 10, 2027
(Apply by this date & save \$100)

Application & Enrollment Deposit Deadline:
July 2, 2027

Balance of Fees:
July 30, 2027

ACADEMICS

Students enroll for a total of 15 credits through their home campus, including two courses taught by WCCCSA faculty and the mandatory Portuguese Life and Culture course, taught by local adjunct faculty.

COURSES

Portuguese Life and Culture (5 credits)

Taught by a qualified local adjunct lecturer, this course focuses on the historical, political, economic, and cultural aspects of contemporary Portugal, and life in Lisbon. Each week will feature a different theme, each introduced by your local expert faculty or a guest lecturer and then accompanied by an experiential activity to get your learning out of the classroom and into the city! The course is mandatory for all students and will enhance your study abroad program by ensuring you get to engage fully with your host city and country, and give you a wealth of experiences to enrich your learning. Credit for this course will be awarded by your home institution.

Biology 100 - Survey of Biology (5 credits, Natural Science with Lab)

This is a lab science course for non-majors. It includes an introduction to principles of biology and their practical applications. Major concepts include energy, cell structure and function, genetics and evolution, diversity of animals and plants, and interrelationships among living organisms, and ecology. We will be going outside to examine different forms of life - from fungi to plants to animals to entire ecosystems, all the while considering the differences between home and the Lisbon area.

Environmental Science 101 (5 credits, Natural Science with Lab)

This course covers ecological principles, including the interdisciplinary studies of the physical, biological, chemical, and geological principles to understand ecosystems. The class will focus on the relationships and connections between humans and their environment, and solutions to environmental problems. Students will learn about topics like water quality, air quality, soils and agriculture, and climate change, and apply these issues to how they are addressed in a large urban setting like Lisbon, Portugal. This class is also planned to include field trips to local parks and connections with local non-profits to do volunteer service learning related to environmental science.

This is an academic program, and students are required to enroll in a full-time course load (15 credits). Failure to participate in the academic coursework may result in dismissal from the program. Students are encouraged to make the most of their classroom learning as it will enhance understanding of all the local area has to offer.

FACULTY

PROFESSOR AMY LAWRENCE

OLYMPIC COLLEGE, STEM DIVISION



Amy Lawrence is a biology and environmental science professor from Olympic College in Bremerton, Washington. Professor Lawrence studied Environmental Science at Washington State University (WSU) in Pullman, Washington, earning a Bachelor of Science in 1994. After working in environmental consulting for a few years, Professor Lawrence returned to graduate school - attending the University of Virginia in

Charlottesville, Virginia to study Ecology. After earning a Master of Science (MS) in 2000, Professor Lawrence returned to more field-based environmental consulting work in Kitsap County, and also began teaching biology and environmental science part time, as adjunct faculty, at Olympic College in 2003.

Professor Lawrence has been teaching full time at Olympic College since 2014. Central to all of her courses are themes of connecting students to their surroundings, and giving back through service learning. When not teaching, Amy enjoys travel, hiking, yoga, volunteering at local parks, and spending time with her husband and two college-aged daughters.



PROGRAM FEES, POLICIES AND ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

PROGRAM FEES

The program fee is **\$7,995** for 15-19 student participants. (The program fee is \$7,395 for 20 or more student participants.)

This fee excludes roundtrip airfare and ground transfers, optional insurance upgrade (if selected), passport and/or visa fees, meals other than those listed, personal expenses, WCCCSA tuition and/or fees, textbooks, and anything not specified.

AIFS will charge a \$35 returned check fee for check payments made with insufficient funds.

AIFS REFUND POLICY

Students who withdraw on or before July 2, 2027 may receive a refund of all fees paid less a \$150 processing fee. Students withdrawing after July 2, 2027 but on or before July 30, 2027 may receive a refund for all fees paid less the \$450 deposit and any non-refundable deposits paid by the student or by AIFS on the student's behalf. There are no refunds after July 30, 2027.

Enrolled students who have not paid in full by July 30, 2027 are responsible for the full program fee, whether they participate or not.

PROTECTING YOUR INVESTMENT

WCCCSA students will have the option of purchasing additional trip cancellation or interruption insurance which allows them to protect their study abroad program. This policy includes options to cancel for any reason (CFAR) and interrupt for any reason (IFAR). Details of the Worldwide Trip Protector Plans with Travel Insured International (TII) is underwritten by the United States Fire Insurance Company, rated A (Excellent) by A.M. Information on these options is available on the Travel Insured International website – www.travelinsured.com - or by phone at 855-611-0918. The policy is time sensitive and must be purchased within 21 days after the deposit is paid.

FINANCIAL AID

Many students are eligible to apply for financial aid, grants and loans to assist with the costs of the Lisbon program. Early application is essential. Contact your home institution's financial aid office if you are interested in this possibility. Be sure to identify yourself as a potential Lisbon program participant.

OPTIONAL INSURANCE UPGRADE

Participants have the option of purchasing Extra Protection Insurance Coverage (\$65), including increased medical insurance as outlined in the CISI Medical Insurance Brochure. Contact your coordinator for a copy of this brochure, or download from student portal upon acceptance.

GENERAL RESOURCES

At AIFS Abroad, we support all participants in your study/intern abroad journey, inclusive of your gender, race, religion, age, physical ability, and sexual orientation. Everyone has a complex identity, and the different aspects of your identity are important when deciding on a program and location. Exploring the identities you hold and learning about those of others is also an important part of this journey. We invite you to use the information here - <https://www.aifsabroad.com/student-resources/> - before, during, and after you study abroad.

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO APPLY, CONTACT YOUR WCCCSA COORDINATOR



<https://www.wcccsa.com/lisbon-portugal-fall-2027>

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