IS THIS THE STUDY ABROAD PROGRAM FOR ME?

HOW TO LOOK AT THE FINE PRINT WHEN EXAMINING A STUDY ABROAD PROGRAM.

Academics

- What courses are offered?
- Are courses offered in my major?
- Are courses offered in English?
- Are courses offered in the host language?
- Can I take language classes at my level?
- Will I have an opportunity to do an internship?
- Is there a service learning/volunteer component?
- What is a typical course load?
- What are the eligibility requirements?
- Do I meet the eligibility requirements?
  - GPA
  - Language courses
  - Credit requirements

Location/Site

- Is the program in a big city/small town?
- Is the program to multiple locations?
- Are there lots of tourists/Americans?
- What is the "student life" like?
- Can I travel easily from this location?
- What activities are there (i.e. museums, sports venues, night-life, etc.)?
- How is the public transportation system?
- What will the climate be like?

Housing

- Is there a homestay option?
- Can I live in an apartment?
- Can I live in a residence hall?
- Can I live with a friend?
- Is my housing option guaranteed?
- Is housing close to where I will be taking classes?

Support

- Is there onsite staff?
- What services are provided to students in-country?
- Will someone be onsite to help me resolve any problems I am having?

Immersion

- With whom will I be taking my classes?
  - American students
  - International students
  - Host country students
  - Combination
- Will I be able to take a beginner/basic skills language class (if I am taking coursework in English)?
- Does the program provide opportunities for me to meet local people?
  - Language partners
  - Homestay/residence halls
  - Social events with locals
  - Volunteer/internship opportunity
- How will I engage with my host country and culture?
  - Excursions
  - Special classes (i.e. cooking classes)
  - Research project/course on local people and customs

Cost

- How much does the program cost?
- What are included in the program costs?
  - Tuition
  - Excursions
  - Flight
  - Room
  - Board
  - Other
- Is it possible to directly enroll in a local university (bypassing a program)?
- What is an estimate of my personal expenses?
- Does the program offer scholarships?