This questionnaire is meant to help you identify your academic and personal goals for study abroad. Please complete this sheet before your meeting with the Education Abroad Office so that we can more effectively advise you in your study abroad process. Visit abroad.uconn.edu/our-team to make an appointment with an advisor.

1) Have you traveled outside the United States before? If so, where?

2) Where do you want to study abroad? Why?

3) What are your goals for your time abroad? Is there anything in particular you would like to experience?

4) Have you considered an experiential program such as academic internship, service-learning, or research abroad?

5) What subjects do you need/want to study while abroad?

6) What are your biggest concerns regarding your study abroad experience?

7) Have you discussed studying abroad with your parent/guardian/family? How did they respond?

8) Have you discussed studying abroad with your academic advisor?

9) How deeply do you want to be immersed in the culture? Do you want to attend classes with students from the host country, or mainly with other Americans?

10) What kind of study abroad environment is the most interesting to you? (e.g. urban or rural location? Large university? Small program? Do you prefer large or small classes?)

11) Do you have specific questions or concerns that you would like to discuss with an Education Abroad Advisor?

Student Services and Disabilities Accommodation Statement:
UConn Education Abroad is committed to facilitating access to every student interested in studying abroad. Many accommodation requests can be provided for abroad, but support does vary around the world. In order to provide you with an assessment of the type and level of support available on your program of interest, you must discuss your needs with your Education Abroad Advisor. This will allow Education Abroad to work with you, the Center for Students with Disabilities (CSD) and the program to provide you with the information and support necessary for you to be successful. Also, complete the Accommodation Request form in your UConn application.
1. **Attend an Education Abroad 101 Info Session** - Your first step in the study abroad process is to attend a 101 presentation. This is your chance to learn how the process works at UConn, how much it costs, and where you can go. Sessions are held weekly throughout the semester — Tuesdays, 6-7 Gentry 140 & Wednesdays, 6-7 Gentry 119E.

2. **Explore Programs and Scholarships; Do Your Research** — After attending a 101, research programs on the Education Abroad website, view budget sheets, and see what courses are available abroad.

   Students are also encouraged to check out our calendar of events, attend our bi-annual Education Abroad Fairs and Program/Region Specific Information Sessions. Speak with a **Global Student Mentor**, a UConn student who just returned from being abroad. They are a great resource to answer any basic question you may have. They are available during walk-in hours for general questions and where to start. Fall 2017 Walk-in Hours are Monday through Thursday from 10am until 3pm.

3. **Meet with an Education Abroad Advisor** — After you have done some research, make an appointment with an Education Abroad Advisor, advising is based on geographic region. Advisors can discuss specific program options, help compare programs, and discuss costs and financial aid. Complete the questions on the back of this page prior to your appointment, to get you thinking about your experience abroad!

4. **Meet with your Academic Advisor** — It is very important that you meet with your Academic Advisor to discuss your academic plan, timing, degree requirements and course options to consider when planning your study abroad. With proper planning, you can stay on track and graduate on time, but it takes preparation and knowing your degree requirements. Ask whether your department recommends a certain semester over another to study abroad. Is there a required sequence of courses you must follow in order to stay on track?

5. **Meet with your Financial Aid Advisor** — Discuss funding your abroad experience and the type of program you are interested in participating in. Programs have different fee structures which will affect the types of aid you may use. Become familiar with what kind of financial aid package you receive (i.e., scholarships? loans? grants?) Note: If you receive a Federal Pell Grant, you may have additional funding opportunities.

6. **Research Scholarship Opportunities** and begin preparing scholarship application materials (if applicable). There are many funding sources available for study abroad, but you must begin the process early! Visit abroad.uconn.edu/scholarships to check out hundreds of scholarship opportunities for studying abroad!

7. **Apply or renew your passport** - It can take 4-6 weeks to obtain one, plan accordingly!

8. **Apply** — Once you have decided on a program, you can open an Education Abroad application and complete the necessary requirements. You can have two program applications open per term!

   **2018 Education Abroad Application Deadlines:**
   - February 27 for summer programs
   - March 8 for fall and academic year programs
   - October 2 for spring and winter intersession programs

   Deadlines for certain programs may vary and subject to change. Check the “Details” tab of the program page to confirm.

9. **Official Acceptances** — After you receive your official email acceptance from the Education Abroad Office, you will have additional requirements to complete before you go abroad. Keep an eye on your UConn email for communication. If you are applying to an exchange, direct enroll, or third-party program you must also apply to them directly and be aware of their application deadlines and requirements.