Conversation Starters

Academics
• How will study abroad affect my degree plan?
• What DU classes can I take before & after study abroad to give me more flexibility?
• What (if any) classes do I need to take while abroad? Which classes might be helpful to take abroad?
• Are there any restrictions on credit I can bring back for my major/minor? What about minimum grades?

• What level of support & academic system best match my learning needs?
• When should I seek out learning support while abroad? What are signs I’m struggling academically?
• What strategies & resources can help me succeed abroad academically & socially?
• Can you help me make a success plan? (Ex: study plan, resource/contact list – depends on what is most helpful)

• What’s the maximum amount of aid I’m able to receive?
• Do I have private scholarships? Who do I contact to confirm I can use those funds for study abroad?
• Do I have state & federal aid? How can I apply that to an unaffiliated program (AUP/UPP)?
• How will being abroad affect my work study grant for the year?
• How do I use financial aid to go abroad in summer? Will that impact my aid for the rest of the year?

• What vaccinations do I need?
• Which medications should I plan to bring with me? Which will I need to get abroad? Are any illegal in my host country?
• Are there safety or security concerns for my host city?
• Can you help me find a doctor/clinic abroad?

• What strategies should I use when abroad to handle my current health issues (incl. mental health)?
• What should I pay attention to that might signal I need help with my current health issues (incl. mental health)?
• Can you write prescriptions for my entire time abroad?
• Will I need to find a certain (type of) doctor abroad?

• What can I do to stay connected with employers, internships & career opportunities while I’m away?
• Can I still meet with you while I’m abroad?
• What resources exist for me to work while abroad?
• Are there internship deadlines or recruitment opportunities I’ll miss & what can I do about it?

• What was your experience with the program? How do you think it was different from other students’?
• What do you wish you’d known before you went?
• What surprised you – academically, socially, culturally & physically?
• What was arrival like? How about registration, orientation, classes, housing, making friends...

• What resources can help me research how people with my identities are received in my host country (ex. laws & cultural norms surrounding relationships & dating)?
• Can you share my contact info with returnees of my identities?
• Are there local resources I can use while abroad (ex: supportive communities or campus orgs)?
• How open do I want/need to be about my sexual orientation and/or gender identity while abroad?
• What types of challenges might I face with travel, immigration & documents if my gender presentation is different from my legal sex or I’m in the process of transition?

• How can I get accommodations at DU?
• What should I do now to prepare for study abroad (ex: prep for differences in accommodations or academic systems)?
• I know accommodations vary by country. What should I think through in terms of these differences?
• Can you provide proof of my documented DU accommodations to the OIE and my abroad program?

• How will study abroad affect my US immigration status?
• What do I need to do in order to stay in status & be allowed to return to the US?

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Student Advice

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