

Study Abroad Prep Class (S-FLEC, Spring 2023)

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Term Dates: March 20 to June 2, 2023 (= 10 weeks, excluding midterm week)

Class Schedule: Monday 6:00 to 7:30 pm & Wednesday 6:00 to 7:30 pm

Class Location: BRIX Building (classroom TBD)

Course Description:

- This course is designed to help students develop the knowledge, skills, and strategies required for successful short and long-term study abroad experiences.
- Each week, the class will focus on a specific cultural, academic, or practical aspect of studying abroad.
- Students will engage with English-language media (news articles, videos, blog posts, etc.), complete independent research assignments and group tasks, and discuss various questions related to studying abroad with the instructor and their peers.
- Students can also expect feedback and correction from the instructor focused on vocabulary building, the use of natural expressions, and other linguistic issues.

Course Materials:

- A coursebook will be provided: *Study Abroad* (Nestel & Hong, S-FLEC).
- Other materials will be prepared by the instructor and/or students.

Typical Lesson Sequence:

Lesson 1 (Monday):

- Introduction to a topic and related vocabulary
- Discussion of a video or article and/or independent research or a group task

Lesson 2 (Wednesday):

- Group discussion of provided questions
- Feedback from the instructor

Homework:

- Students will sometimes be asked to preview articles/videos before class and/or complete short research assignments.

Course Outline:

- Please note, the course outline below is provisional.
- At the start of the course, students will complete a pre-course survey where they will be able to suggest additional topics they would like to cover. In addition, the sequence in which the topics are covered may change.

Week	Main Topic
Week 1	Course Introduction <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Getting to know you activity / Pre-course survey / Discussion
Week 2	Academics <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Vocabulary / Video or article / Research or other task / Discussion
Week 3	Work <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Vocabulary / Video or article / Research or other task / Discussion
Week 4	Social: Dating and Relationships <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Vocabulary / Video or article / Research or other task / Discussion
Week 5	Social: Meeting People and Staying Connected <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Vocabulary / Video or article / Research or other task / Discussion
Week 6	Identity and Stereotypes: Race <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Vocabulary / Video or article / Research or other task / Discussion
Week 7	Identity and Stereotypes: Gender and Sexual Orientation <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Vocabulary / Video or article / Research or other task / Discussion
Week 8	Cultural Adjustment <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Vocabulary / Video or article / Research or other task / Discussion
Week 9	Health and Safety <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Vocabulary / Video or article / Research or other task / Discussion
Week 10	Travel <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Vocabulary / Video or article / Research or other task / Discussion