

Bard College at Simon's Rock Study Away Preparation Course Pre-Departure Workbook (Domestic destinations)

Name:

Date:

Semester/Year Abroad:

Simon's Rock Concentration(s):

Study Away Site:

The questions in this Workbook will help you prepare for your time abroad, regardless of your destination. Please follow the format of the Workbook and TYPE YOUR ANSWERS. Feel free to attach relevant information from websites for your host university or program. If you cannot locate information for certain questions, please give an explanation in your answers. Additionally, if you feel that any of the questions in this Workbook do not apply to your program, please give an explanation at the appropriate place (i.e., I. A. 1., etc.).

A. Academics

1. What courses will you take in your semester away? How do you register for courses?
2. If you will be completing an Extended Campus Project (Independent Study), what is your academic plan for the semester?
3. Who is your advisor while away (both Simon's Rock and destination campus)? How will you communicate with your advisor?
4. What type of academic calendar will you be following?
5. What is the method of assessment/grading on your program?
6. How does the academic system differ from Simon's Rock?

B. Knowledge of the host campus

1. What do you know about your host city? What information seems most important?
2. How many students are on campus? How many students are in your program?
3. What is your host university known for (host city if on an ECP)?
4. Where will you live? What type of housing is available? Will you be living with other visiting students?
5. What kinds of activities, clubs, programs are offered for visiting students?
6. How do you plan to become a part of your new community?
7. What will the weather be like?

C. Health Issues

1. What are the health care facilities for your program?
2. Where is the nearest hospital?
3. Will you have access to student health services?
4. Does your insurance cover you for your semester away?

D. Budgeting

1. What is included in the tuition and fees you will pay to your host university? Housing, meals, etc.
2. What will you need to pay for on your own (food, rent, supplies, incidentals, etc.)?
3. Have you made a weekly/semester budget for expenses?

E. Crisis Management

1. In addition to your program director and the staff at Simon's Rock, whom should you contact in an emergency?
2. What information does the university provide on emergency planning (for weather events, for example)?