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 credits I can bring back for my major/minor? What about minimum grades?

Faculty/ Major Advisor

- 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)

LEP Advisor

Funding

- 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?

Financial Aid Advisor

Health & Safety

- 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?

ISOS

- 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?

Doctor

Professional Development

- 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?
- How can I frame my international experience to impress employers in both my resume & interviews?

Career Advisor

Student Advice

- 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...

Study Abroad Returnee

Identity

- 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?

IEE Staff

Accommodations

- How can I get accommodations at DU?
- What should I do now to prepare for study abroad (ex. to 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?

DSP Staff

US Immigration

- 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?

ISSS Advisor

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