



# STUDY ABROAD CHECKLIST

## 6 MONTHS BEFORE

*Renew or apply for your passport*

*Inform your self of visa requirements (if needed)*

*Begin to plan out your finances*

*Find out if your program of interest offers courses within your degree plan*

## 3 MONTHS BEFORE

*Apply for TAMIU Study Abroad Scholarships*

*Schedule and apply for a visa (if needed)*

*Research and apply for housing accommodations*

*Purchase international airfare (OIE can assist with this process)*

*Set up a budget meeting with an International Student Adviser*

*Meet with your Academic Adviser to review courses and degree plan*

*Enroll your study abroad program with the Smart Traveler Enrollment Program via [step.state.gov](http://step.state.gov)*

*Will you be traveling during your program? Research the places you'll be visiting*

**USE THIS LIST AS A GUIDE. WRITE IN OTHER ESSENTIAL ITEMS**

## 1 MONTH BEFORE

*Confirm all your documents have been submitted to OIE*

*Purchase insurance for the time you will be abroad*

*Complete Pre-Departure Orientation*

*Submit copies of your travel documents*

*Register for your courses to be taken abroad*

*Review exchange rate and needed currency*

## 1 WEEK BEFORE

*Research the weather in your host country*

*Review luggage restrictions for your airline*

*Finalize your emergency plan*

*Start organizing your luggage and packing*

*Download language apps to help you practice your host country's language*

*Inform your loved ones of the time difference (if any)*

*Let your loved ones know which app you will be communicating with*

*The following are suggestions and vary depending on program*