

Faculty Led Study Abroad Programs

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Faculty-Led Study Abroad at Stetson

- About 90% of Stetson Students study abroad on faculty-led programs
 - Recent, faculty-led programs went/will go to:
 - Italy and Greece
 - Italy
 - Spain
 - England
 - Serbia
 - Colombia
 - Austria
 - Thailand/Hong Kong
 - Chile
 - Cuba
 - England and Paris
 - Scotland
 - UK and Ireland

Why do students choose faculty-led programs?

- They feel safer and more comfortable with a Stetson faculty member
- Interest in a particular class
- Opportunity to earn Stetson credit
- The ease and comfort of a program that is planned and organized for them

Things to consider when planning a program:

- Use a provider?
- How many is an ideal number?
- What class will you offer and how will it complement the location?
- When is the ideal time to offer this program?
- Alone or with another faculty member?
- Has this class been offered before, and if not, how can I get it approved?
- Do I have the support of my chair and Dean?

Budgets

- Work with WORLD – we have a budget template
- All students will be charged study abroad tuition. Summer costs are lowered to \$996/unit for a study abroad class.
- Faculty stipends/salary and fringe benefits (9%) must be included in the budget

Things to Consider to Keep Costs Down

- Location
- Time of year
- Tuition costs
- Type of program

Initial Application

- Can be found [online](http://world.stetson.edu) at world.stetson.edu
 - Requires information about the program including dates, location, course syllabus, proposed budget, and recommendation from your Dean
- Due Date: September 14th for programs being proposed for fall (winter break) 2018, Spring 2019, and summer 2019

Approval Process

- Requires approval from your department chair and dean
- Examples of types of questions WORLD will ask when going through applications to determine final approval:
 - Can this program be implemented safely and successfully?
 - Will the program be able to make the minimum number of required students?
 - Are the content and delivery of the course(s) enhanced by the international location?
 - Do the proposed excursions have academic relevance to the course?
 - How familiar is the faculty with the proposed location?
- Once approved, you will be asked to schedule a follow-up meeting with WORLD to discuss your next steps

Marketing Your Program

- Share information with your class and with your colleagues
- Attend the Study Abroad Fairs – we have one each semester!
- Information Sessions
- Visit Residence Halls and Greek Housing
- Work with WORLD and Stetson Marketing to develop marketing materials
- Posters and displays in high-traffic areas on campus
- Mailings
- Tabling at CUB
- Social Media

Orientation

- WORLD will provide orientation for students participating on faculty-led programs.
- Students will join the general Pre-Departure Orientations, offered each fall and spring
- Faculty will be provided with a faculty manual which provides you with important information you will need regarding health, safety, emergency contact info, etc.

What support will WORLD provide?

- WORLD will collect and handle all money issues, and will take care of any payments that must be made to providers, etc.
- Create an online application for students to apply – but you will still have control over who is accepted into the program
- Take care of any reimbursements after the trip is over
- Faculty support including “faculty packet” – either digital or paper
- Orientation for your students
- Risk Management Support
- WORLD will be able to offer modest scholarships for students wishing to study abroad on faculty-led programs. Scholarships will be primarily need-based.
 - Scholarships are available at:
http://world.stetson.edu/index.cfm?FuseAction=Programs.ViewProgram&Program_ID=10508
 - Due by late September – date to be announced

Risk Management

- Providers are great!
- International cell phone
- Online application allows you to have digital access to all students' emergency contacts, FERPA releases, passport copies, etc.
- Research emergency numbers and local hospitals in advance
- WORLD is on-call 24/7 for your support

Questions?

