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Dear Parent or Guardian,

We are excited that your child is interested in the opportunity to study at one of the NYU Academic Centers outside of New York. Because we know how influential you are in your child's life, we want to take this opportunity to provide you with some information and direct you to additional resources.

Within this packet you will find information about the wellness initiatives available to students abroad (and how you can help us support your son or daughter during their program), an explanation of the HTH Worldwide Insurance policy that applies to all NYU Study Abroad students, information about optional personal property insurance for your student, and information about NYU's electronic billing process. Also enclosed are documents that your son or daughter received in their acceptance packet about packing, tips for living abroad, counseling abroad, registration and possible funding opportunities. While these resources were written with students in mind, we think you'll find them useful.

Please review the information we have posted online at www.nyu.edu/studyabroad. The Web site is a resource for preparing to study in a new country with NYU Global Programs and, while all of the information posted within this site is helpful, we recommend you specifically review the information posted within the "Admitted Students" section, and the "Parents Page" for your child's chosen site. Additionally each site representative has created "What's Next" blogs where they post weekly updates and deadlines for the pre-departure preparations. All students receive a weekly digest email listing the newest posts. You may consider asking your student to forward you the links as well so you are also aware of current communications.

Advice from past parents: We have heard from parents about two main difficulties and some resolutions.

Communicating with a child who is living in a different country/different time zone:

- Set a realistic plan of how often and when you will talk by telephone. Student schedules, time zones, and service clarity may not allow you to talk as often as you are accustomed.
- Consider using the software application, Skype, to make voice calls over the Internet. Download Skype at www.skype.com, buy a camera at a office supply store for you and your child if not part of your current computers. Set this up and practice before your child leaves.
- Join Facebook, a free-access social networking website, where you can read about your child's activities and send messages. Join at www.facebook.com.

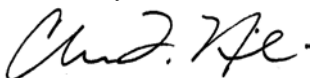
Staying within a budget for the semester:

- Be clear with your child about your expectations and ensure your child is aware of exchange rate differences and how that will impact their spending.
- Advise your child to travel less, to experience all their host city has to offer, and to participate in the NYU sponsored activities.
- Talk with your child about selectivity in buying. In addition to the items purchased, packing for return home can bring costly shipping or additional baggage charges.

We understand that even with these resources, you are likely to have questions over the course of the next few months. Please contact our office and ask to speak with the representative of your child's chosen site, Monday to Friday, 9am to 5 pm EST. For emergency situations please call NYU Public Safety, 212-998-2222.

With your help, we are certain that the upcoming term will be one of your child's most memorable.

Sincerely,



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