International Travel & Education

Welcome to Wayne County Community College District
We are the best when it comes to studying abroad!
Wayne County Community College District (WCCCD) strives to empower its students to experience the diverse cultures of the world and to be academically competitive in a global society. The District’s Study Abroad Program provides its students with an exemplary international experience comparable to a classroom without walls. Global citizenship requires an appreciation of diversity and encourages learning about other cultures. Such knowledge helps students dispel fears enabling them to feel comfortable in an ever-changing world. The lives of WCCCD students have been touched firsthand through exposure to foreign languages, cultures, values, socio-economic issues, and the standards of living of people from around the world.

Reasons and benefits of studying abroad:
- Lasting memories
- New relationships and friendships
- Becoming global-minded
- Enriched college experience that enables students to engage and learn in a new cultural environment
- Exciting adventures
- Changed outlook on life and perspective of the world
- Encourages students to try new things—food, language and social interaction

Some current statistics for foreign exchange students:

- 97% said studying abroad helped their self-confidence
- 99% said it helped them better understand their strengths and weaknesses
- 96% said they would do the same exact experience again
- 96% said they are still in contact with people they met while abroad

Source: Google search

Career Benefits
- Studying abroad does more than promote academic enrichment and personal growth. It also can enhance employment prospective, especially in the fields of business, international affairs, and government services.
- Today’s employers are increasingly seeking employees who have a sense of the world outside their own environment or boundaries.
- Students who have studied abroad are likely to possess international knowledge and often times second language skills.

study abroad!
International Preparation
Use common sense when traveling. See your doctor (or travel nurse) at least six weeks before you leave. People traveling to certain countries will need to get immunizations, which can take up to six weeks to take effect. The shots you had when you were a child may also need to be updated.

Your Medication
Take enough of your regular medicines to last the entire trip and some extra in case your trip home is delayed. Pack your medicines in their original containers. You should also take your prescription for glasses or contact lenses. Ask your doctor if you need a prescription for an Antibiotic. Wear a medical information bracelet if needed.

Some shots people get before they travel are:
- Hepatitis A or B
- Influenza (“the flu”)
- Measles-Mumps-Rubella (MMR)
- Meningococcal Meningitis
- Polio
- Rabies
- Tetanus and Diphtheria
- Chickenpox
- Yellow Fever

Staying healthy while you travel
Your travel is an adventure, but be careful what you eat while in a foreign country. Try the local foods rather than travel thousands of miles away from home and walk 10 blocks to find a fast-food restaurant. Make sure the food you eat is well-cooked. Do not eat foods from street vendors, dairy products that are not pasteurized or raw or undercooked seafood or red meats.

Drink water from sealed bottles if possible, and do not use ice. If you open the sealed water bottle, make sure it cracks when you open it. In some countries, water bottles are refilled and resold. Use bottled water when you brush your teeth.

Remember that fruits and vegetables may have been washed in dirty water. Do not eat salads, and peel your fruits.

Please remember!
Mosquitoes can carry disease. If you are traveling to a country with a high risk of disease carried by mosquitoes, take insect repellent.

Please check the Center for Disease Control (CDC) website, or with your travel nurse for more information regarding immunizations, medications, and other health and safety issues when traveling abroad.

“We need to look no further than our morning paper to see that our future, and the future of our youth, is inextricably linked to the complex challenges of the global community. And for our (young people) to be prepared to take their place in that world and rise to those challenges, they must first understand it.”

— Roderick Paige, Former U.S. Secretary of Education
Mission Statement
Wayne County Community College District’s mission is to empower individuals, businesses, and communities to achieve their goals through excellent and accessible services, culturally diverse experiences, and globally competitive higher education and career advancement.

Vision Statement
To be recognized as an institution that has achieved national and international recognition for enduring excellence as a comprehensive, multi-campus community college. The Wayne County Community College District will focus on continuous self-evaluation and improvement; preparation of a highly skilled workforce in support of the Wayne County economy; student academic and career success, and leadership in strengthening the open door philosophy of educational opportunity.

Values Statement
- Excellence in teaching and learning
- Diverse, international and intercultural education
- Student and community service
- Accountability
- Integrity

Accreditation
Wayne County Community College District is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission Colleges and Schools.
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