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