YOUR ADVISING MEETING
WITH AN EDUCATION ABROAD ADVISOR

Education Abroad Advisors have extensive experience living, learning, and working abroad. We know what it’s like to be in your shoes and realize that studying abroad can be an overwhelming journey. It is our goal to help you feel as prepared as possible to live and study in another country.

The following will automatically be covered in your initial advising meeting:

- **Academics**: how to fulfill requirements while abroad, transfer vs. resident credit
- **Finances**: cost of attendance for study abroad vs. CP, scholarships, financial aid
- **Study Abroad Process**: how to apply, timeline
- **Goals for your semester abroad**

What else would you like to cover today?

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**Logistics**
- Health (mental, sexual, vaccinations, medication management)
- Safety
- Travel Documents & Visas
- Disability Support Services
- Money Management
- Other:

**Social Identity**
- Dating Abroad
- Stress & Anxiety (Culture Shock)
- Night Life
- LGBTQ Issues Abroad
- Racial/Ethnic Identity Abroad
- Gender Issues
- Cultural Norms in host country
- Volunteering or Extracurricular Activities
- Other:

**Academics**
- Add/Drop
- Registration Process
- Grades & Credits
- Time Management: school vs. living it up!
- Graduation & Post-Grad Plans
- Other:

**Resources**
- Center for Disease Control (CDC)
- Department of State
- Finances Module on MyEA
- Disability Support Services (DSS)

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**Resources**
- Academics Module on MyEA
- Transfer Credit Services (TCS)
- Career Center

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**Education Abroad**

outside your borders
DISCUSSING
SOCIAL IDENTITY & STUDY ABROAD
WITH YOUR EA ADVISOR

Congratulations on your interest in studying abroad! Our goal is to make sure you’re fully prepared to take on this exciting learning journey. We realize that you probably have a lot of questions for our advisors and we have one for you:

How will your social identity(ies) impact or be impacted by your study abroad experience?

We know this is a very complex topic. Giving it some thought now can help you be the most prepared for your time abroad!

Identities to consider
- Gender
- Sexual orientation
- Ability
- Racial or ethnic identity
- Nation of origin/citizenship
- Political affiliation
- Religion
- Social class

Questions to ask yourself
- What cultural differences might impact perceptions of different identities?
- Which identities might be more ‘visible’ in the host culture than here in the U.S.?
- What are the experiences of other students ‘like me’?
- Are my salient identities part of the majority or minority where I will study abroad?
- What are my resources while abroad?

Resources
- DiversityAbroad.com
- UMD Disability Support Services
- UMD LGBT Equity Center
- UMD Office of Diversity & Inclusion (ODI)
- UMD MICA
- UMD OMSE
- Advice from #TerpsAbroad

Your EA advisor will provide you with a safe space to discuss these and other study abroad topics.