



Policy

Approval for programs abroad requires that students participate in a pre-departure meeting hosted by the Center for Global Engagement. Why?

- 1. These programs are made up of many first time travelers, and some experienced ones. But there are some issues that result from traveling as part of a group that may differ from what they have experienced before.*
- 2. MC has a responsibility called "Due Diligence" It is a legal term that relates to a concept called informed consent. It means we need to be able to say we have done the best we can to provide common information and best practices for study abroad. As the field of IE adapts, so must we. As we know more we do better. This is about us doing a better job of helping students prepare for your experiences overseas. We need to be able to say we prepare students in the same way regardless of the differences in program structure.*
- 3. We recognize that faculty and staff are experts in their field. Many have significant travel experience, and there is much you can teach your students. But it is not your job to stay current on best practices in study abroad. It is mine. This is a partnership. I know that many of you provide comprehensive information to students, but I can't guarantee that all faculty/staff leaders cover all the areas that are needed*
- 4. Note that YOU need to provide culture/site specific information, and my information is broader and generally applicable to all.*

Process

Students will be invited to attend an **IN-PERSON MEETING**. Faculty are invited but not required to attend.

2024 Date: Wednesday, February 28th 5-7pm (AND 140)

They will also be asked to complete a short [QUIZ](#). There are 10 questions (beyond collection of name/email/program). Students who inadequately answer questions will be asked to re-take the quiz. The quiz is due 1 week after the meeting

For your Information Only: Below are links to videos in case students miss the meeting. I will not share these in advance, but particularly for athletes who may have to miss the meeting for practice, I wanted to have an option available.

Part 1: Travel Logistics (28 min) <https://www.loom.com/share/31b1e17aa013482db456e9de0aacce05>

Part 2: Health & Safety (26 min) <https://www.loom.com/share/5c197a8c942a45dc877f5aaaa8a49e77>

Part 3: Culture and Cultural Adjustment / Sustainable Travel (28 min):
<https://www.loom.com/share/6864a89b4adc4622bb1155a77c32392f>

COVID Protocols: <https://www.loom.com/share/7ff2c0f158244d0eaa4889a99f0a34a3>

Recommended: [How to Embrace Culture Shock](#)

Reward

We will provide you with MC Scots Abroad water bottles for all participants once they have completed the webinar and quiz. Our ulterior motive is to reduce single-use plastic usage (as part of our Fit.Green.Happy. Travel strategy), but hopefully it will help students be motivated to do this. I appreciate your support in encouraging students to do this.