

Study Abroad – Pre-Planning Worksheet

Please use this worksheet to reflect on your personal circumstances so you can approach your study abroad experience more critically—and perhaps more openly, too. This will also help us readily suggest programs that best suit you and help you prepare much better!

Please rank the following statements (1=most important; 5=least important):

_____ **Academic program** I will only study abroad if I can take courses that will satisfy my degree program's graduation requirements.

_____ **Cost** I only have a fixed set of money and I'd like to spend no more than I might spend at Millikin.

_____ **Location** I'm comfortable with any program as long as I study in a particular city.

_____ **Timing** is the most important thing to me. I can study abroad only during a specific term so I won't disrupt my degree, extracurriculars, and life outside of my studies.

_____ **Non-academic Opportunities** is most important. I want a program that will develop my connections, either through internships, volunteer opportunities, local projects, and others.

6. What are three objectives you'd like to achieve in your study abroad experience? They can be simple, like, "I'd like to make a new friend," or as demanding as, "I would like to receive academic accolades at the university I choose."

a.

b.

c.

7. What are your expectations of your study abroad experience? Check all that apply.

_____ *A thorough pre-departure orientation that warns of all the possible issues I might face.*

_____ *I prefer to go with the flow and deal with issues as they arise.*

_____ *Demanding and possibly difficult schoolwork that will challenge me and put me ahead.*

_____ *An easy academic workload--easier than Millikin's.*

_____ *Things will be very similar to my current lifestyle*

_____ *Culture shock--I want to return as a different person with new perspectives!*

_____ *An exciting (and probably expensive) experience you know not many other people will ever have*

_____ *An experience where you don't need a lot of money to make lifelong memories*

_____ *My study abroad experience will make me stand-out against other resumes.*