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## CHECKLIST OF STEPS TO STUDY ABROAD

#	Complete? ✓	Tasks for <b>ALL</b> Study Abroad Students
1		Meet with an advisor (in-person or virtually) in the FSU Office of International Programs.
2		Obtain or renew your <a href="#">passport for international travel</a> ; your passport should be valid for at least 6 months beyond the end of your intended time studying abroad.
3		Explore your options! Choose one specific institution or study abroad program that best aligns with your interests and goals. Consult your Academic Advisor for guidance.
4		Inform the Office of International Programs of the specific study abroad program to which you will apply. Be aware you may need to pay a tuition deposit to that program.
5		Submit your application to your chosen study abroad program before their published deadline. Also apply for any internal scholarships or grants which they might offer.
6		Complete an <a href="#">Off-Campus Course Approval Form</a> for <u>each one</u> of the courses you might take through study abroad (including back-up courses). These should be signed by the appropriate FSU academic department chairperson and submitted to the FSU Registrar's Office before you depart the USA. <a href="#">SEE THIS COURSE APPROVAL VIDEO</a> for guidance.
7		Familiarize yourself with the necessary health and safety protocols for your chosen study abroad destination, and confirm if local health insurance will be provided by your program or if you must purchase international health insurance separately.
8		Familiarize yourself with the appropriate <u>Student Visa</u> regulations for the country where you will study abroad. Be aware that you may be legally required to apply for a Student Visa during the months before your departure for your host country overseas.
9		<a href="#">SEE THIS TRAVEL ASSISTANCE VIDEO</a> for advice on making travel arrangements. Book your round-trip <u>International Flight Itinerary</u> as early as possible after confirming enrollment in an upcoming study abroad program. We recommend that you purchase "main cabin" or "general economy" tickets which are changeable (versus the cheapest "basic economy" tickets that cannot be changed and do not include checked bags).
10		Attend the mandatory <u>Study Abroad Pre-Departure Meeting</u> with the Office of International Programs, offered in-person on-campus near the end of each semester.

The following steps normally do not apply to Summer, January Term, or other short-term study abroad students:

#	Complete? ✓ or N/A	Additional Tasks Specifically for <b>FALL, SPRING</b> or <b>ACADEMIC YEAR</b> Study Abroad
A		Obtain a <u>Course Override Form</u> from the Office of International Programs for the ABRD 101 Semester Study Abroad placeholder course and submit it to the FSU Registrar's Office when available. <a href="#">SEE THIS INSTRUCTIONAL VIDEO</a> for assistance.
B		When course registrations are open for the next semester, log into <i>myFramingham</i> and register yourself into the ABRD 101 study abroad placeholder course for the semester you will be out of the country. Registering for this placeholder will maintain your active student status in the FSU enrollment management system.
C		<i>If using Financial Aid</i> , obtain a <a href="#">Financial Aid Consortium Agreement</a> signed by your study abroad program. <a href="#">SEE THIS FINANCIAL AID VIDEO</a> for further explanation.
D		<i>If using Financial Aid</i> , schedule an appointment with the FSU Financial Aid Office to file the Financial Aid Consortium Agreement signed by your study abroad program.
E		<i>If you live in on-campus FSU housing</i> , visit the FSU Office of Residence Life either to withdraw from housing for an upcoming semester abroad or arrange for housing in the future upon your return to campus.