

# Study Abroad Conversation Starters for Families

Unfamiliar with study abroad? Below are questions that parents can ask their student about studying abroad. These questions can help you ensure your student has thought about every aspect of studying abroad, completed the proper steps, and discussed this incredible opportunity with you.

## Application/Academic Questions

- Why do you want to study abroad and why did you select this program/location?
- Did you submit your Northwestern application and the external application (if it is required)?
- When will you be participating in the program and how long is the program?
- What kind of courses will you be taking while in the study abroad program?
- Will this study abroad program affect your graduation date?
- What are the housing options for this study abroad program?
- Do you need to apply for a student visa? If so, how long is the visa process?
- Did you meet with the Global Learning Office (GLO) adviser for the program?

## Financial Questions

- What is the cost of this study abroad program?
- Did you review the program cost sheet for the specific study abroad program on the GLO website?
- Did you meet with the financial aid office to discuss the study abroad program?
- Did you apply for any outside study abroad scholarships from the list available on the GLO website?
- Did you create a budget for while you are on the program?

## Health and Safety Questions

- Are you required to purchase GeoBlue Health Insurance for your study abroad program?
- If you are currently taking a prescription medication, have you planned ahead to ensure you have access to your medicine overseas?
- Have you reviewed the country-specific identity information on the GLO website?
- Have you reviewed the Office of Global Safety and Security's website and resources?