

Compiled by \$uccessful Start:

# COLLEGE LIFE: STUDYING ABROAD

# BC APPROVED PROGRAMS

- ✖ A semester or year abroad with a BC program is integrated into the BC curriculum and course of study.
- ✖ Students continue to pay BC tuition.
- ✖ Students remain eligible for all financial aid they would generally receive at BC.



# APPROVED EXTERNAL PROGRAMS

- ✖ Pay External Tuition
- ✖ \$1,000 BC administrative fee
- ✖ Forfeit BC financial aid
  - + federal and state aid remain





# FACTORS THAT AFFECT YOUR TOTAL PROGRAM COSTS:

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- ✖ Home university tuition policies
- ✖ Costs of external program
- ✖ Currency Exchange Rate
- ✖ Location
- ✖ Hidden Expenses



# BUDGET CHECKLIST

- ✗ Travel to study abroad country
- ✗ Passport
- ✗ Visa Fees, Entry and Exit Taxes
- ✗ Insurance
- ✗ Immunizations
- ✗ Housing Deposits
- ✗ Meals
- ✗ Student ID/Registration Fees
- ✗ Personal Travel
- ✗ Room and Board for Vacation Periods
- ✗ Cell Phone
- ✗ Computer
- ✗ Entertainment
- ✗ Other Personal Expenses
- ✗ Emergency Funds
- ✗ Miscellaneous Fees



# WAYS TO FINANCE YOUR TRIP

- ✕ Scholarships/Grants
- ✕ International Scholarship Opportunities
- ✕ Loans:
  - + Financial Aid Associate
    - ✕ Third Party Loans
  - + Federal Loans



# TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

## MAKING ARRANGEMENTS

- ✖ Some suggestions:
  - + Studentuniverse.com
  - + Kayak.com
- ✖ Utilize a flight price predictor, like the one at [www.bing.com/travel](http://www.bing.com/travel)
- ✖ Proof of travel arrangements may be required for your visa application, so book your flights accordingly!

## THINGS TO BUDGET FOR:

- ✖ Housing deposit fees
- ✖ Flight
- ✖ Passport fee
- ✖ Visa fee (vary by country)
- ✖ [Visa Information by Country](#)

# INSURANCE

- ✖ HTH Worldwide Insurance
- ✖ Coverage dates are set by BC but can be extended for an additional fee
- ✖ Waiving HTH
- ✖ HTH as supplement to primary insurance coverage





# POWER OF ATTORNEY AND TAXES!!



- ✖ April 15: Spring Abroad
- ✖ Form 4868, Application for Automatic Extension
- ✖ For more information, visit the IRS Web site

- ✖ POA: Financial Aid
- ✖ Banking Issues



# HOUSING ABROAD

## × Options:

- + Homestay
- + Dorm
- + Apartment



## × External Program Details

- + Housing Chart



# CURRENT AND RETURN HOUSING

## ✕ On Campus Housing:

- + ResLife Intent Form

## ✕ Off Campus Housing:

- + Paying for your current housing
- + Vacating your current housing
- + Subleasing your space





# BANKS, CREDIT CARDS, CASH & CHECKS



- ✕ Banking
  - + Abroad status
  - + International partnerships
- ✕ Currency Exchange
  - + Xe.com
- ✕ Traveler's checks
- ✕ Handling Cash

# CALLING HOME

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- ✖ Contact Cell Phone Provider
- ✖ In-country Phone
- ✖ Skype





# WHILE ABROAD



- ✕ BC activities
- ✕ Student Discounts
- ✕ Museums (FREE!)





# HELPFUL WEBSITES

## ✖ International Scholarships:

+ [http://www.bc.edu/content/bc/offices/international/Scholarship\\_Opportunities.html](http://www.bc.edu/content/bc/offices/international/Scholarship_Opportunities.html)

## ✖ Visa Information by Country:

+ [http://www.travel.state.gov/travel/cis\\_pa\\_tw/cis/cis\\_4965.html](http://www.travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/cis/cis_4965.html)

## ✖ Housing Chart:

+ <http://www.bc.edu/content/dam/files/offices/international/pdf/2011-2012%20estimated%20student%20budget%20w%20housing%20June%202011.pdf>

# QUESTIONS?

- ✕ You can visit [www.bc.edu/offices/international](http://www.bc.edu/offices/international) for more information on BC's programs and to contact a BC study abroad advisor

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