Agenda

I. Welcome
II. Pre-departure Orientations
III. Faculty Orientations
IV. Questions and Discussion
Presenters

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Pre-Departure Orientations

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Pre-Departure Orientation for Students

- Academics
- Itinerary
- Travel Arrangements
- Passport and Visa Requirements
- Packing List
- Accommodations and Meals
- Costs, Financial Aid, How to Access Money Abroad
- Health & Safety Preparations (including Mental Health Preparations)
- Alcohol & Drugs
- Student Conduct & Behavior Expectations
- Cultural Differences & Acculturative Stress
- UGA Template PowerPoint available. If interested, please email Leah (Leah.Hicks@uga.edu)
Make Pre-Departure Orientation Interactive

• Some Possible Ideas to Consider
  • Have students **write themselves a letter**, to be read after the experience. What are they hoping to learn, to do, to experience while abroad?

  • Have students make a **Mental Well-Being Plan of Action**. Ask them to think about what resources, people, habits they could count on if they experience a challenging situation while abroad.

  • **Think, Pair, Share** activity about their destination. What do they know, how do they know it, what are they hoping to learn?

  • **Assign a relevant reading** ahead of time and have a brief discussion.
"Because we focused on the snake, we missed the scorpion." - Egyptian Proverb
What Does the Data Say?

- **Perception**
  - Terrorism
  - Natural Disaster
  - Armed Conflict

- **Reality – US Travelers**
  - Transportation
  - Homicide
  - Drowning
  - Suicide

- **Reality – Study Abroad**
  - Accidental Fall
  - Transportation
  - Drowning
Faculty Orientation
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Pre-departure Documents and Resources

- Emergency Action Plan
- Emergency Pocket Brochures
- USG Insurance Information [here](#)
- Campus Resources Available While Abroad
- Free Resources for International Travel
- Faculty Guidebook and Resources
- Emergency Phone Number
Pre-departure Steps At Your Institution

Remind faculty of the study abroad pre-departure steps.

- Insurance enrollment for students and faculty
- Pre-departure sessions for students
- Health Clearance Forms or related forms
- STEP enrollment for faculty and students
Emergency Procedures Workshop Topics

- Faculty Responsibilities While Abroad
- In Case of Itinerary Change
- In Case of Emergency Abroad
- Student Conduct Abroad
- Scenarios
- Resources
Recommendations for faculty

1. Set up a communication channel for students and faculty for the program (possibly groupme or whatsapp)
2. Be clear about expectations regarding student conduct and academic requirements in syllabus and itinerary.
3. Communicate clearly and frequently with students during the program.
4. In case of emergency, call to let your institution know about developing situations.
Duty of Care

• Reasonable person test

• In context of study abroad?
  – Obligation to inform
  – Planning to mitigate risk of foreseeable injury
  – Appropriate response when incidents occur

• Foreseeable harm vs. Negligence

• Liability and negligence risk is **highest for short-term study abroad programs** due to level of institutional control
Duty of Care

- Foreseeability – Resources
  - Department of State
  - Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
  - Insurance provider

- Prudent Response
  - Acting with or showing care
    - Insurance
    - Emergency Protocols
    - Campus Resources
Questions
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