University of Vermont Office of International Education

Study Abroad Advising Tool - Stage 2: Research

Name: ___________________________________________ Date: ______________________________________

At this point, you should have completed:  □ The “First Step” Registration online at: www.uvm.edu/oie
                                            □ Study Abroad Advising – Stage 1: Setting goals & priorities
                                            □ Attended a “Getting Started” advising session

There are a number of factors to consider when selecting a study abroad program. Please review the following options. Answer as many as possible BEFORE meeting with a regional study abroad advisor.

1) Program Type
   What type of program are you interested in?
   □ UVM bi-lateral and ISEP Exchange programs □ UVM Faculty-led programs
   □ UVM Semester-long programs □ External programs

For more information about the different types of study abroad programs and the corresponding types of experiences, go to the OIE website, and click on “Types of Study Abroad Programs”.

2) Term Abroad
   Select all terms that you are interested in:
   □ Spring semester 2012 □ Summer 2011 □ January winter term 2012
   □ January winter term 2011 □ Academic year 2011-12 □ Fall semester 2011
   □ 2011 Calendar year (Jan-Dec) Write in date

3) Academics
   What courses do you need to take while studying abroad?

For questions about the timing of your study abroad, what courses you will need to take abroad, and what courses need to be taken here at UVM, meet with your academic advisor.

For additional information about your academic progress to-date, and courses remaining in your academic plan, review your CATS Audit, which you can find at https://myuvm.uvm.edu

4) Eligibility Requirements
   To be eligible for study abroad, a student must meet eligibility requirements for both UVM as well as for the approved study abroad program and/or foreign institution. The latter will be clear once you choose a program.

   What is your GPA? ________________________

   What is the level of language proficiency you’ve achieved at UVM: ________________________

5) Geographic Region
   Please note the country(ies) you are interested in.

If you are still undecided as to a) what region of the world in which you want to study or b) the type of program that is best for you, do more research by attending advising sessions or attending a study abroad fair. The information beyond this point is specific to the program type and region you are interested in.
6) Program Costs

Study abroad experiences vary widely in cost. Program cost differences are usually associated with features such as excursions, level of on-site support and geographical location. Familiarize yourself with program costs at http://www.uvm.edu/oie/?Page=study/sa_approved.php and click on appropriate program.

Have you discussed the costs of study abroad with your family or guardian if they will be assisting you with funding?

☐ yes  ☐ no

7) Financial Aid

Inform yourself as to the amount of Financial Aid (Including any combination of: Federal Loans, State Grants, UVM Grants, Scholarships or Loans).

Review which types of aid will go abroad with you (this information was provided in the “Getting Started” advising session at the Office of International Education). You can review your Financial Aid Award Letter at: https://myuvm.uvm.edu. Discuss your questions at an “OIE/SFS Financial Aid” session (dates are listed under ‘Calendar of Events’ on our website). Or contact Student Financial Services (sfs@uvm.edu) with your questions.

8 ) Scholarships & Grants

Check with the study abroad program website regarding possible scholarships or grants. Keep in mind that the scholarship application deadlines may be early, so plan ahead!

For other funding possibilities check: http://www.studyabroad.com/scholarships.aspx

9) Next Step

➢ Review Steps 4 – 6 on our website.
➢ Make an appointment to meet with a regional study abroad advisor by calling the OIE at 802-656-4296.

Please bring:

Study Abroad Advising – Stage 1: Setting Goals & Priorities
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Financial Aid Award Notification

APPLY EARLY! Give yourself plenty of time to apply to a study abroad program. Program application deadlines range from three months to one year before the program start date. Be aware of both UVM and the program application deadlines and meet the earlier of the two.

Applications and deadlines for exchange (UVM & ISEP) and external programs can be found at: http://www.uvm.edu/oie/?Page=study/apply.html&SM=sa_menu.html

Once you have submitted your application, there are several important papers required to legally study abroad. Check our website for more information: http://www.uvm.edu/oie/?Page=study/plan.html&SM=sa_menu.html