

Study Abroad Orientation

Albion College



Center For
International
Education (CIE)

Intercultural
Affairs (ICA)

What to expect



Session 1, Olin 112.

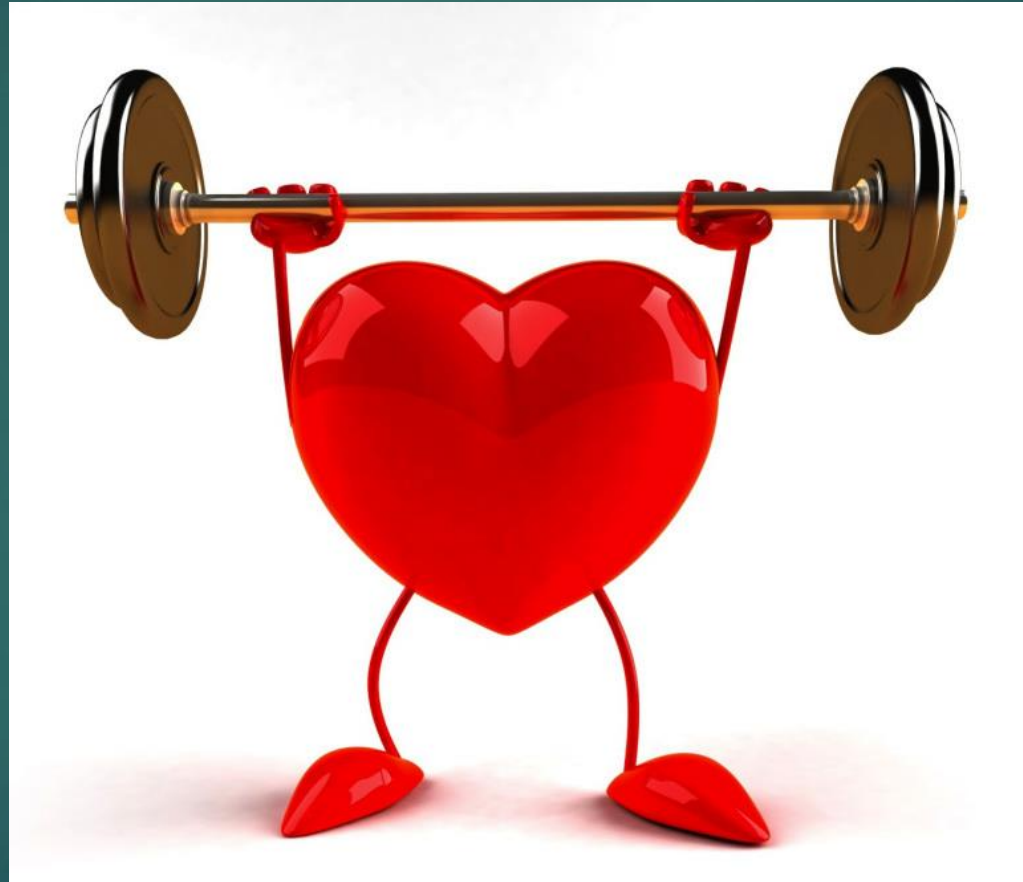
- Health, Safety, Insurance
- Orientation Folder
- Preparations and checklists

Break, Olin 119. 10 minutes.

Session 2

- Student Session- Olin 112 Culture Shock and student panel
- Parent Session- Olin 119

EIIA Health Insurance



Your Orientation Folder

- ▶ EIA Insurance Protection
- ▶ Border Letter
- ▶ Global Studies Requirement
- ▶ Brits Abroad Personalized Checklist
 - \$250 deposit, health insurance sign-up, health consult, passport, global studies, flight information, program acceptance, emergency contact, learning content
- ▶ General Orientation, Certificate of Completion
- ▶ OCP Handbook

“Border Letters”

Proof of financial support from Albion

Saved in Brits Abroad if you lose your copy. Under “saved documents.”

Review your letter now for correctness.

Important for:

- ▶ Visa applications
- ▶ Border crossing
- ▶ Immigration permits
and renewals



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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to certify that Mary Weicht has been approved to participate in an Albion College off-campus program, IES- European Union Studies. The agreement between Albion College and the IES program is such that the **student's financial support (which includes tuition and fees) is assured for the entire stay on the program.** Mary will be enrolled for the fall 2018 semester in this program.

If you have any questions about Mary's status as a student at Albion College or the off-campus program, please contact me.

Global Studies Credit

Students may receive Global Studies category credit for an international off-campus experience.

Journal Guidelines:

- ▶ Journals should include at least one entry per week of your program.
- ▶ Journals should include entries on at least two global topics or issues that are identified in advance.
- ▶ Journals should articulate strategies to learn about those topics.
- ▶ Journals should include at least one entry about specific topics.

Details online: [albion-sa.terradotta.com/?go=Global Studies Category and Study Abroad](http://albion-sa.terradotta.com/?go=Global%20Studies%20Category%20and%20Study%20Abroad)

General Orientation Certificate

If you missed...



- Review Presentations On Brits Abroad “Mandatory Orientation” page.
- Visit with each department.
- Return signed form to CIE.

Simulated User	
Program:	ACM Costa Rica: Community Engagement in Public Health, Education, & the Environment
Term/Year:	Spring, 2018
Deadline:	09/17/2017
Dates:	TBA

Click the following to view and complete the following online questionnaire(s). You may begin a questionnaire and save it for later completion, but note that you must click Submit in order for the questionnaire to be logged as complete and ready for review.

Title	Due Date	Received
Emergency Contact Information	10/27/2017 ▲	<input type="checkbox"/>
Flight information: Departure	12/01/2017	<input type="checkbox"/>
Global Studies Credit	12/01/2017	<input type="checkbox"/>
Health Insurance Coverage Information	12/01/2017	<input type="checkbox"/>
Passport Information	12/01/2017	<input type="checkbox"/>
Program Provider Acceptance Letter	12/01/2017	<input type="checkbox"/>

Click the following to view instructions and/or printable forms which require the physical submission of materials.

Title	Due Date	Received
Albion \$250 Deposit Paid	10/27/2017 ▲	<input type="checkbox"/>
Albion Tuition Paid In Full	01/15/2018	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mandatory Pre-Departure Orientations	11/01/2017 ▲	<input type="checkbox"/>
Student Health Services Travel Consult	10/27/2017 ▲	<input type="checkbox"/>

Your status: Committed

Thank you for giving your commitment to participate. If you must change your decision, please contact The Center for International Education at cie@albion.edu.

STATUS:	Committed
View Decision Letter	

Click the following to view, read, and mark these learning content pages as having been read.

Title	Due Date	Received
Albion approved my study abroad application- now what?	12/01/2017	<input type="checkbox"/>
American Values & Stereotypes	12/01/2017	<input type="checkbox"/>
Culture Shock	12/01/2017	<input type="checkbox"/>
Health & Safety Abroad	12/01/2017	<input type="checkbox"/>
How to Deal with Special Challenges Overseas	12/01/2017	<input type="checkbox"/>
Study Abroad Scholarship information	12/01/2017	<input type="checkbox"/>

- \$250 Deposit
- Orientations Complete
- Health consult, SHS
- Health Insurance, card upload
- Passport upload
- Flight Information
- Global Studies
- **Program Acceptance**
- Emergency Contact
- Learning Content

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After your program starts

- ▶ At beginning of your program
 - ▶ Check-in with family, and CIE
 - ▶ Upload final Class Schedule
 - ▶ Input Off-Campus address
- ▶ After you return home
 - ▶ Program Evaluation.
 - ▶ CIE/ CIC Evaluation
 - ▶ Transcript Release to Registrar
 - ▶ Review of Global Studies Journals
 - ▶ Be a Study Abroad mentor
 - ▶ Participation in next orientation



EXCELLENT



GOOD



AVERAGE

Packing

- Research the climate of your destination
- Medicine, stored in original containers
- Filtered water bottle
- Pictures from home, of family/friends
- Cultural items
- Small gifts
- Remember, you can buy many U.S. items there, and it can be fun to try new brands!
- More to come in next session...

PACKING CHECK-LIST:

- 1) A variety of clothing: lightweight & heavyweight, formal & traditional
- 2) Cultural items
- 3) Adapter for appliances (if applicable)
- 4) Small supply of medicine
- 5) Optional: Prescription glasses, contact lenses, phone cases, cards, etc.
- 6) Photos
- 7) Do not bring: Fresh fruit & veggies, meat, most bakery items, etc.
- 8) May bring: Spices & seasonings, dry food or snacks

Travel Tips, Cell Phones

- ▶ Cell Phones. Local Phone Numbers. “Burner” phones.
- ▶ Travel between countries. Border restrictions.
- ▶ Planning before you go- where you will stay, where school is, etc.
- ▶ Buying a plane ticket.

- ▶ More to come in next session.

Money Matters

- ▶ Scholarships and Grants
 - ▶ OCP Grant Due 3/30 (Friday)
 - ▶ http://albion-sa.terradotta.com/?go=Albion_OCP_Grants
- ▶ ATMs, Cash, Travelers Checks
- ▶ ATMs. Avoid those on the street. Often in tourist areas, not everywhere. Notifying your bank.
- ▶ More to come in next session...

Passports and Visas and Permits...

Passport

Visa

Entry Documents, including
Border Letter

Resident Permit

Travelling to third countries



Stereotypes and Politics

▶ Stereotypes of Americans

- Superficial, happy/ smiley, not truthful, not smart, eat a lot of fatty foods, ignorant of/ not interested in other countries, school system isn't good, exaggerate a lot, gullible, too cheerful/ fake, cocky, have an opinion about everything, cowboys, religion over culture, arrogant, loud, friendly, easy to talk to, say "like" a lot,
- Racism, police brutality, extreme patriotism

▶ Your role as Ambassador for Albion, and the U.S.

- ▶ Political conversations may not be taboo, and not personal. Start a conversation
- ▶ Know the culture of “demonstrations” and protests.
- ▶ Terrorism, Major Events. Emergency Response.

Enroll in STEP, Emergency Response

- ▶ Free U.S. State Department Service
- ▶ Allow the U.S. Embassy contact you in an emergency, whether natural disaster, civil unrest, or family emergency.
- ▶ Help family and friends get in touch with you in an emergency.
- ▶ Receive important information from the Embassy about safety conditions in your destination country.
- ▶ Smart Traveler Enrollment Program. <https://step.state.gov/>



Smart Traveler Enrollment Program

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Create Account

Log In

Reception, Olin 119.
10 minutes

Next session starts at:
Students, Olin 112
Parents, Olin 119

