

## Study Abroad Checklist: Things To Do Before You Leave

- See the International Center [Travel Abroad Checklist](#) [1]
- Find out more about country conditions and [Travel Warnings and Alerts](#) [2], -Visit [U.S. State Department Students Abroad](#) [3] for more information.
- Register your itinerary and emergency contact information at [U-M International Travel Registration](#) [4]. This is required for all University-related travel.
- Meet with a concentration advisor and/or your general academic advisor to see how your study abroad program will fit in with your program of study at U-M.
  - Contact the [Registrar's Office](#) [5] in regards to obtaining a registration date for classes for the next U-M semester
- Change your address on Wolverine Access so that U-M forwards all mailings to the address of your choice.
- Terminate any housing/ meal contracts and leave a forwarding address. Contact the [U-M Housing Information Office](#) [6] with questions about campus housing possibilities after you return:
  - [Information about On-Campus Housing](#) [7]
  - [Information about Off Campus Housing](#) [8]
- Obtain a passport and ensure it will be valid for at least 6 months beyond the expected stay abroad
  - Take a photocopy of the signature and photo page of your passport, visa, and other important documents for ease in replacing them if lost or stolen. Email this to yourself and pack a copy in a secure place separate from your passport.
  - Leave a photocopy of these items with a close friend or family member who could fax it to you if you lose all copies and need to replace your passport while abroad.
- Check with your program and/or the consulate of your host country to see if you will need to apply for a student visa.
- Purchase U-M Travel Abroad Health Insurance. Effective 9/1/11, students, faculty and staff from all U-M campuses who travel abroad for University-related purposes must have U-M Travel Abroad Health Insurance and register in the U-M Travel Registry. See [UHS Travel Abroad Health Insurance](#) [9] for further details

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### Links

[1] <https://internationalcenter.umich.edu/abroad/swt/travel/travel-preparations>

[2] <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html>

[3] <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/before-you-go/travelers-with-special-considerations/students.html>

[4] [https://mcompass.umich.edu/index.cfm?FuseAction=Abroad.ViewLink&Link\\_ID=2F8B304F-EB6F-70-](https://mcompass.umich.edu/index.cfm?FuseAction=Abroad.ViewLink&Link_ID=2F8B304F-EB6F-70-)

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[5] <http://ro.umich.edu/knowledgebase.php?ansid=1278>

[6] <https://housing.umich.edu/>

[7] <https://housing.umich.edu/returning-resident-housing/>

[8] <https://offcampushousing.umich.edu/>

[9] <https://www.uhs.umich.edu/tai>