Study Abroad
Family and Friends
Pre-Departure Session

HOW BIG IS
YOUR WORLD?
Today’s Agenda

- TU Study Abroad Office
- Pre-departure tasks
- Registration
- Billing/payment and financial aid
- Course and credit transfer
- Staying safe and healthy abroad
- What to take
- Q & A
How Does Study Abroad Work?

- **TU Exchanges**
  - Study at a TU partner university abroad
  - Semester or academic year only

- **TU Programs**
  - “TU in” programs, TU Global Internship Program

- **Non-TU Programs**
  - Organization (provider) or other university that coordinates study abroad
Pre-departure Tasks

- Complete Post-Acceptance information in Horizons
  - Medical information
  - Agreement and Waiver of claims
  - Confirmation Agreement
  - Study Abroad Course Form
  - Passport details
  - Flight itinerary
- Student visa (if applicable)
Registration

- Students maintain full-time enrolled status at TU
- Registered for study abroad at TU by our office
- Minimum 12 credits during spring/fall, minimum 6 credits during summer for federal aid
- Registration process at overseas institution varies
- Students register online for TU courses to be taken when they come back
- Students graduating within one year of studying abroad must email enrollment verification to Registrar’s Office
Who do students pay ....
- for a TU exchange?
- for a TU program?
- for a non-TU program?

TU E-Bill system
- Email notification when bill is ready for viewing
- Students can grant access to others to view/pay E-bill
- Pay by due date in the system

Scholarships
Financial Aid

- TU students can use most federal aid but should check with Financial Aid Office
- Non-TU students check with their home institution
- Students can request additional loans for study abroad
  - Need to ask advisor for a *Study Abroad Budget*
- Financial Aid rebates
- Payment deferral
- Power of Attorney
Course and Credit Transfer

- TU students can earn major, minor, Core Curriculum requirements, or electives
- TU students must obtain approval from TU academic departments
  - Study Abroad Course Form
  - Getting courses equated from abroad
- **TU students** = all credits and grades posted but not calculated into GPA
- **Non-TU students** = all credits and grades posted and will be calculated into GPA
Break Time!!
Staying Safe Abroad

- Department of State Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP)
- Safe behavior
- Subject to local laws and TU Code of Conduct
- Health and safety resources on TU Study Abroad webpage
- Recommended resources
  - TU Study Abroad Health & Safety, Resources webpages
  - Department of State
  - Overseas Security Advisory Council
Staying Healthy Abroad

- Physical health
- Medications/prescription drugs
- Health insurance
- Immunizations
  - Center for Disease Control
  - World Health Organization
- Mental health

See *Health and Safety* section of our website under ‘Current Participants’
Family & Friends

The Towson University Study Abroad Office encourages parents, friends and family to take an active role in supporting their student's interest in study abroad. Your encouragement and support can make all the difference in the success of their study abroad experience.

“Living in South Africa for a semester was one of the best decisions I've ever made. I gained a new perspective on my major, was exposed to a completely new culture, made lifelong friends, and grew as an individual. I have become more open-minded, self-aware, and willing to do things out of my comfort zone.”

COURTNEY SOUDERS, ELEMENTARY EDUCATION/SPECIAL EDUCATION MAJOR - SOUTH AFRICA
What To Take

- Passport *(at least one family member should also have a passport)*
- Passport photocopy
- Student visa *(if applicable)*
- Prescription medication
- Converter/adaptor
- Cell phone
- Laptop
- Money
- Airline luggage allowances