Jump Start Your Study Abroad Journey

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Frequently Asked Questions

• Why?
• What?
• When?
• Where?
• How?
Why Study Abroad?

• Meet people from all over the world
• Language learning
• Improve or learn new skill sets
• Gain an appreciation for the U.S.
• Become an ambassador of the world
• Become more independent
What kind of programs are available?

• **Types of Programs:**
  - Exchange
  - Faculty-Led
  - Provider Programs

• **Purpose:**
  - Study Abroad
  - Intern abroad
  - Research

• **Length of Programs:**
  - Academic Year
  - Semester
  - Summer
When and Where?

When should you go?
• One year of college experience
• Between second semester sophomore year, and first semester junior year
  • Some programs may require students to be in junior standing

Where can you go?
• Any where you want?!
  • Sort of...
• Over 40 countries to choose from!
• Research, or talk to people
  • Study Abroad Alumni
  • Faculty and Staff
  • Classmates, Roommates
  • Parents and Friends
How Much?

What About Academics?

COSTS WILL VARY BASED ON PROGRAM, LOCATION, LENGTH OF STAY, ETC.

FINANCIAL AID??

• Financial Aid can be applied towards most study abroad program options
  • Credit-bearing programs
  • Doesn’t Cover all expenses

• Scholarships
  • TAMU-CC Study Abroad Scholarships
  • Department stipends or scholarships
  • National Scholarships – Gilman, Fulbright, Fund for Education Abroad

ACADEMICS??

• What kind of courses can you take?
• Do courses transfer back?
• Do you need to know a foreign language?
Not ready to study abroad?

• Get information!
  • Study Abroad Information Sessions, Campus Visitors, OIE Office
• Get involved:
  • Join a student organization
    • International Student Organization
  • Attend events throughout the semester that touch on international awareness
    – International Education Week, Parade of Nations, Guest speakers/lecturers talking about internationally themed issues
Questions?

• How to contact us:
  • Stop by: University Center, 226
  • Call: 361.825.3903/361.825.3886
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It’s only a DREAM
until you write it down, and then it becomes a GOAL

-Emmitt Smith
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