

Study Abroad Self-Assessment



The following questions are designed to help you define your study abroad goals your answers will not affect your application status so please answer each question as accurately as possible:

Why do you want to participate in a study abroad program?

Where are you interested in going to study? Why?

What are the five things you are most looking forward to when studying abroad?

- 1.) _____
- 2.) _____
- 3.) _____
- 4.) _____
- 5.) _____

What are the five things that currently worry you *most* about going overseas?

- 1.) _____
- 2.) _____
- 3.) _____
- 4.) _____
- 5.) _____

What are the five things you believe you will miss *most* from home when you are abroad?

- 1.) _____
- 2.) _____
- 3.) _____
- 4.) _____
- 5.) _____

What are your expectations in studying abroad? What do you hope to achieve? (i.e.: to fall in love; to get a job there; because my parents did study abroad and said it will make me more educated; to discover a different set of interests; to become more worldly, etc)

How long would you like to stay abroad (summer, semester, or full year?)

SUMMER FALL SPRING ACADEMIC YEAR (FALL& SPRING)

Have you considered the cost/financial aid related to study abroad? YES NO

Can you afford it? YES NO

Have you discussed this with family members?

YES NO

Are they supportive?

YES NO

Are you proficient enough in a second language to take coursework taught in that language?

YES NO

Are you interested in furthering your knowledge about a specific foreign language?

YES NO

Are you prepared to handle frustration and disappointment of bureaucratic red tape? Racial, gender discrimination or just rude treatment as an American/non-fluent speaker of the language, etc?

YES NO I DON'T KNOW

Are you ready to deal with long-distance relationships? Absence from family, friends for holidays, special occasions? Fewer or no amenities?

YES NO I DON'T KNOW

Are you being honest with yourself about any physical, medical, or emotional health issues that might make study abroad risky to yourself or others? (Examples: diabetes, depression, anxiety, eating disorders, arthritis or other bone/joint limitations, severe asthma)

YES NO

Do you want to attend classes with students from the host country, or with other Americans?

What degree of cultural immersion are you ready or prepared for?

How will you benefit from this study abroad experience?

My greatest single challenge overseas will be:

Why do you think students who travel abroad leave with a sense of pride in the United States of America and return with very different and sometimes negative views?
