ADA CHECKLIST AND CONSIDERATIONS FOR OFF-CAMPUS STUDY
DISABILITY RESOURCES AND EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

ACCOMMODATION OF DISABILITIES
When planning to study off-campus, it is important to understand there may be vast differences in the perception of disabilities and the services available to accommodate people with disabilities. Some locations have a wide range of services for people with disabilities while others have very minimal support. If you are a student who desires accommodations for a disability for academics, housing, medical, mobility, or dietary needs, it is strongly recommended that you communicate this as soon as possible to The Director of Off-Campus Programs within the Hubbard Center of Student Engagement. It is also critical that you register with DePauw University Student Disability Services, if you have not done so in the past. The Director of Off-Campus Programs and Director of Student Disability Services can assist you in determining reasonable accommodations and options available in your programs of interest. There will also be a coordinated effort to guide you as you make plans to study off-campus.

DISCLOSURE OF A DISABILITY
The Americans With Disabilities Act protects your right to disclose a disability or the decision not to disclose a disability. However, if you choose to disclose, The Director of Off-Campus Programs and Director of Student Disability Services will be able to work with you to assist with your specific accommodation needs. As you investigate options outside of DePauw University, the protections available in your selected location will depend on individual laws in that location, therefore it is important to use the following considerations and checklist to guide your decision making if you wish to study off-campus.

DISABILITY RELATED STUDY ABROAD CONSIDERATIONS & CHECKLIST

GENERAL ACCESSIBILITY
_________  Review the overall physical, attitudinal and cultural access in your chosen location.
_________  Does the host location have any disability rights protection?
_________  Are there charges for accommodations in the host location?

TRANSPORTATION
_________  What are your domestic/international transportation needs?
_________  Is there public transportation in your host location? Is it accessible?

HOUSING AND DIETARY CONSIDERATIONS
_________  What are housing and living conditions like in your host location?
_________  Does your host institution have housing accommodations to meet your health needs?
_________  Will your host location be able to accommodate your special dietary needs?
_________  Does your host institution offer dietary accommodations?

MEDICAL CONSIDERATIONS
_________  Is there access to counseling and medical resources in your host location?
_________  What are guidelines and laws in your host location regarding prescription medications?
_________  What are the guidelines and rules for prescriptions medications while in transit? Airports? Customs?
_________  Will your host location require a medical statement for medications or a medical emergency?
_________  Will you have insurance coverage while in your host location? Will you need to have a special policy?

ACADEMIC ACCOMMODATIONS
_________  What is the nature of the curriculum and academic supports available at your chosen institution?
_________  What activities will take place outside of the classroom and are they accessible?
_________  Are there disability support programs available at your host institution? Who is the contact?
_________  Is there support for auxiliary aids and assistive devices at your host institution?
_________  What are the physical rigors of the program you have selected? What are the challenges? Is there access?
INFORMATIONAL LINKS ON DISABILITY SUPPORT FOR OFF-CAMPUS STUDY

Depauw University, Study Abroad
http://www.depauw.edu/academics/centers/hubbard/offcampus/

Mobility International USA
http://www.miusa.org/ncde/tipsheets

Mobility International Newsletter:
http://www.miusa.org/ncde

National Association of International Educators (NAFSA)
https://www.nafsa.org/_/File/_/educationabroad_iesept_oct.pdf

International Studies Abroad
http://studiesabroad.com/enrolled/document/disabilitiesEnrolled

U.S. Department of Transportation
http://www.dot.gov/drc

Society for Accessible Travel and Hospitality
http://sath.org/

Access-able
http://www.access-able.com/

Diversity Abroad