Welcome!
Session on Study Abroad
Statistics on Study Abroad

- 527 Loyola students studied abroad last year (semester, year-long and summer)
- Between 62 - 65% of our students will have an international experience
- Study Abroad is popular at Loyola
Why Study Abroad?

- Be more competitive in a global market
- Increase language skills
- Learn a new language
- Learn about a new culture
- Complement your education
- Opportunity to travel
- Build life skills
Study Abroad at Loyola

- We offer immersion programs with different levels of benefits, costs, and housing options.
- Financial aid may be used on all of our immersion programs with the exception of affiliations and non-Loyola programs.
Selection Criteria for Admission

- MUST attend an Information Session before completing the required application
- Cumulative GPA – to be considered for study abroad, students must have at least a 2.75; some of our programs require a higher GPA (3.0) for consideration and admission. 2.5 for summer programs and study tours
- Social behavior/disciplinary record
- Courses should fit into the Loyola degree program
- Programs have cap limits
- 1 deadline for the entire year: Second Wednesday after Thanksgiving (Sophomore year)
Importance of Academics Abroad

- Select program according to the student’s major and academic goals
- Study abroad requires careful academic planning
- Academics must be the student’s first priority abroad
- Plan travel only AFTER course schedule is confirmed
- Teaching styles and expectations will be very different
- Transfer all courses, grades and credits
Importance of Cultural Immersion

- Students will become enrolled in the host country university
- Students will write reflections about their time abroad
- Students will engage with host community and enhance language skills
How Does it Work Within Your Four Years at Loyola?

- **Freshman**: Explore our study abroad options
- **Sophomore**: Plan your course registration; select your first choice program and two back-ups; APPLY by the deadline
- **Junior**: *Go! Explore, Study, and Serve*
- **Senior**: Share your experiences and help prepare future students
What Are The Study Abroad Options?

- Year
- Semester
- Summer

- Each program varies greatly in support, structure, and benefits
- Important to research each one!
What Costs are Associated with Study Abroad:

- Pay Loyola tuition (except affiliation)
- Pay housing cost to Loyola or abroad (check specific program)
- Pay Loyola deposit
- Pay Loyola program fees (subject to change)
- Loyola financial aid can be used (except affiliation & non-Loyola)
- Programs varies greatly in what they include. Take the time to compare!
Study Abroad Options:
(h=housing paid abroad)

- Accra, Ghana
- Alcala, Spain – Fall in Spanish
- Alcala, Spain – Spring in English
- Amsterdam, Netherlands (h)
- Athens, Greece
- Auckland, New Zealand
- Bangkok, Thailand (Fall only)
- Beijing, China (year-long option)
- Berlin, Germany
- Budapest, Hungary
- Buenos Aires, Argentina
- Cape Town, South Africa (Spring only)
- Copenhagen, Denmark
- Cork, Ireland
- Dubai, UAE
- Florence, Italy (Affiliation with Fairfield)
- Glasgow, Scotland (honors only)
Study Abroad Options

- Leuven, Belgium (full year option)
- Lyon, France
- Madrid, Spain (h)
- Melbourne, Australia
- Montpellier, France (h)
- Newcastle, England (full year option)
- Osaka, Japan (h)
- Paris, France (h)
- Rome, Italy
- Santiago, Chile (h)
- Singapore
Loyola Affiliations

- Affiliated with established programs/universities
- Loyola financial aid will not transfer
- Transfer courses, grades and credits
- Placed on a leave of absence

- Florence, Italy (Fairfield University)
- Rome, Italy The Center for Classical Studies (Duke Univ.)
  - Classics majors and minors and by invitation only
Faculty-lead Summer Programs

Courses, grades and credits transfer

- Montpellier, France
- Prague, Czech Republic
- Granada, Spain
- Rome, Italy
- Kingston, Jamaica
Non-Loyola Summer Programs

Only courses and credits transfer, but not the grades

*Must enroll through an American provider or U.S. institution AND receive an American transcript
*Must be approved by Loyola
* Courses must be approved before departure
Other Possible Expenses Associated With Study Abroad

- Immunizations/health check-ups
- Visas and/or Residence Permits
- Insurance
- Background checks
- Bedding packages
- Transportation to airport of departure
- Application fees
- Prepaid envelopes, mailings
- Loyola official transcript fee
Expenses Abroad

- Students spent on average $4500 per semester on food, travel, entertainment, shopping. However, some spend only $2500, some spend $8000 and more.

- Compare what benefits (trips, activities) are included in each program.

- Some destinations are less expensive than others.

- Traveling outside of host country will add to cost

- Keep dining out, travel, and shopping under control!
What Should I Stress to My Student?

- Must attend 1 Information Session.
- Apply and meet deadlines (Second Wednesday after Thanksgiving of Sophomore year!)
- Competitive admission process
- Academic endeavor.
- Learning and living in a different environment – Not Loyola abroad!
- Grades and behavior at Loyola will affect your study abroad plans
- Grades and behavior abroad will affect your degree and student status at Loyola
- Take time to investigate the differences
- Freshman year is not too early to start planning
Questions???

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Loyola’s Flagship Program in Leuven, Belgium

- Bordered by 4 countries
- 9M people
- 3 official languages
- Leuven is 20 mi. east of Brussels
- Flanders
- 50,000 people
Katholieke Universiteit Leuven

- Founded in 1425
- City = campus = city
- 30,000 students
- 3700 internationals
- World renown for PL/TH
- Loyola’s flagship program
Loyola International Nachbahr Huis

- 67 residents
  - 22 Loyola students
  - Belgians & Internationals
- Dorm style living
  - Shared kitchens & bathrooms
  - 6 units of 7 – 15 students
- TV/ Reading “Commons” Room
- Study Room
- 3 computers and one printer
- Washer & Dryer
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For Parents and Students

- Belgium – Leuven – KUL overview
- Support people
- Academics
- Housing
- Insurance
- Money
- Safety
- Culture Shock
Get Ready for Culture Shock!

- It will be very different from traveling abroad
- Experienced in varying degrees
- Phases:
  - Euphoria
  - Frustration
  - Adaptation
  - Re-entry
- Knowing about the phases makes going through them easier
Academics at KULeuven

- Loyola full-time course load required each semester
- Courses in major, minor, core and elective categories
- KUL’s main library - > 1.5M volumes
- Dutch