## UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN COLORADO STUDY ABROAD PRE-DEPARTURE CHECKLIST



## 2-3 Months Prior

## 1-3 Weeks Prior

- Apply for a passport.
- Submit your passport copy.
- Meet one-on-one with your Study Abroad Advisor & Academic Advisor.
- Apply for a visa (if needed)
- o Fill out a Course Planning Form.
- Meet with a Financial Aid Counselor to review your budget form.
- Attend the mandatory pre-departure orientation and breakout sessions.
- o Register for STEP.
- Read the Study Abroad Handbook.
- Get any required vaccinations.
- Purchase plane ticket.

- Photocopy important documents (passport, credit cards, insurance card).
- Notify your bank of your travel plans.
- Confirm your flight and arrival plans.
- Begin packing & check baggage limits.
- Organize medications/medical supplies.
- Obtain any required prescription letter from physician.
- Make a list of important contact information: host university, housing address, pick-up service, etc.
- Buy converters for electronics.
- Research international phone plans/SIM cards.



## **Know Before You Go:**

- O Who is my Study Abroad Advisor?
- Which university will I study at?
- O What is my host country like?
- O Where will I be living while abroad?
- o What is the name of my insurance? What does it cover?
- O How am I getting from the airport to my residence?
- Do I know how to access my VOE form?
- Will my transcript be in English, or will it need to be translated?