Dear Parents/Guardians:

Your child has expressed interest in study abroad and the Office of International Student Services (OISS) would like to tell you how study abroad works at Delaware State University (DSU) and why it is such a great investment in his/her college career!

Study abroad promotes academic, personal, and professional growth. It allows students to learn about another country through real-life experience and if a student chooses to study in a country where English is not the native language, they gain fluency in a second language. DSU students study abroad for a summer, a semester or a year while earning credits towards their degree. Students can also go abroad to participate in service learning, volunteering or an internship. Education abroad helps students identify with our globalized competitive economy.

The OISS offers a wide variety of options to address the academic, personal and financial needs of students who wish to study abroad. We offer faculty-led and study abroad provider programs; we help students to choose a program that best fits his/her needs.

Study abroad is an academic experience which offers an array of challenges to students. It’s fun, exciting and a form of learning outside the classroom. Study abroad also plays a major role on a student’s resume when applying for a job or graduate school. The job market, as well as applying for graduate school is very competitive and we encourage our students to participate in activities and programs that will showcase them as a premier candidate.

Study abroad program fees vary however; scholarships and financial aid can assist with the cost. It’s the student’s responsibility to search for scholarships, to seek financial aid assistance, and to ensure proper transfer of credit from the host university before participating in his/her program. Most DSU faculty-led program fees include room and board, excursions, airfare, and international health insurance (mandatory to travel abroad). Most study abroad provider program fees include, tuition, room and board, excursions, international health insurance, official transcript, onsite staff, computer and internet access, and 24 hour emergency assistance.

With regards to health and welfare, we do our very best to ensure your child has a safe and rewarding experience. Students attend mandatory orientation sessions before departing the U.S. to prepare them for their journey. We are available to help parents plan their child's experience as well. The OISS remains in contact with DSU students abroad, and once they return, if needed, we can assist with helping them cope with readjusting to life at Delaware State University. The OISS will do our best to make sure that the entire study abroad process runs smoothly.

Thanks for your support and encouragement in helping your child go abroad. Although we hope this information will be useful to you, please feel free to contact us at (302) 857-6474/e-mail: cmoore@desu.edu if you have any comments or questions. Finally, please visit our website.

Sincerely,

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