Congratulations on your decision to participate in a Study Away program!

As an international student there are a few steps you must take in order to maintain your F-1 status while studying away from Duke:

1. Notify Duke Visa Services of your plans to study away

   ! Note: if your study away program includes an internship component and your current degree program does not qualify for Curricular Practical Training (CPT- http://www.visaservices.duke.edu/F1_CPT.html)
   you may be required to apply for Optional Practical Training (OPT- http://www.visaservices.duke.edu/F1_OPT.html)*

2. Make sure your Visa documents (I-20 form, visa stamp, passport) are in order for traveling and re-entering into the U.S. if you plan to travel back home before or after your program (http://www.visaservices.duke.edu/TravelAbroadReentry_Info.html)

3. Before leaving on your Study Away program, update your Local/Residential address in ACES to reflect your new address in the U.S.

4. After your return to the U.S. please remember to update your Local/Residential address in ACES to reflect your current U.S. address

Safe Travels!

* You must also receive prior work authorization approval (OPT or CPT) from Duke Visa Services for any internship opportunities outside of the Study Away programs.

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