

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ KU ID: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Standing: \_\_\_ First Year \_\_\_ Sophomore \_\_\_ Junior \_\_\_ Senior \_\_\_ Graduate

Expected Graduation Term: \_\_\_\_\_ Current GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

Major(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Minor(s): \_\_\_\_\_

### PLEASE RANK THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS (1=MOST IMPORTANT; 6=LEAST IMPORTANT):

- \_\_\_\_\_ **Academic program** is the most important thing to me. I will only study abroad if I can take courses that will satisfy my degree program's graduation requirements.
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Cost** is the most important thing to me. I can study abroad only if the program is affordable or if I will end up paying no more or just a tad bit more than what I typically spend for a semester/summer at KU.
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Location** is the most important thing to me. I am willing to consider whatever program is available as long as I can study in a particular country or city.
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Timing** is the most important thing to me. I won't disrupt my degree progress / extracurricular commitments / internship / job offer / or life commitments.
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Non-Academic Opportunities** are the most important thing to me. I want a program that will have an internship option, volunteer activities, local projects, and other activities.
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Total Experience** is the most important thing to me. I want a study abroad experience that will meet my expectations regarding other program participants, comfort-level, cultural immersion, academic and social interaction, accommodations, and other features of normal daily life.

### WHICH PROGRAM TYPE(S)?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Traditional: Exchange     | <input type="checkbox"/> KU-Led Program                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Traditional: Third-Party  | <input type="checkbox"/> Travel Registration: Conference       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Traditional: Direct Apply | <input type="checkbox"/> Travel Registration: Service Learning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Professional: Internship  | <input type="checkbox"/> Build-Your-Own                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Professional: Research    | <input type="checkbox"/> Post-KU Opportunities                 |

### WHICH TERM(S)?

- ☐ Summer \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Fall \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Spring \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Winter \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Academic Year \_\_\_\_\_

### LOCATIONS OF INTEREST:

### PROGRAMS OF INTEREST:

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### Action Items:

- ☐ Review advising resources on MyGlobalKU
- ☐ Review a Budget Worksheet
- ☐ Review a Study Abroad Course Approval Form
- ☐ Complete the Study Abroad Pre-Advising Worksheet
- ☐ Review the Study Abroad Advising Checklist
- ☐ *On Your Own:* Review your personal finances and savings
- ☐ *On Your Own:* Review your academic degree audit
- ☐ *On Your Own:* Search and compare programs on MyGlobalKU



# DISCOVER STUDY ABROAD: PRE-ADVISING WORKSHEET

## CONSIDER YOUR MOTIVATIONS FOR STUDY ABROAD:

- **Personal Goal(s):** What personally motivates you for this? (Personal interests, family background, etc.)
  - **Academic Goal(s):** What classes do you need to take before graduation that you might take abroad?
  - **Professional Goal(s):** What do you want to achieve or experience that will help you in your future career?
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Consider the following topics as you research study abroad. Your responses to the following statements will help you and/or the study abroad advisor narrow program options based on your personal circumstances and interests.

### ACADEMICS:

- Do you want courses to apply to your major, minor, core requirements or general education?
- How flexible are you with the courses you can take abroad?
- Do you want to study something different from your major?
- Have you discussed studying abroad with your academic advisor?
- Are you aware that you will be receiving TRANSFER credits (credits and grades) for courses taken overseas and that these grades will not be factored into your GPA?
- Have you examined the available courses offered at the study abroad program to which you intend to apply? Will the courses work for your major, minor, or general education requirements?
- Do you meet your preferred program(s) eligibility requirements (GPA, foreign language, pre-requisites)?

### LOCATIONS:

- Where do you want to/not want to study abroad?
- Are you open to any location as long as you can meet your objectives/goals?
- Are you willing to consider other locations if they're cheaper or provide other benefits to you?
- How much traveling do you plan to do while overseas in your free time?
- Do you prefer a large cosmopolitan city with a vibrant social life or a more culturally rich local city?
- Are you planning to participate in a language program?
- Would you prefer to study in an English-speaking country? In a country where English is widely spoken? Doesn't matter as long as courses are in English?
- What kind of climate do you prefer?
- Do you have dietary restrictions? Are you food adventurous?

### FINANCES / COST:

- Are you receiving federal financial aid? When will your financial aid get disbursed?
- Are you receiving any scholarship(s) that can be applied?
- Do you plan to secure additional loans to finance your term abroad? What are the pros/cons?
- If cost is your primary focus, will you consider less expensive programs so you can study abroad?
- Have you saved any money? Do you plan to work part time?
- How much is needed before travel vs. while you are abroad?
- Is a semester, summer, or winter term more affordable?
- Will you be able to afford additional activities while abroad?

### TIMING:

- Are you fairly flexible and can study abroad anytime within the next 2+ years, or can you only study abroad "next semester/this summer/next academic year"?
- What is your ideal program length (1-3 weeks, 4 weeks or more, a semester, an academic year)?

### PERSONAL IDENTITY:

- What aspects of your personal identity are important to consider when studying abroad?
- Are there locations that may be more safe and comfortable spaces for you to express your personal identity?

**Funding Plan:** Check all funding strategies that you plan to consider that will help you pay for expenses related to your experience abroad.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Federal Financial Aid/Grants | <input type="checkbox"/> Personal Savings         | <input type="checkbox"/> Get a Part-Time Job (Abroad)         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> State Financial Aid/Grants   | <input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising              | <input type="checkbox"/> KU Employee/Dependant Tuition Waiver |
| <input type="checkbox"/> KU Scholarships              | <input type="checkbox"/> Pell Grant               | <input type="checkbox"/> Country-Specific Scholarships        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family Contributions         | <input type="checkbox"/> GI Bill                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Government Scholarships              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Private Alternative Loan     | <input type="checkbox"/> Get a Part-Time Job (US) | <input type="checkbox"/> Third-Party Program Scholarships     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____                 |   |   |