

Student Name: _____ KU ID: _____

Current Standing: ___ First Year ___ Sophomore ___ Junior ___ Senior ___ Graduate

Expected Graduation Term: _____ Current GPA: _____

Major(s): _____ Minor(s): _____

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

WHICH TERM(S)?

- Summer _____
- Fall _____
- Spring _____
- Winter _____
- Academic Year _____

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?

LOCATIONS / PROGRAMS OF INTEREST:



DISCOVER STUDY ABROAD: PRE-ADVISING WORKSHEET

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 for *most* study abroad programs 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 looking for a location in the Country, Rural vs. Urban, Major City vs Suburbs?
- Do you prefer a large cosmopolitan city with a vibrant social life or a more culturally rich local city?
- 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 around do you plan to do while overseas in your free time?
- 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/weather do you prefer?
- Do you have dietary restrictions? Are you food adventurous?

FINANCES / COST:

- Are you currently receiving 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?
- Will you consider less expensive programs in a non-preferred location 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 1-2 years, or can you only study abroad "next semester" or "this summer"?"?
- 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?

Action Items:

- On Your Own:* Review advising and financial resources on MyGlobalKU (the study abroad website)
- On Your Own:* Search programs on MyGlobalKU or on partner websites
- On Your Own/With Family or Friends:* Review your personal finances and savings
- Interested in a specific KU-Led program? Contact the Program Leader for advising
- Interested in any other program type? Start a Study Abroad Advising Checklist on MyGlobalKU
 - Study Abroad Advising Checklist: Meet with a study abroad advisor
 - Study Abroad Advising Checklist: Confirm the program you want to apply to
- With the Financial Aid Office:* Review your financial aid package, talk about alternate loans
- With Your Academic Advisor:* Let them know you are interested in study abroad
- With Your Academic Advisor:* Review your academic degree audit
- On Your Own:* Apply for your program on MGlobalKU