Worldwide Wednesdays
“Keeping your study abroad preparation on track”

Don’t Forget About Orientation!

Along with completing the Global Studies Orientation Blackboard course, remember that all winter program and Global Passport students are required to attend their program’s in-person orientation session. The date, time and location of your orientation will be listed on the “Orientation Requirements” page of your program’s Accepted Students site. If you won’t be able to attend, please contact our office ASAP.

Budgeting Abroad - The 3 P’s

For those not accustomed to budgeting, a program abroad can be worrisome. The issue most students run into is spending too much money initially and not having enough for the remainder of the trip. Here are three tips to make sure you have enough cash from beginning to end.

1. Plan Ahead. We want you to explore as much as possible – you’re in a great city and country and there is a LOT to see and do. Doing research and anticipating costs in advance will help you better allocate your money. Determine what your “must sees” are and make sure you save enough money to actually follow through with your plans.

2. Portion control. A good way to make sure you don’t go over budget is to take out your daily allowance in cash and don’t spend any more than that! The money depleting from your wallet serves as a constant reminder of your daily budget and helps you think twice before buying anything.

3. Persistence. So you’ve planned ahead, you’ve portioned your money, now the most important step – following through with your plan. Persistence pays in the end!

Have You Confirmed Yet?

Are you afraid of commitment? Well if you’re a winter program accepted student who wasn’t confirmed your participation yet, it’s time to conquer your fears! We rely on the number of confirmed students for each of our winter programs to determine whether or not the program will run, and many of our programs are close to the threshold! Submit your confirmation form and $250 deposit ASAP to ensure that your program runs, and check your St. John’s email account frequently for any updates on the status of your program.

Don’t be informal – hand in your forms!

We know there are about a thousand more exciting things to think about, but don’t forget about submitting those required forms! Students who do not submit all of their required forms may not be allowed to go abroad, so it’s very important that you get those to us ASAP!

The required forms packet includes:
- Student Agreement
- Health Disclosure
- Passport Copy

The required online surveys are:
- Flight Information Form
- Roommate Questionnaire
- Emergency Contact Form

To access the required forms, visit our website.