Learning Abroad Planning Appointment

Summary
Due to the complex nature of learning abroad students will typically meet with the Learning Abroad Center, their academic advisor, and director for their major and/or minor multiple times throughout the planning process. Prior to the Learning Abroad Planning Appointment, students will have narrowed down the learning abroad program(s) in which they are interested. During this appointment, an Academic Advisor will review the process to evaluate courses to determine if/how they will fulfill major requirements. Advisors will also help students solidify their goals and expectations for learning abroad.

How to Prepare
To ensure you get the most out of your advising appointment, please complete the following action steps prior to your appointment:

- Attend First Step Session through Learning Abroad Center
- Identify learning abroad programs of interest and research potential courses
- Complete the student section of the Academic Planning Form
- Meet with the director of your major/minor to discuss how planned courses may satisfy degree requirements and request documentation for course approvals
- Update your Graduation Planner and review your APAS report
- Write down questions for your advisor
- If you are planning to take coursework abroad toward another major/minor be sure to communicate with that program advisor

Reflective Questions
During your appointment an Academic Advisor will guide you in reflecting about your goals and interest in learning abroad. Below are questions to consider as you prepare for your appointment.

- How did you select this program(s)?
- What are your goals for learning abroad?
- What do you hope to learn from being in a new culture? How do you anticipate acclimating to a new culture?
- What challenges do you anticipate encountering while abroad? How will you address these?
- How do you think your learning abroad experience might have an impact on your future professional goals?

Learning Outcomes Addressed/Goals
Self Awareness
Independence and Interdependence
Appreciation of Difference