GLOBAL EDUCATION OFFICE

Things to Consider When Selecting a Study Abroad Location

*The Global Education Office recommends you ask yourself these questions when reviewing potential study abroad locations. Not all questions are relevant for all applicants, but it is a good place to start.*

1. Language

* What is the language of instruction at this institution?
  + Do I have the language proficiency required to attend?

2. Eligibility

* What is the minimum cumulative GPA requirement to study at this institution and do I meet the minimum?
* Do I meet any other eligibility requirements for this institution?
* Am I able to study at this institution during the semester I am interested in? \*

3. Course Availability

* What department/faculties are available for Exchange/Visiting Students at this institution?
* Are courses in my major/minor available at this institution?
  + What are the credit equivalencies at this institution?

4. Exchange Type/Group

* What Group does the program belong to? Group E or Group O?
* What Exchange Type is this program – Tuition Only, Tuition/Room, or Full Exchange?
  + How does that change my semester’s bill or budgeting? Is this program affordable for me?

5. Weather and Time Zone

* What is the weather like in this country? Is it colder/warmer than I could handle?
* What is the time difference between this country/city and my home city/Washington College?
* How would this time difference effect my ability to communicate with my support-system?
  + Is that important to me?

6. Personal Safety

* Can I safely practice my religion in this country?
* I am an LGBTQ+ student – is it safe for LGBTQ+ student in this country? *(A great resource for answering this question is:* [*https://ilga.org/*](https://ilga.org/)*)*
* Can I access the medication/medical care I need in this country?

7. Location, Location, Location

* What do I want to accomplish while studying abroad- i.e. traveling; language immersion; general independence; access to learning environments/subject matter inaccessible to me in the US? Does this location serve those needs?