**Study Abroad Resource Packet for SNL Students**

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**If you are a student interested in SNL’s study abroad options, here is what you should do:**

**First Steps:**

* Keep checking the SNL study abroadofferings by visiting: <http://www.snl.depaul.edu/Courses/Undergraduate/Travel_Courses.asp>
* Look at your learning plan and discuss optimum placement of study abroad course competences with your faculty mentor and professional advisor
* Make sure you have a FASFA form on file with the financial aid office. Even students who do not normally receive financial aid are considered for travel stipends if they have a FASFA on file.

**Once you have decided on a particular study abroad program, here is a timeline:**

**6 Months Prior to the start of your study abroad program:**

* Contact the listed Faculty Director for more information about your desired Study Abroad course
* Create a Studio Abroad application with DePaul University’s Study Abroad office by visiting <https://studioabroad.is.depaul.edu/index.cfm?FuseAction=Security.Login>
* Gather Application materials for Studio Abroad Site, including letters of recommendation
* Apply for a passport, if necessary
* Prepare for admissions interview

**5** **Months Prior to Desired Travel Dates**

* Investigate Financing options. See scholarship information here
* Check the World Health Organization website (<http://www.who.int/en/>) to check for any health precautions you should take before you visit the region(s) of your program
* See your doctor to check your overall fitness and to ensure that your immunizations are up to date
* Register for the course directly through School for New Learning. Discuss registration

options with faculty director and your SNL mentor. Email completed form to [kfitzsi3@depaul.edu](mailto:kfitzsi3@depaul.edu)

**2** **Months Prior to Desired Travel Dates**

* Access D2L Course Site to begin academic preparation for your program

**SNL Study Abroad Student Frequently Asked Questions**

**Q**: How many competences will the travel course satisfy?

**A**: Most SNL students use the travel course to satisfy 3 competences. However, with the approval of a faculty mentor, some students opt to take externship, L10 and L11, in conjunction with 2 other competences, for a total of 4 competences.

**Q**: What are the academic prerequisites for studying abroad?

**A**: In order to be eligible for any study abroad program, you must be in good academic standing, with a minimum 2.5 GPA. You must also have completed the Foundations course to partake in an SNL study abroad program. If you are taking the course for either Advanced Elective or Externship, you must have also completed Research Seminar.

Q: Is studying abroad a good fit for me?

A: Certain personality traits are necessary to be considered a good candidate for study abroad. Some of these characteristics are flexibility, maturity, ability to work well with others, tolerance and acceptance of different cultures, and independent initiative.

**Q**: Can I spread out my competences for the travel course between two quarters?

**A**: Yes. However, you MUST register for at least one competency in the quarter preceding the actual travel portion of the course. For example, if your course takes place in December term, you MUST register for at least 1 competency for that course during the Fall term.

**Q:** How will I fund my travel course?

# A: There are many scholarships available for perusal on the DePaul Study Abroad website, <http://studyabroad.depaul.edu/>. All SNL students are encouraged to apply for the John P. McGury International Travel Scholarship as well as many other SNL student scholarship opportunities at <http://www.snl.depaul.edu/StudentResources/Scholarships/Undergraduate_Scholarships.asp>. Contact Susan McGury, [smgury@depaul.edu](mailto:smgury@depaul.edu), for more information on the John McGury scholarship .

**Q:** Is the course part of a larger 10 week classroom course, or is the trip itself the course?

**A:** There are often approximately 3 pre-travel and 2 post-travel classes that bookend the intense onsite learning period. There is some flexibility in the way that each Faculty Director structures his or her course. The pre-travel classes are intended to prepare students and the post-travel classes are to support and evaluate final course products. These classes are supplemented and or substituted by work on our Desire 2 Learn course site.

**Q:** Will the pre and post-travel classes interfere with my other courses I’m enrolled in for the quarters preceding and following travel?

**A:** No. In order to give students the flexibility to freely take other classes, we schedule the classes by mutual agreement of the group rather than by reserving a specific day of the week in advance. The workload tends to be heavier during the preparatory quarter and lighter during the post travel quarter. Instructors recognize that students will be taking other courses and so try to keep the workload manageable.

**Non-SNL Students Partaking in SNL Study Abroad Programs**

**Q:** Other than applying for my desired program on Studio Abroad, do I need to take any additional steps to complete my application?

**A:** Yes. Before your interview with Study Abroad, you must meet with your academic advisor to approve the distribution of your credit hours. The travel course can be used to satisfy open electives, or, if appropriate, to satisfy major or minor requirements.

**Q:** How many credits will a short-term SNL travel course satisfy?

**A:** Non-SNL students will receive 8 credits distributed across the quarter preceding travel and the quarter the trip actually takes place.

**Check out the following links for scholarship and funding information:**

<http://www.snl.depaul.edu/StudentResources/Scholarships/Undergraduate_Scholarships.asp>

A list of scholarships available only to SNL students. Scholarships particularly suited for Study Abroad students are The John P. McGury scholarship, the Kumiko Watanuki Scholarship for Women, and the Adult Student Association Travel Fund.

<http://www.depaul.edu/admission/FinancialAid/SNL/index.asp>

Every student who has a FASFA form on file with the University is eligible to receive a small travel stipend. This will be automatic upon registering for a Study Abroad program, so no application is necessary. The amount of these awards is discretionary and cannot be determined in advance.

aarp.org/womensscholarship

The AARP Women’s Scholarship Program provides funding for women 40 and older seeking new job skills, training or educational opportunities that have limited financial resources.

**Scholarship links available on the DePaul University Study Abroad Website for Adult Students:**

<http://umabroad.umn.edu/financial/scholarships/index.html>

Searchable database created by University of Minnesota offering more than 180 searchable scholarship sites, available for undergraduate and graduate students.

<http://www.studyabroadfunding.org>

Searchable database by country, individual, and intent of studies for undergraduate, graduate, and post-doctoral students.

<http://www.rotary.org/en/StudentsAndYouth/EducationalPrograms/AmbassadorialScholarships/Pages/Howtoapply.aspx>

Provides funding of up to $23,000 for undergraduates and graduates for overseas study. Applications must go through the local Rotary Club.

**Check out the following links for fundraising suggestions:**

<http://internationalcenter.umich.edu/swt/work/internfunding.html#fundraising> University of Michigan offers tips for gathering financial support from the local community.

<http://www.worldteach.org/program_information/fundraising.html> [http://www.worldteach.org/program\_information/CurrentFundraisingGuide2008.pdf](http://www.worldteach.org/program_information/CurrentFundraisingGuide2008.pdf%20%20%20%20%20%20%20%20%20%20%20%20%20%20%20%20%20%20%20%20%20%20%20%20%20%20%20%20%20%20%20%20%20%20%20%20%20%20%20%20%20%20%20%20%20%20%20%20%20%20%20)  World Teach offers unique fundraising ideas used by other study abroad students.

<http://www.i-to-i.com/docs/fundraisingguide.pdf>

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**DePaul University**

**Study Abroad Program**

**Course Registration Form**

**Name: Program: Student ID#: Quarter/Year:**

All non-SNL students must register for 8 credits. SNL students choose from the following competencies: **[INSERT COMPETENCES]** Students may choose one to up to four SNL competences offered by this study abroad program and can spread out the competencies over the two quarters surrounding the travel phase. In order to participate, at least one competency must be registered for in the first of the two quarters of the program. Please indicate your choices below and have the form signed by the program’s Faculty Director:

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| **Quarter 1:**  **COMP** | **DEPT** | | **TITLE** | **REG #** | | **CREDITS** |
| **SNL** | |  | | | **4.0** | |
| **SNL** | |  | | | **2.0** | |
| **SNL** | |  | | | **2.0** | |
| **SNL** | |  | | | **2.0** | |
| **Quarter 2:**  **COMP** | **DEPT** | | **TITLE** | **REG #** | | **CREDITS** |
| **SNL** | |  | | | **4.0** | |
| **SNL** | |  | | | **2.0** | |
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I have discussed and approved the course selection made by this student for continuation of his/her degree program.

Faculty Director's Signature \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_