

STUDY ABROAD CHECKLIST



How Do I Get Started?

Step 1: Explore available programs on www.icisp.org. Choosing your program is the most important decision you will make. You will need to find a program that fits your personal and academic goals, as well as your budget. Write down the questions you have regarding programs.

Step 2: Confirm that you meet the program's requirements. Typically, requirements are:

- Minimum 2.75 GPA
- A or B grade in English 101
- Earned at least 12-15 hours of college credit

Step 3: Schedule an appointment with your school's ICISP Representative. Call Career Development at 630-466-2368. Bring your list of questions and your excitement! When you decide to apply, Career Development will provide you with the application.

Step 4: Apply for funding. Begin searching for several months prior to studying abroad. Work with your school's ICISP Representative to assist you with the search process. Meet with a financial aid advisor to find out if you qualify for additional funding. File the FAFSA for the academic year you plan to study abroad, if you haven't already. Check out the 'Scholarship' link on www.icisp.org website for other funding resources.

Step 5: Submit your completed application to your school's ICISP Representative.

Plan in advance! Documents that are typically required include:

- 2 letters of recommendation
(1 from an instructor and 1 from an instructor, work supervisor, or mentor)
- \$500 deposit
- Official transcripts
- Essay

Step 6: Begin making your arrangements. Once you are accepted into the study abroad program, you will receive detailed information and participate in an orientation session. This will help you have a great experience and complete important pre-departure tasks.

Study Abroad Application Deadlines

- Fall Semester Programs: May 15th
- Spring Semester Programs: October 15th
- Summer Semester Programs: March 15th