

Study Abroad Checklist

A complete study abroad checklist covering student visas, university enrollment, housing, finances, health and packing.

Visas and Documents

- ☐ Confirm the student visa required for your program
Requirements vary by country and change often — check official embassy and government sources.
- ☐ Ensure your passport is valid beyond your program dates
- ☐ Gather your acceptance and enrollment letters
- ☐ Collect academic transcripts and certificates
- ☐ Prepare proof of finances for the visa application
- ☐ Make copies of all documents, stored separately

University and Enrollment

- ☐ Accept your offer and complete registration
- ☐ Register for courses or confirm your study plan
- ☐ Arrange transfer of credits with your home school
- ☐ Connect with the international student office
- ☐ Note orientation dates and the academic calendar
- ☐ Apply for any scholarships or grants available

Housing and Logistics

- ☐ Apply for university dorms or research rentals
- ☐ Arrange temporary accommodation for arrival if needed
- ☐ Confirm what your housing provides and what to bring
- ☐ Plan airport transport to your accommodation
- ☐ Research local transport and student passes
- ☐ Book flights and check baggage allowances

Finances

- ☐ Budget for tuition, rent, food, and travel
- ☐ Set up a way to access money abroad
- ☐ Research opening a local student bank account
- ☐ Notify your bank of your travel dates
- ☐ Confirm how scholarship or loan funds are paid
- ☐ Set aside an emergency fund

Health and Insurance

- ☐ Arrange the health insurance your program requires
- ☐ Check required and recommended vaccinations
- ☐ Refill and pack essential medications
- ☐ Collect your medical and vaccination records
- ☐ Find out how to access local healthcare as a student
- ☐ Note emergency contacts and embassy details

Packing for Students

- ☐ Season-appropriate clothing and a versatile wardrobe
- ☐ Laptop, phone, chargers, and a plug adapter
- ☐ Important documents in a secure folder
- ☐ Toiletries and a small first-aid kit
- ☐ Study supplies and any required textbooks
- ☐ A few comforts from home

Pack light — most basics can be bought on arrival.