

Faculty-Led Study Abroad Program
Office of International Programs

Faculty-Led Study Abroad Proposal Guidelines

- **Basic Description of the Program:**

1. Location?
2. Length of program?
3. At which academic institution abroad will the program take place, if any?
4. What is the sponsoring academic unit(s)?
5. Dean & Department Chair endorsement required
6. What are the minimum and maximum number of students that the program can accommodate/minimum viable enrollment? Please provide a rationale for these numbers.
7. Supplemental program activities (excursions, site visits, etc.)?

- **Rationale for Location:**

1. Why overseas?
2. Any conflicts with other programs already established?
3. What is the evidence for the demand by students?
4. How was the site chosen and evaluated?

- **Academic Program Abroad**

1. Describe the instructional program
2. How many units?
3. Academic term: Summer? Winter?
4. Tentative departure and return dates?
5. What majors can be accommodated?
6. Classroom contact hours?
7. What are the teaching facilities on-site?
8. How is the site incorporated into the pedagogy?
9. Who is grading the students and based upon what?
10. How will this experience be integrated upon return to SF State?
11. Please provide a detailed course description and syllabus

- **Student Learning Outcomes:**

1. Please articulate goals/purpose of your proposed study abroad trip for you and your students;
2. What is the desired impact on your students?
3. What strategies will you use to increase the chances of meeting these goals?

- **Student Eligibility**

1. Academic requirements?
2. Are only SF State students eligible?
3. Are non-SF State students eligible to participate?
4. Are non-students allowed?

- **Detailed Program Itinerary**

1. Please provide a detailed day-by-day itinerary.
2. Please include contact information for any & all groups, organizations and individuals that you will be working with.
3. Please also include a rationale which relates the itinerary to the academic goals of the course.

- **Risk Assessment**

1. Your assessment, as Faculty Leader, of risk factors.
2. How you plan to handle emergency situations that may arise?
3. What is your emergency response plan?
4. What happens if you (as the faculty leader) become injured/ill/die during the trip? Who will assume leadership of the group?
5. Please describe your previous experience(s) in the country(ies)/culture(s) to be visited (and/or an indication of how you plan to acquire additional knowledge).
6. Please describe any previous experience with leading student groups off-campus.
7. Please describe your language skills and/or in-country experience, if appropriate to the course.
8. Please provide info on your contacts in the location.
9. Describe any support services abroad.
10. Requirement for faculty member to complete a first-aid class (including CPR) with the American Red Cross; please provide certificate of completion to OIP
11. What will be the adult-to-student ratio for your study trip?
12. Acknowledgement of the need/requirement for CSU Travel Insurance

- **Orientation Programs**

1. Your acknowledgement, as Faculty Leader, of the need/requirement for both a pre-departure and on-site orientation program for your students.
2. Please describe the information to be included in both the pre-departure and on-site orientations.
3. Your acknowledgement of a mandatory orientation meeting for all faculty leaders.

- **Lodging/Logistics/Transportation**

1. Please describe room and board accommodations for the students/faculty leader.
2. Please describe both transportation to and from the U.S. as well as any in-country transportation you will be utilizing.

- **Third Party Providers/Vendors?**

1. Do you plan to work with any third party providers/vendors for your study abroad program?
2. If so, please note that if you will be working with a provider that runs study abroad programs in which SF State sends students to their program (CIEE, IES, CEA, Butler, etc.) or with providers that act as the logistical support for an SF State study abroad program, Executive Order 1081 from the CSSU Chancellor's Office establishes strict policies and procedures related to the review and approval of all third party study abroad providers/vendors contracted by SFSU. SF State is required to follow a very specific process for the review and approval of all such providers.

- **Recruitment Strategy**

1. Please describe how you will recruit the minimum number of students needed to run the program.
2. Strategies may include: working with other faculty members in your department; cross-listing your course with another department; staffing an info table at an SF State study abroad fair; social media; classroom visits; student organizations; alumni engagement; targeted emails to students in certain majors, Dean's List, etc.; flyers/printed media, etc.

- **Detailed Budget Plan**

1. Please include a detailed program and student budget.
2. Please also indicate whether you would like to obtain either reimbursement of your expenses, or your salary, or volunteer (no reimbursement/salary) as part of your budget proposal.
3. Please provide a detailed budget detailing both your expenses as faculty leader as well as expenses per student.
4. Items to include in your detailed budget include: salaries, if applicable; travel expenses; tuition & fees to host institution & to SF State; excursions, cultural activities, service learning, etc.; administrative fees; student accommodations & meals; transportation; visas; travel insurance; any additional costs/incidentals?
5. Budget Shortfall Plan? How do you plan to compensate for any budget shortfall if the program does not meet the minimum required enrollment?

- **Evaluation plan**

1. Please describe how you plan to assess the program (on-site, upon your return)
2. How will the information you gather be used to review, analyze & improve future programs?

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