STUDY ABROAD 101

Where will you go?
WHAT IS STUDY ABROAD?

- Living, studying, or interning in a foreign country
- Earn academic credit
- Over 1,200 Clemson students study abroad each year
  - In the 2013-2014 academic year almost 1,400 Clemson students studies abroad
- National trend that more students participate in study abroad each year
- Learn about other people, other cultures, and about yourself
- Students gain global thought, international perspective, and communications skills
• Nuts & Bolts
• Priorities
• Program Types
• Academic Credit
• Budgeting & Finances
• Next Steps
NUTS & BOLTS

What we’ll cover today
NUTS & BOLTS

• Who can study abroad?
  o Any student of any major can study abroad
  o Students must make sure they meet academic requirements and remain in good academic and disciplinary standings with Clemson.
  o Additionally, some programs have specific GPA requirements

• Where can you go abroad?
  o Study abroad programs are available all around the world!

• When can you go abroad?
  o Short term (fall & spring break trips)
  o Summer
  o Semester
  o Full academic year
YOUR PRIORITIES

Determining your academic and personal goals
ACADEMIC GOALS

• Meet with your academic advisor
• You academic goals will help determine your program choice
• What classes can you complete abroad?
  o Major/minor requirements
  o General education requirements
  o Electives
  o Foreign language requirements
FOREIGN LANGUAGES ABROAD

• Programs in English are available worldwide
• Foreign Language
  o What do you hope to achieve?
  o Do you need foreign language coursework for your degree?
  o Classes instructed in a foreign language can be found
PERSONAL PRIORITIES

• Location
  o Big City vs. Small Town
  o Traditional vs. Nontraditional Locations
    ▪ Traditional locations are typically European countries and Australia
    ▪ Nontraditional locations are typically Asian, Africa, and South American countries

• Housing Options
  o Homestay, apartment, residence hall

• Duration
  o Long term vs. Short term

• Affordability
  o Depends on location, duration, and program
Clemson Faculty-Directed Programs, Exchange Programs, and Third Party Provider Programs
Clemson has three different program types:

- Clemson Faculty-Directed Programs
- Exchange Programs
- Third Party Provider Programs
FACULTY-DIRECTED PROGRAMS

- Developed, taught, and led by Clemson University faculty members
- Typically summer or spring/fall break programs, some semester programs are available as well
- Enroll in Clemson coursework
- Pay Clemson in-state tuition & fees and a program fee
- Examples include:
  - Bioengineering in Pamplona, Spain
  - Education in Capri, Italy
  - Nursing spring break trip in the Dominican Republic
EXCHANGE PROGRAMS

• Reciprocal exchange
• Only available for semester or full academic year
• Pay Clemson in-state tuition and a program fee
  o Housing fees will be paid to host institute
• Courses offered in English or in foreign language with host nationals
• Examples include:
  • GE³: Engineering exchange program with 20 countries
  • Nanyang Technological University in Singapore
  • Universidad de Alicante in Alicante, Spain
  • Deakin University in Melbourne, Australia
THIRD PARTY PROVIDER PROGRAMS

• Outside universities or organizations that are affiliated with or approved by Clemson for study abroad
• Are available for summer, semester, or full year with trips ranging from 4 weeks to a full year
• Provide additional services to students
• Pay tuition and housing fees to third party provider and pay a program fee
• Deadlines vary by program
## COMPARISON OF PROGRAM TYPES

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ACADEMIC CREDIT

Receiving direct Clemson credit vs. transfer credit
RECEIVING ACADEMIC CREDIT

• Clemson University credit
  o Enroll in Clemson courses and receive direct Clemson University credit and grades
  o Clemson faculty-directed programs

• Transfer credit
  o Transfer credit to your Clemson transcript from a foreign university
  o Coursework counts towards your total hours earned
  o Does not affect your GPA
  o Exchange, third party provider programs, and direct enrollments
RECEIVING ACADEMIC CREDIT

- Ensuring credit transfer
  - You must complete a “Request for Approval of Work to be Taken Abroad” form
  - Must have your academic advisor or department head sign off
  - Can also be approved through the TCEL
BUDGETING & FINANCES

Budgeting, program fees, and scholarships
BUDGETING

• Program cost – what is included and what is not?

• Additional costs to consider:
  o Clemson study abroad fee
  o Passport and visa costs
  o Airfare
  o Local transportation
  o Books and supplies
  o Transcripts
  o Personal spending and travel money
CLEMSON UNIVERSITY
FEES

• Clemson Study Abroad Fee
  o $674 for semester programs
  o $337 for summer programs

• Study Abroad Insurance
  o $38/month
  o Mandatory for all study abroad participants
  o Cost is often included in Clemson faculty-directed and third party program costs
FUNDING STUDY ABROAD

- Meet with Financial Aid
- Scholarships may apply
- Loans apply
- Additional scholarships are available
STUDY ABROAD SCHOLARSHIPS

• OGE Study Abroad scholarships
  o Available to Clemson students who are studying abroad for full year, fall, spring, and summer
• Program specific scholarships
  o Department specific
  o Third party provider scholarships
• National scholarships
  o Gilman scholarship, Boren scholarship, etc.
• Scholarship resources are available in Study Abroad Office and on Clemson Study Abroad website
NEXT STEPS
Researching program options, meeting with an advisor, applying
GET A PASSPORT

- Required for all international travel
- Information can be found at
  http://travel.state.gov/passport
- Must be valid for 6 months after return to United States
  - Can be a long process so the sooner you look
RESEARCH PROGRAMS

- Find a program that fits your needs and priorities
- Visit the Study Abroad website to view available programs
- Talk with a Study Abroad Ambassador!
- Additional resources available in the Study Abroad Office
• Complete Clemson Study Abroad application
  o If you are going through an exchange or third party program you will need to complete an additional application as well.
• Complete “Request for Approval of Work to be Taken Abroad” form
• Meet with Financial Aid
MEET WITH A STUDY ABROAD ADVISOR

• If you have additional questions about program options, you can meet with a Study Abroad Advisor

• Appointments can be scheduled online through the Study Abroad Website
  o http://www.clemson.edu/studyabroad/appointment-form.html
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