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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: Reflect on your lived experiences

Describe a time in your life when you stepped out of your comfort zone. What were some of the challenges? What did you take away from that experience?
What's something you've always been curious about in the world?

Goal 2: 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 3: 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.

Goal #2 Resource:

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

Goal 4: Consider how elements of your identity (race, religion, gender, sexual orientation, learning styles, Deaf/HOH, etc.) may influence your choice of a program or affect your experience.

Reflect on any challenges you may encounter:

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 5: Key questions - obstacles/anxieties

Identify three obstacles/anxieties you have about studying abroad and strategies you could use to overcome them:

Obstacle/Anxiety	Strategy
<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 6: 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 7: 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 8: 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 9: 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: