FACULTY-LED STUDY ABROAD PROGRAMS

Things to Consider when Developing a New Program

Personally
1. Am I prepared to commit a lot of time and energy into planning and leading this program?
2. Will this count toward my load or will it be overload?

College Support
1. Have you spoken to your Department Chair and are they supportive? Have you discussed how this would count toward salary/overload?
2. Does the course(s) need to go through curriculum committee? What degree requirements would it count toward (Perspectives, minors, immersions, majors, electives, etc.)? Are there any required pre-reqs?
3. Who is your student target?

Program structure
1. Which faculty-led program structure is best for this course? What are the effects of the program structure on things like grading, billing, financial aid, etc.?
2. Do I understand the expectations outlined in the Policies section of the RIT Global website?

Location
1. Is the location safe? Is it on US State Department Travel Warning List?
2. How will the culture enhance the learning objectives? How will I incorporate host culture into curriculum?
3. What are the language requirements?

Logistics
1. Where will we stay and how will those arrangements be made?
2. Will I work with an in-country partner organization?
3. Are visas necessary?
4. Can students with special needs be accommodated?
5. What excursions will there be and how will they complement the program?

Cost
1. What is a reasonable cost to students? What will these costs cover?