Student Checklist for Study Abroad Programs

☐ Complete Student Application Checklist.

☐ Complete the “Participation Agreement and Liability Waiver”.

☐ Convert some U.S. monies into the local currency (if the U.S. dollar is not used). You should check with your faculty director to determine the amount of cash to carry with you.

☐ Inform your bank and credit card companies of your plans to travel overseas. This ensures that your cards are not “frozen” for your protection while you travel.

☐ Check with your bank to confirm that your credit card and/or debit card can be used overseas. Specifically, check if a card with a “chip” is required.

☐ Review your travel itinerary to budget for meals you will be purchasing on your own.

☐ Check with your phone provider about use of your phone overseas and/or budget for a phone card, SIM card or explore other options.

☐ Ensure your emergency contact person has a complete trip itinerary and copies of all pertinent documents. Provide the emergency contact to your faculty director.

☐ Consider enrolling in S.T.E.P. (Smart Traveler Enrollment Program) at https://step.state.gov/step/

☐ Arrange for all personal health concerns to be addressed prior to leaving the country.

☐ Visit the CDC link here: http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/

☐ Immunizations are often scheduled in a series and must be completed over a longer period of time than you may expect. Plan ahead.

☐ Ensure that you budget for international student medical insurance. This insurance will be recommended by EvCC, but the cost and application will be the responsibility of each student.

☐ Confirm that your international flights include airline ticket insurance (mandatory).

☐ Weigh and measure your luggage to ensure you have met travel restrictions.

☐ Use the packing list to plan your luggage layout.

☐ Determine small gifts are appropriate for your hosts and others you will encounter on the trip.

☐ Research the type of electrical outlets found in your host country. Purchase both an adaptor and a converter.

☐ Be sure to research culturally appropriate etiquette for the country/countries you plan to visit.

☐ Learn as many “survival” phrases as possible in the language used in your host country.