Study Abroad 101

A. What is Study Abroad?
   • Earning credit by traveling
   • Study Abroad can be:
     o Classes
     o Community engagement
     o Student arranged internships and research

B. Why study abroad?
   • Benefits:
     o The academic/intellectual
       ▪ Earn academic credit
         -- Fulfill requirements in major, minor or elective coursework
         -- Experience hands-on learning
         -- Gain intellectual insight
     o The professional
       ▪ Invest in your future
         -- Gain direction for a future career
         -- Be independent and work as a team
         -- Develop self-reliance and an adventurous spirit
     o The personal
       ▪ Become more culturally sensitive and accepting
       ▪ Develop language skills
       ▪ Gain confidence

C. Types of Study Abroad Program
   • Co-Sponsored
     o Managed by another organization
     o Other universities participate
     o Classes taught in English and other languages
     o Program length: summer, semester or a year
     o Costs vary
   • International Exchange
     o Tuition exchange
     o Program length: semester to a year
     o Costs include tuition and administrative fee
   • Faculty-Led

D. Finding the right program
   • Explore locations
   • Determine when you want to study abroad
   • Visit with Study Abroad Advisor

E. Plan Ahead
   • Now! It's never too early to begin
   • Obtain a passport
   • Program deadlines
   • Scholarships

F. Confirm Study Abroad Academic Credit
   • Speak with your academic advisor
   • Ensure course equivalencies and credit

G. Consider Expenses
   • Tuition
   • Application fee (non-refundable)
   • Program fee
   • Airfare (if not included)
   • Transportation in country
   • Housing
   • Educational tours
   • Incidental

H. Questions