**TIP OF THE WEEK**

“Knowing a few common phrases in the local language is not only helpful, but also respectful and courteous of the culture in the countries you’ll be studying in. Try to learn greetings, courtesies and frequently used phrases, such as “Do you speak English?”, “Please”, “Thank You” and “Where is...”” – Sheeba (Rome Semester)

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**Visa Time is Coming – Don’t Miss Out!**

It’s that time of year again! Ok, it may be old hat for us, but we realize getting a visa can be a pretty intimidating process for a first-timer. Luckily for you, we’ve got your back. As you all know, all visa applications and materials for semester programs are due to our office by **Friday, November 15**. That means you have a bit of time to start pulling things together (and really, we won’t be able to accept your completed applications until October 15), but it’s never too early to start looking at visa requirements and figuring out what you’ll need to do to complete your application by the deadline! There are several steps to the process, but we’re here to help – find full visa info for each program on the [Accepted Students Page](#).

**Want to fly cheap?**

All students participating in the Discover the World, Rome Semester and Paris Semester programs this spring are eligible for the STA Travel flight subsidy program, and for those of you who book before October 18, that means a round trip flight to your destination for the amazing price of $750! If you miss the deadline, you’ll still be eligible for a subsidized flight, but the price will be based on market rates and may rise significantly, so it’s best to book ASAP! If you’ve confirmed (and received your rotation for DTW) you should already have received an email from our office explaining exactly how to book your flight through STA (let us know if you haven’t!), and if you’ve yet to submit your confirmation form and deposit, you’ll get all the details after doing so. You can also stop by our office [tomorrow (October 3)], or [next Thursday, October 10, between 12pm and 4pm] to speak to representative from STA Travel and even book your flight!

**Need a Passport? There’s Still Time! (Barely!)**

In case you didn’t know, you’ll need to have a passport before you can get a visa. Don’t panic, all hope is not lost: even as many branches of the federal government are taking a siesta these days, passport offices are still operating (they’re self-funded). That said, it’s important to apply for an expedited passport ASAP to ensure that you’ll get it in time to submit your visa application by the deadline of November 15. For more information on passports, contact our office, or visit the Department of State’s passport website at [www.travel.state.gov/passport](http://www.travel.state.gov/passport).

**Orientation Info Sessions – Don’t Forget to RSVP!**

Already decided which mandatory Orientation Info Session you’re going to attend? Great – now let us know! RSVP’s are required in order to guarantee a seat. For the full calendar of available sessions, see your program’s [Accepted Students Page](#).