

Study Abroad Orientation

Albion College



EIIA Health Insurance- Tim DeWitt



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

A SERVICE OF THE BUREAU OF CONSULAR AFFAIRS
U.S. Department of State



Create Account

Log In

Your Orientation Folder

OCP Handbook

STEP Enrollment

Border Letter

Packing suggestions

“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



Albion College

Center for International Education

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)

Packing suggestions (from Albion students)

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



- Medicine, stored in original containers
- Filtered water bottle
- Small gifts

CIE Travel Advising

Passports

Visas

Airline tickets

Border Letters

Resident Permits

Travelling to third countries

Email cie@albion.edu to
schedule



▶ Within the first 2 weeks

- ▶ Check-in with family and CIE
- ▶ Move into housing (address to CIE)
- ▶ Finalize classes
 - ▶ changes to CIE, CR/NC requests)
- ▶ Set-up (phone, money, visa, etc)
- ▶ Explore the city



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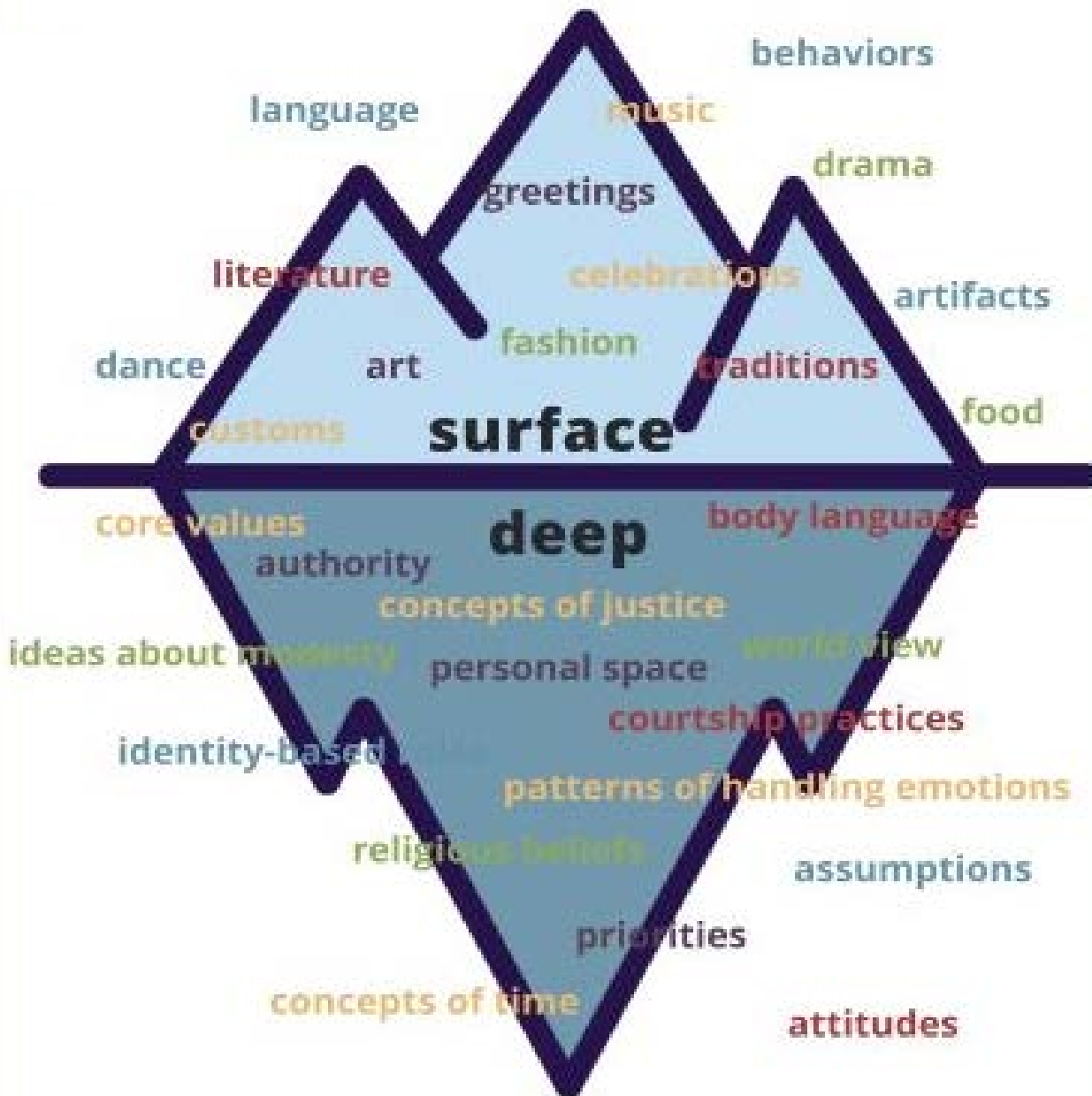
GOOD

▶ After you return home

- ▶ Program and CIE evaluations
- ▶ Submit Global Studies Journals
- ▶ Transcripts record grades (CR/NC, GPA)
- ▶ Study Abroad Peer Advisors, participate in next orientation



AVERAGE



Cultural Learning Paradigms

Study Abroad Skills Prep

Skills in Context

Contextualize your “soft “ skills

- **Self-development:** skills that help you grow as an individual. Confidence, maturity, independence...
- **Interpersonal:** skills that help you develop better relationships with others. Empathy, diplomacy, awareness of own and others' worldview, listening, communication...
- **Productive:** skills that help you do work or tasks better. Critical thinking, problem solving...



“Soft” Skills



Skills in Context

Contextualize your “hard” skills

- **Language:** improved fluency in a foreign language, or “global” English
- **Technical:** concrete skills that can be measured and tested, usually taught systematically
- **Subject matter knowledge:** specific information that can be tested for competency level

“Hard” Skills



Skills in Context

Skills that are gained through local knowledge that is country, region, or culture specific.

- **Hard and soft:** What skills will you learn specific to that culture? How can they transfer?
- **Comparative:** can you compare host country values/ worldviews/ experiences to other US cultures in meaningful ways?
- **Adaptation:** can you adapt and reinterpret some of the culture-specific skills to relate to the Albion/ US context?



Student Session Topics

Before you go...

- ▶ Downloading maps- where your school/ housing is located, country/ city info
- ▶ Buying plane tickets
- ▶ Money matters- banks, travelers checks, credit cards, etc.
- ▶ Packing, what to bring/ not bring
- ▶ Travel session with CIE

Within the first 2 weeks...

- ▶ Cell phone suggestions, SIM cards
- ▶ Exploring the city, safety, smart tips
- ▶ Registering with the US embassy
- ▶ Contact CIE and let us know you arrived safely- upload address and class schedule

During the semester...

- ▶ Travel between countries – language challenges
- ▶ Culture Shock
- ▶ Stereotypes

Coming back to Albion...

- ▶ Reverse culture shock