

International Students Study Abroad Checklist

If you are not a U.S. citizen, you may find travel requirements for your destination(s) are different than for some of your peers. In addition to procuring appropriate travel documents for your study abroad, maintaining your U.S. immigration status for re-entry is also key. We have created the following checklist to help guide you through this process.

Please sign this and return this to GEO before your program's withdrawal deadline (you do not need to return it by the application deadline).

- I understand that if I have questions about these requirements, I can talk with [staff in ISSS](#) for topics related to U.S. re-entry, and with my [GEO advisor](#) about academics, visas, or other issues.
- I have a valid passport that will be valid at least 6 months beyond my anticipated re-entry to the US following my study abroad program.
- I have familiarized myself with the entry requirements of all locations I plan to travel to on my study abroad program for people of my nationality, and understand it is my responsibility to procure entry visas (if applicable) for all locations I plan to visit.
- I understand while I will not be able to start the visa application until final acceptance in my study abroad program is received, I can wait proactively by researching the visa application requirements and gathering any necessary documents.
- I understand I may need to appear in person at the consulate in order to complete my visa application depending on the nationality of my passport.
- I have met with my [ISSS advisor](#) to review the re-entry requirements, including required documentation, for the type of visa I hold to enter the U.S. at the end of my study abroad program.
- I have obtained a new travel signature from [ISSS](#) on my immigration document (e.g., I-20), if applicable.
- My U.S. visa will be valid by my anticipated date of re-entry to the U.S.; or I will discuss the visa renewal process with ISSS and make plans to renew my U.S. visa while overseas.
- I understand I must maintain the equivalent of 12–18 Vanderbilt credit hours on my semester study abroad program to maintain my U.S. immigration status.
- I understand that while I may not be able to enroll in STEP with U.S. Department of State, I can still access any resources provided. I understand and will look for similar resources offered by my home country, and will procure the contact information of the nearest embassy of my home country at my study abroad site.

Student Name (please print):

Signature: