

MODERN LANGUAGES AND CULTURES STUDY ABROAD CHECKLIST

How to Begin

- ___ Apply for or renew your passport. Allow up to 12 weeks for processing. Be sure that your passport will be valid during the entire time you will be out of the United States. Be aware, too, that many countries require a passport to be valid for at least six months beyond your anticipated return date. If your passport expires before then, you need to renew it.
<http://www.rochester.edu/College/abroad/students/visapassport.html>
- ___ Attend a group information meeting (review with the directors of each program).
- ___ Schedule an appointment with a study abroad adviser after attending a group information meeting.
- ___ Talk to peer advisers (returnees) who have studied in the location or on the program you are considering.
- ___ Discuss your plans with your parents/guardians.

THE APPLICATION PROCESS

- ___ Meet with your faculty adviser. Bring catalogues and recommendation forms for programs to which you are applying. You may do this even if you have not officially declared your major.
- ___ Submit all applications for MLC-sponsored programs to Modern Languages and Cultures. Be sure to keep a copy of your application. Apply early.
- ___ Estimate costs for the summer study abroad programs to which you are applying.
- ___ Meet with a counselor in the Financial Aid Office if you plan to receive financial aid. Discuss how study abroad affects current and future benefits.
<http://enrollment.rochester.edu/financial/default.shtm>
- ___ Work with a counselor in the Center for Study Abroad to apply for any special study abroad scholarships or financial aid. Some have extremely early application deadlines, so don't delay. All UR students who apply to IES programs are required to apply for IES financial aid.

- ___ Find out the visa requirements, if any, for the country in which you plan to study.
- ___ If you are an international student, or do not hold a US passport, meet with an adviser in the International Services Office in order to discuss the logistics of leaving the US and re-entering upon your return from abroad.
- ___ If you have a disability, meet with an adviser in Learning Assistance Services to discuss accommodations needed. 275-9049.

BEFORE YOU LEAVE CAMPUS

- ___ Make several photocopies of your passport. If you lose your passport while you are abroad, having a photocopy will greatly facilitate getting it re-issued. If you bring it to the Modern Languages and Cultures office, we will keep it on file in the office while you are abroad. You should also take a photocopy to carry with you while traveling and leave one with a family member.
- ___ Forward your UR email account to a web-based email provider such as Yahoo, Gmail or Hotmail. We cannot send email directly to those accounts. All official correspondence will only be sent to your UR email account.
- ___ Visit the River Campus post office to give a forwarding address and to maintain your CPU box. We will provide a form for this.