



Study Abroad Task List: International Students

- Update your immigration records in regard to your study abroad plans. Steps for completion:
 - Contact International Services (IS) at (269) 387-5865 to request an appointment with Immigration Advisor Ms. Tara Severino.
 - Bring all of your immigration documents (ex: DS-2019, passport) to your meeting.
 - Bring the address where you will be staying abroad. If you do not have it, you must provide it to Ms. Severino within 10 days after your move overseas.
 - Bring the address of the school where you will be studying abroad (if applicable.)

- During fall or spring semester abroad, check that you are enrolled in a minimum of 12 U.S. credit hours during your study abroad program.

- Check your study abroad country's visa requirements for citizens of your home country. Visa requirements are based on citizenship so your requirements may be different from other program participants. If you hold two or more citizenships, be sure to look at the requirements for citizens of the country whose passport you plan to travel with.

IMPORTANT: It is your responsibility to obtain the correct visa. WMU Study Abroad is not able to advise on visa regulations between your home country and study abroad destination. Therefore it is critical that you conduct thorough research. Failure to do so could result in your detention or deportation from your study abroad country. Helpful resources:

- o Your study abroad country's consulate website will provide the most accurate and reliable information. These are the instructions you should follow if you are required to apply for a visa prior to arrival in the country
 - o <https://www.visahq.com/citizens/> (you do not need to use this service to apply for a visa, but it is useful in demonstrating if a visa is required for entry)

- Notify your health insurance provider that you will be studying outside of the United States. Some providers may reduce your expenses until you are back in the United States. During your study abroad program you will be enrolled in HTH worldwide health and emergency insurance through WMU Study Abroad. This enrollment cannot be waived.
 - o If you have WMU health insurance, send your flight itinerary showing date of departure from the U.S. to Cindy Clegg (cindy.clegg@wmich.edu) of Sindecuse Health Center via your wmich email account. The email must also state when you plan to return to U.S. so she can check if any adjustment can be made.

- Contact any organization providing you with a scholarship (example: government) and:
 1. Notify them you intend to study abroad
 2. Verify if this funding can be used for study abroad