Student Study Abroad Conversation Starters

Dear Students, we highly recommend you ask your CU Denver advisors and other experts these exploratory questions when starting the study abroad process.

# Academic Advising

* When is the best term academically for me to study abroad? (i.e. winterim, summer, fall, spring, etc.)
* Are there any restrictions on courses I can take abroad? (i.e. major/minor limits, transfer credit limits, etc.)
* What minimum grades do I need to earn on courses taken abroad?
* How can I study abroad and still graduate on time?
* Are there any specific courses I *must* take while abroad? Any *recommended* courses?

# Disability Resources Advisor

* What steps can I take to receive accommodations at CU Denver?
* What types of accommodations in the US might not be available in my host country?
* How should I best prepare for academic or learning differences in my host country?
* What documentation (proof) can you provide to help me request accommodations in my host country?

# Financial Aid Advisor

* When is the best term for me to study abroad based on my financial aid award?
* What kinds of financial aid in my award can I use towards studying abroad?
* How will studying abroad impact my work study funds for the year?
* How will studying abroad during the summer impact my aid for the rest of the year?
* How can I get more funds to cover other study abroad costs? (i.e. flights, supplies, etc.)
* Can I use a payment plan for my billable study abroad fees?

# International Student & Scholar Services Advising

* How will studying abroad impact my immigration status in the US?
* When is the best term for me to study abroad? For how long?
* What actions do I need to take with ISSS before going abroad?
* How can I best prepare for my return to the US?
* Do I need a visa for my preferred destination? Should I meet with ISSS pending my decision?

# International SOS

* What medications can I bring with me abroad? Do they require a prescription to be filled in country?
* Are my medications legal abroad?
* Do my medications have a different brand name or generic name abroad?
* What vaccinations or tests do I need before going abroad?
* Are there any medical, travel, or security concerns for my program’s location?
* What personal risks should I be aware of while abroad?
* How are food or dietary restrictions handled in my program’s location? Any precautions to take?
* Can ISOS refer me to a doctor or clinic in my program’s location?
* What counseling services or mental health resources are available through ISOS?

# Undocumented Student Services

* What changes to DACA might occur before my study abroad program begins?
* When should I meet with an immigration attorney about Advance Parole or DACA renewals?
* What campus resources or external services exist to support DACA recipients?

# Veteran & Military Student Services

* Is my study abroad program eligible for VA certification?
* How will the VA certification process work for my term(s) abroad?
* **Post-9/11 GI Bill (Chapter 33) Recipients:** How will my BAH be impacted by my study abroad program?