

Pre-Departure Check List

<input type="checkbox"/> STUDY ABROAD REQUIREMENTS	LOGIN TO YOUR MY STUDY ABROAD ACCOUNT TO COMPLETE ALL FORMS
<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Flight Orientation	Check the calendar icon on the GEO homepage for exact dates
<input type="checkbox"/> Passport	Apply at least 6 months prior to departure. Make sure it's valid at least six months after your return to the U.S.
<input type="checkbox"/> Visa	You need a passport to apply for a visa at your host country's embassy. Apply for a visa at least 4 months prior to departure
<input type="checkbox"/> Air Travel	Wait to buy a plane ticket till after you've been accepted into your program.
<input type="checkbox"/> Cancel VT Housing and Dining Contract	Hokie SPA (Housing and Dining Services menu)
<input type="checkbox"/> Health	Find out if you need to get immunizations/vaccinations. Get a medical check-up. Make sure you have enough prescription medication for your time abroad.
<input type="checkbox"/> Financial matters	Provide your bank with your travel dates and all country destinations. Have multiple sources of money available (including a credit card). Check if your cards and PIN numbers work abroad.
<input type="checkbox"/> Additional Travel Preparation	Make a set of all your documents to take with you as a backup, and leave a set with a trusted family member/friend. Pay outstanding bills. Arrange a cell phone for abroad, cancel subscriptions and have your mail forwarded.
<input type="checkbox"/> Atlas Intercultural Badge	Digital micro-credentials provide documentation of achieved and mastered skills, in a format that can be shared with employers. Express the skills gained through study abroad in job applications and interviews. Click here for more information.
<input type="checkbox"/> Transcripts	Set a reminder in your calendar. At least halfway before your study abroad experience is over WHILE YOU ARE ABROAD , you will need to request an official transcript from your study abroad provider or host institution upon completion of the program. Instructions can be found in your study abroad account.