



Fall 2017 Education Abroad Pre-Departure Orientation

Wednesday, November 1, 2017, 5:00-7:00pm, Gowan 126

AGENDA AND SCHEDULE

4:50-5:00	Students Arrive		
5:00-5:05	Welcome and Introductions	Grace Schneider Director schneiderg@cua.edu	
		Robert Dowden Education Abroad Advisor dowden@cua.edu	
5:05-5:15	Code of Conduct	Amy Kerr	kerra@cua.edu
5:15-5:25	Housing Services	Jessica Bediako	bediako@cua.edu
5:25-5:35	Health Services	Loretta Staudt	staudt@cua.edu
5:35-5:45	Disability Support	Philip Magalong	magalong@cua.edu
5:45-5:55	Safety Abroad	Kim Gregory	gregoryk@cua.edu
5:55-6:05	Credit Transfer	Kate Miedreich	miedreich@cua.edu
6:05-6:15	Career Services	Anthony Chiappetta	chiappetta@cua.edu
6:15-6:45	Preparing for Your Term Abroad		
	CUAbroad Forms & Policies		
	Financial Aid		
	Insurance		
	Travel Resources		

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STUDENT QUOTES 2015 AND 2016 STUDY ABROAD STUDENTS

Thomas Tombes – Rome Fall 2016

“Learn some of the language before you go (something like "a sandwich please" or "do you speak English, sir?"), and spend time and thought on BUDGETING! Be honest with yourself, get second opinions, overestimate, and make yourself stick to it! Bring Tupperware for leftover food to save money on lunches, and learn where the closest grocery store is”

Erin Fleishman – SOL Costa Rica Spring 2016

"Spend time with your host family. Get to know your host mom. Ask her how to make whatever she is making for dinner. Ask her about her children, ask her about other host students she has had. Get to know your host family!!"

Bridget Visconti – European Union Internship Spring 2016

“Before I went abroad one of my bosses at my internship told me to go visit the "strange" places or the more non-mainstream places. Her reasoning was that it's easy to go to Paris, London, or Barcelona because they have such close ties with America so it's easy to get a job that will send you there, but it's less likely that you will get a job that will send you somewhere like Seville, Spain or Cascais, Portugal”

Riley Hawblitzel – Arcadia U. Dublin 2016

Make local friends, the people in your program will be great but having a connection to that city is life changing. Always print your Ryanair boarding pass ahead of time. Try not to spend time comparing things to how they are in the US, just appreciate that it is different”

Justin Andreani – Irish Parliamentary Internship Spring 2016

“Try every new piece of food”

Meghan McAnespie – Rome Flagship Fall 2015

“Don't be pressured by thinking every day of your adventure has to be the best day of your life. When you are there for the entire semester it is ok to take a day for yourself!”

Alexandra Rocha – FYE Rome Summer Institute 2015

“If the nice lady tells you to hold the bird, don't do it”

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