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SAMPLE POST
(from http://cimbaitaly.com/kviehmann/5-things-dont-tell-study-abroad/)

Five Things They Don't Tell You About Study Abroad

For years, students from all over the world have flocked to Europe seeking a supercharged study abroad experience. We come bright-eyed and bushy-tailed, ready to take on the world. We have visions of the semester ahead of us perfected to a tee.

If you're anything like me, you may even spend hours on the Internet reading about others' study abroad experiences gallivanting through Europe. But what don't the articles say? What can't you learn from your academic advisor or through your travel books? After being here almost three months, I feel confident to share with you 5 things they DON'T tell you about study abroad before you come (but that are completely awesome).

1. **Things aren't always going to go as planned.** Trust me on this one. You're going to miss a plane, a train or a bus. You're going to get turned around in cities you don't know looking for places you can't find with people who are just as lost as you are. It's not the end of the world. Sometimes veering from the beaten path is the best thing you can do for yourself. This is how you find authentic, local restaurants and stumble upon beautiful buildings that you never planned to see. This is how you grow as a person and learn to cope with change. I've learned to accept (and rather enjoy) when my plans change and take the opportunity to try something new. When things seem to be going wrong, I've learned to just think about the bigger picture and how incredibly lucky I am to be spending three months traveling all around Europe. There are much worse things that could happen than missing a bus or having a changed flight- and I've come to realize that!

This could be YOU and your CIMBA experience

Position Responsibilities:
While abroad, ambassadors will share their experiences by contributing to the CIMBA blog. These blogs are a great way to stay connected with family and friends, while sharing their adventures with prospective students and CIMBA alumni. Ambassadors will contribute to CIMBA semester projects that may include the video yearbook or newsletter. Ambassadors will also attend a meeting once a week while at CIMBA to discuss blog topics, office projects, and their study abroad experience.

Application guidelines:
Submit the following via email to cimba-italy@uiowa.edu:

1) Resume
2) Sample blog entry (suggested topic ideas below):
   - Visit a new location (coffee shop, town, amusement park, etc) and describe it to us.

- How-to post on topic of your choice
- Top 5 list on topic of your choice

3) Letter of Recommendation
   - Letter should specifically discuss your responsibility and commitment, coming from a supervisor (professor, advisor, employer, campus organization president).
   - The Letter of Recommendation can be dropped off, emailed or mailed to the CIMBA office at:

     CIMBA Office-**Ambassador Application**
     University of Iowa
     108 PBB, C300
     Iowa City, IA 52242

   You may also have your recommendation letter e-mailed to: **cimba-italy@uiowa.edu**

Award Amount:

Semester- $500
Summer- $250

Application Deadlines:

Fall Semester - May 15
Spring Semester - November 15
Summer- April 15