PERSONALIZED STUDY ABROAD STRATEGIC PLAN

RESOURCES

Goal 1: Start dreaming about possibilities

How do students sum up their study abroad experience? View this video from the Institute of International Education (IIE) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1Ai1KB8XSUU

Four things to ask yourself before studying abroad:
http://www.diversityabroad.com/study-abroad/articles/four-things-ask-studying-abroad

Setting study abroad goals: http://capaworld.capa.org/2012/11/28/setting-personal-goals-for-your-study-abroad-experience

Cultural immersion: http://thestudyabroadblog.com/cultural-immersion/

Country Research

- “Preparing To Go” on RIT Study Abroad website: https://www.rit.edu/academicaffairs/global/preparing-go#host
- US Department of State for Students: https://www.rit.edu/academicaffairs/global/preparing-go#host

Gaining employable skills through study abroad: https://www.studyinternational.com/help-and-advice/10-reasons-employers-love-graduates-who-have-studied-abroad


Goal 2: Determine your priorities in choosing a program:

Things to consider when choosing a program: http://www.diversityabroad.com/study-abroad/articles/things-consider-picking-program

Get an overview of study abroad at RIT: studyabroad.rit.edu

Goal 3: Consider how your diverse characteristics (race, religion, gender, etc.), sexual orientation, learning styles or if Deaf/HOH may influence your choice of a program or affect your experience.

Academic Differences abroad: http://ifsa-butler.org/for-students/academics/academic-differences.html


LGBTQ students abroad: http://www.studyabroad.com/resources/lgbt-students-and-study-abroad
Study abroad resources for disabled students: [http://www.seattleglobalist.com/2014/03/21/12-study-abroad-resources-for-students-with-disabilities/21846](http://www.seattleglobalist.com/2014/03/21/12-study-abroad-resources-for-students-with-disabilities/21846)

**Goal 4: Key questions - obstacles/anxieties**


**Goal 5: Consider how a study abroad experience will best fit into your degree program**

Meet with your academic advisor to discuss study abroad timing and coursework.

- Ask your advisor for a copy of the pathway for your major to understand your course sequencing.

**Goal 6: Identify study abroad programs that would be a good fit for you**

Login to the Compass database to search programs: [studyabroad.rit.edu](http://studyabroad.rit.edu), click on the Compass icon.

- Click on “Search Programs” tab.
- Use drop down menus to narrow down your search. Choose only two search criteria (ex. Destination, Field of Study) to maximize your search results.

Make an appointment with a study abroad advisor by calling 585-475-4466 or emailing [global@rit.edu](mailto:global@rit.edu).

Utilize your college’s study abroad info sheet which will highlight some featured programs for your major: [https://www.rit.edu/academicaffairs/global/additional-tools-and-resources](https://www.rit.edu/academicaffairs/global/additional-tools-and-resources)

**Goal 7: Understand basic costs and funding options**

- Go to [fellowships.rit.edu](http://fellowships.rit.edu) to find study abroad scholarships.
- Read the “Funding Study Abroad” section on the study abroad website for an overview of costs and financial aid. [https://www.rit.edu/academicaffairs/global/funding-study-abroad](https://www.rit.edu/academicaffairs/global/funding-study-abroad)