

APSU STUDY ABROAD PROGRAM ORIENTATION GUIDELINES

The information covered in the outline below must be presented in all pre-departure and on-site orientations.

- Student Expectations
 - Attendance policies
 - Student code-of-conduct policies
 - Prohibits the use of alcohol or drugs
 - Student course enrollment policies
 - Student payment policies
 - Students must obey host-country laws
 - Student responsibility
 - Personal preparation
 - Knowledge of host country
 - Actions and decisions
 - Keeping program coordinator informed of their whereabouts
- Practical Pre-departure guidance
 - Banking notification
 - Travel insurance
 - Prescriptions and over-the-counter medications
 - Host country research
 - Immunizations
 - Illnesses endemic to the host country
 - Special student health needs and availability of services in host country
- Practical Travel Guidance including the following:
 - Visas/Passport
 - Arrival procedures
 - Luggage restrictions
 - Airport conditions requiring special attention
 - Travel insurance
- In-Country Practical Considerations
 - Voltage
 - Computer Access
 - Communication Methods
 - Comfortable walking shoes
 - Currency exchanges
 - Managing Finances
- Academic Information
 - Credit transfer issues
 - Academic differences abroad, if applicable
- Sexual Harassment

- Country specific information on appropriate venues and culturally-appropriate attire
- Difference in dating and relationship norms
- University policy on sexual harassment
- Steps to reporting sexual harassment
- In-Country Safety Procedures
 - Road safety and means of safe transportation
 - Country specific travel concerns
- Recreational Hazards
 - Program specific risks and how to avoid injury
- Emergency Procedures
 - Procedures for making local and international phone calls
 - Host country emergency numbers (police, fire, hospital)
 - Program emergency response procedure
- Travel Precautions
 - U.S. State Department Passport Registration
 - U.S. State Department Travel alerts
 - Avoid political protest or large crowds
 - Maintaining a low profile
 - Safety in numbers recommendation
- Cross-Cultural Issues
 - Appropriate dress in social and academic settings
 - Regional climate and weather conditions
 - Political tensions and social and environmental issues
 - Predominant languages
 - Religions
 - Attitude and appearance
 - Customs and courtesies
 - Patterns of daily and family life
 - Gender and age-specific roles
 - Race, sexual orientation, and tolerance issues
 - Women's safety issues
 - Food and diet
 - Recreation and holidays
 - Education and health care systems
 - Cross-cultural adjustment strategies