Briefing on Safety and Preparedness Abroad

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Introductions

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Program Types

Short-term
• Less than one semester, usually 2-5 weeks
• Faculty-led
• Independent (exchange, provider-based)

Long-term
• One semester or a full academic year
• Exchange-based
• Provider-based
• Independent (non-affiliated program)
Pre-Departure Preparations

1. Student Orientation
   - General Orientation
     • Online, comprehensive orientation covering the basics of international travel and core principles of studying abroad
   - Site-specific Orientation
     • A specific orientation focused on the individual program, it will cover topics ranging from itinerary, local customs and idiosyncrasies, safety, and academic content

2. Faculty Orientation
   • All faculty leaders and program assistant complete a rigorous orientation on safety, security, and emergency response

3. Student Forms
   • These forms provide the CIE Study Abroad Office with important information on pre-existing health conditions, allergies, and other details critical to ensuring students’ health and well-being
CIE Resources

1. Insurance
   - CISI Insurance is a major resource, and an integral part of how incidents and emergencies are responded to
   - Comprehensive health insurance coverage and that it includes emergency and medical evacuation coverage
   - Everyone is enrolled – it’s built into the cost of every program
   - There’s an APP for that!

2. Local Partners and Providers

3. On-site Faculty & Staff

4. 24/7 On-call Administrators
Assessing Program Safety

1. US Department of State
2. Overseas Security Advisory Council
3. CISI, Assist America, and RED24
4. Contacts on the ground (partners, providers and vendors)
Responding to Emergencies

1. Different scenarios mean different responses
2. Assessing scope of situation
3. Determining impact on students and/or program
4. Identifying and connecting appropriate resources
5. Preserving academic goals
Communicating with Parents & Families

1. Students are first priority
2. Challenges to communication: FERPA & HIPAA
3. Student Emergency Contacts
4. CIE Website & Email List
Questions?

Contact Information

- CIE Website: international.uwm.edu
- CIE Study Abroad Website: studyabroad.uwm.edu
- CIE Study Abroad Email: overseas@uwm.edu
- CIE/Study Abroad Office: 1-414-229-4846
- CIE Study Abroad Office 24-hour Emergency Contact & Campus Police: 1-414-229-4627

Thank you!
Assistance Resources

• UWM Travel Website: http://www.bfs.uwm.edu/depts/travel.htm
• Currency Conversion Website: http://www.oanda.com
• Foreign Per Diem Rates Website: http://www.state.gov/m/a/als/prd/
• CIE/Study Abroad Office: 1-414-229-5182
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• Campus Police: 1-414-229-4627
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