

Global Experience: Personal Travel

To qualify, students must complete steps 1-4, provide physical evidence for steps 1-4. Personal travel must be pre-approved by the Global Scholars Coordinator and must include extensive cultural interaction.			
Steps	Actions	Details	Evidence
1	Learn about the country/culture prior to trip.	Student will research the culture of the destination country	List of at least 5 sources including a description of each (3 -5 sentences each)
2	Interact with the culture during travel experience including the following:	<p>Eating traditional foods from the culture</p> <p>Participating in/with cultural events (For example: festivals, art/dance/music/theater, visiting museums or historic sites, celebrating a cultural/religious holiday)</p> <p>Interview a local inhabitant about their culture or describe an interaction with a local inhabitant</p>	<p>Journal/blog/ photo journal containing summary of activities and artifacts (photos, ticket stubs, programs, etc)</p> <p>A record of interview questions/answers</p>
3	Reflect on experience using the following questions:	See Key Reflection Questions and Capstone Guidelines	A document submitted to Global Scholars Coordinator answering the reflection questions (also embedded in the capstone presentation)
4	Present Capstone	Design a product (for example: powerpoint, video, prezi, website, blog, ePortfolio, etc) which includes summary of experience and critical reflection using Step 3	A presentation which critically reflects on the global experience. Approximately 15 minutes.

Key Reflection Questions

1. How did the actual experience of being in the culture differ from your expectations prior to your visit?
2. How did your understanding of the country/region's culture change after your interaction with people from the culture?

3. How do you see your experience influencing your future life - academically, professionally, personally?
4. Discuss a challenge you faced in country and how you dealt with it. What did you learn as a result of facing this challenge?