LSCS Study Abroad Student Checklist

Checklist for studying abroad

Applying for a program

___ Research a study abroad program that interests you by going to http://lonestar.edu/study-abroad.htm
___ Contact the responsible faculty member organizing the trip to learn more about the program.
___ If necessary, meet with an advisor to ensure the study abroad meets your educational needs.
___ Research possible financing options for the program and tuition costs.
___ Complete the study abroad program application and register for the appropriate classes associated with the program.
___ If eligible, apply for the study abroad scholarship and submit the complete application by one of the two deadlines: second Monday in November or first Monday in February. Please note: due to the limited number of scholarships available, no scholarships will be awarded in February if the funds are exhausted after the November deadline. In order to apply, you must also fill out a FAFSA application.

Pre-departure

___ Apply for a passport (this can take 6 to 10 weeks)
___ Learn if there are special visa requirements for the countries you plan to visit from your study abroad faculty or travel agent.
___ Make payments to your program cost (please contact your study abroad faculty about where to send payment).
___ Pay tuition costs to cover the courses you will be taking abroad.
___ Submit your travel insurance request form and payment to AHP at least 1 month prior to your trip
___ Purchase any required books or study materials for your trip.
___ Speak with study abroad faculty about arranging payment of any applicable scholarships.
___ Register your travel with the Department of State https://travelregistration.state.gov
___ Check the Department of State’s website on a regular basis for travel alerts and information http://travel.state.gov/.
___ Plan a budget for your spending money and trip expenses. Obtain traveler’s checks and ensure credit cards or ATM cards are accessible from abroad.
___ Visit your family physician and inquire about special vaccinations you may need while traveling.
___ Make sure all medications you will be traveling with are in their original containers with the prescribing doctor’s name clearly marked.
___ Make copies of all essential documents (see FAQ for information on what to copy) and ensure family and friends know your itinerary and contact information.
___ Check with your health insurance company to determine if you have coverage abroad. Your travel insurance through AHP is not medical insurance and will only cover you in certain cases. Make two copies your medical insurance card and leave one with a friend or family member. Bring the photocopy and the original insurance card along with you on your trip.

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