

A-State Faculty-Led Study Abroad Program Review Considerations

General

- How many programs, disciplines, and locations are needed for each term?
- How many programs (repeat and new) can be managed based on Study Abroad staff resources for each term?

Appeal/Demand

- What is the anticipated student interest/demand in the course(s)?
- What is the anticipated student interest/demand in the location/region?
- How many students are enrolled in the majors and/or minors relevant to this program?
- Is the program open to students from a wide variety of disciplines or does it satisfy a specific need?
- Which students will this program appeal to?

Academics

- Does the course(s) fulfill specific requirements (major, minor, core)?
- Does the course(s) have prerequisites? If so, will this limit the applicant pool?
- Is the program cross listed across disciplines?
- Is the program being initiated jointly with another department, another college within A-State and / or another university (if this benefits the department and/or students)?
- Is the program designed to develop and facilitate inter-cultural learning?
- What types of learning activities are featured in the course(s)?
- How does the location enhance the academic and cultural content of the course(s)?
- Does the program include opportunities for cultural immersion/exposure to the local culture?
- Does the program meet the recommended guidelines for the # credits being awarded?

Location

- Is the proposed location 'safe' as determined by U.S. State Department/CDC guidelines?
- Is this a non-traditional destination and/or priority country for study abroad?
- Are adequate medical services available in the host location?
- What housing options are available?
- What support services are available?
- Will the group have access to public transportation?
- Does the faculty member have previous experience or expertise in the region/country?
- How many other study abroad options are available in this country/region?

Feasibility

- Is the program itinerary feasible/realistic?
- Do program providers operate in this location?
- Will the program be affordable?
- Will the program budget support more than one Faculty Leader or a Faculty Assistant?
- Are there other sources of funding to support the program (grant, subsidy, scholarships)?
- Is the program sustainable (one-time program or plans to repeat)?
- What were the previous enrollment numbers for the program (repeat programs only)?
- Does the faculty member have ideas for promoting the program and recruiting students?