

# How to Study Abroad!

## You are interested in studying abroad but don't know the specifics yet!

- Read our Study Abroad Basics sheet and take the survey
- Explore our site for a current list of NMU sponsored and partner program offerings around the globe
- Schedule an advising appt. with a study abroad advisor
- Set goals for your time abroad, what are you looking to get out of this amazing experience?
  - Are you deciding among program options? Use our planning matrix to narrow them down

## Phase 1

## You are confident you will study abroad, you have narrowed in on a program of study and a location!

- Meet with a study abroad advisor in order to cover required steps, forms, and interpret requirements of your specific program
- Complete the NMU Application for study abroad
- Request a Cost Worksheet outlining the total program expenses
- Meet with Financial Aid to learn how you may fund your journey
  - Apply to your specific program
    - Apply for your passport & investigate visa requirements
- Select courses that suit your needs by meeting with your academic advisor & using the course pre-approval form

## Phase 2

## I've applied, been accepted, and I am going!

- Apply for Scholarships
- Make sure your financial aid is processed and applied to your account
- Notify your bank of your international travel plans
  - Get a medical check-up
- Complete required final forms & steps and provide us with: signed forms, contact info, a copy of your passport/visa & flight info
- Attend NMU pre-departure orientation
  - Ask questions, pack & get excited!

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## Phase 3

## Phase 4

### Return Safely & Share Your Experience!

Make sure your transcript arrives & course equivalencies are accurate

### Be a Peer Advisor!

- Write a short post for our website
  - Share photos
- Give an info. Session for studying abroad
- Mentor other students considering study abroad
- Help us with an event like the annual Study Abroad Fair