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STUDY ABROAD BLUEPRINT

This plan will help you consider what your priorities are in a study abroad experience. Use the resources, articles and videos to help you reflect on these goals.

Goal 1: Start dreaming about possibilities

Take some time to think about your goals and interests.

Question:	Answer:
What are three countries you would be most interested in traveling to?	1. 2. 3.
On a scale of 1 to 10 how immersed in the local culture of another country would you like to be? <i>(1 = low immersion, 10=high immersion)</i>	
What skills/knowledge would you like to gain as part of a study abroad experience? <i>(ex. Learn how business is conducted on an international scale, learn problem solving skills)</i>	
What are the three things you most want to get out of an international experience? <i>(ex. Build confidence, learn another language)</i>	1. 2. 3.

Goal #1 Resources:

- [How do students sum up their study abroad experience?](#) (video)
- [Four Things to Ask Yourself Before Studying Abroad](#) (article)
- [Setting Study Abroad Goals](#) (article)
- [Cultural Immersion](#) (article)
- [Gaining Employable Skills Through Study Abroad](#) (article)

Goal 2: Determine your priorities in choosing a program:

What three things are most important to you when choosing a study abroad program? (i.e. length of time, location, level of immersion, major specific coursework, funding/financial considerations, etc.)

1.	2.	3.
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Goal #2 Resource:

- [Things to Consider When Choosing a Program](#) (article)

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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.

Reflect on any challenges you may encounter:

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Goal #3 Resources:

- [Academic Differences Abroad](#) (article)
- [Diversity Abroad](#) (video)
- [Navigating Identity & Diversity Abroad](#) (article)
- [LGBTQ Students Abroad](#) (article)
- [Study Abroad for Disabled Students](#) (article)

Goal 4: Key questions - obstacles/anxieties

Identify three obstacles/anxieties you have about studying abroad and ways you could overcome them:

Obstacle/Anxiety	Strategic Resources
<i>Ex. Worried about language barrier.</i>	<i>Ex. Download language app to start learning basic phrases.</i>
1.	
2.	
3.	

Goal #4 Resources:

- [10 Study Abroad Problems & How You Can Conquer Them](#) (article)

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

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

Question to Ask Your Advisor:	Answer:
Where do I have the most flexibility in my degree requirements? Which requirements have to be taken on RIT campus, which could be taken at another school?	
What term do you think I have the greatest flexibility in my schedule / sequencing requirements? (ie. Summer, spring semester)	

Goal #5 Resource:

- [RIT Study Abroad & Your Major](#) (website)

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

Identify at least three programs that would be a good fit for you based upon your priorities, type of coursework you are looking to take and timing.

Program Name/Provider <i>(ex. University College Dublin/CIEE)</i>	Country	Coursework <i>(ex. major, minor, immersion, general electives)</i>
1.		
2.		
3.		

Goal #6 Resources:

- Utilize your [college's study abroad info sheet](#) which will highlight some featured programs for your major
- Login to the [Compass database](#) to search programs

Goal 7: List at two study abroad scholarships you would be eligible to apply for

Scholarship Name	Application Deadline	Eligibility Requirements
1.		
2.		

Goal #7 Resources:

- [Featured scholarships](#) for RIT students
- [Scholarships & Fellowships search tool](#) (enter "study abroad" in Name of Award box)

Goal 8: Final reflection

List three of the most useful things you learned when creating your Study Abroad Blueprint:
1)
2)
3)
List any areas that you feel you need more guidance on in order to have a successful study abroad experience: