### Gathering information - explore your options

- **Meet with Paul Dorres (Manager of Education Abroad) or OSU GO to learn basics about options, program selection/application as soon as possible!**
- **Meet with academic advisor to establish academic goals for overseas experience and optimal time and duration of program.**

### Select program and term/semester

- **Meet with Paul Dorres or OSU GO to discuss program details (application process, finances, etc.). Complete this step 6 months-1 year in advance of program.**
- **If program has multiple course offerings (e.g., exchange), meet with academic advisor to select specific courses to be taken.**

### Apply to program

- **Complete application process via OSU GO portal. Most programs require transcripts, essays, and references. Many require interviews. Complete this step 3-6 months in advance of program.**
- **Apply to both internal and external funding sources for scholarships to support program. Keep an eye on deadlines, as they may be before program acceptance!**

### Student accepted into program

- **After OSU GO approval, complete secondary program application, if required (e.g., exchange). Confirm housing options and make travel arrangements the term before the program starts.**
- **OSU GO sends program cost estimate to Financial Aid office, which determines aid amount for overseas study. Meet with Financial Aid office if necessary.**

### Pre-departure

- **Apply for visa (if required). Attend required orientations. Visit travel clinic, arrange for any needed medications/vaccinations the term before the programs starts.**
- **Plan your financial arrangements for your time abroad. Get PIN from academic advisor. Register with CRN provided by OSU GO. Pack!**

### While abroad

- **Understand academic requirements. Exchanges: acquire course syllabi for establishment of equivalencies, prior to articulation by the OSU Registrar.**
- **Exchanges and Internships: Get PIN from academic advisor so you can register for each term you’re away and for the term you return to OSU.**

### Upon return to OSU

- **Attend any returnee meetings, debrief, and encourage others to go! Give feedback to Paul Dorres and academic advisors.**
- **Exchanges: host university will send transcript to Paul Dorres or OSU GO. Once course articulation is approved, they will report credits and grades to registrar.**