1. **Do I need a passport to study or intern abroad?**
   Yes, students who study abroad outside of the United States (except Puerto Rico) will require a passport.

2. **Can I afford to study or intern abroad?**
   Yes! The Center for Global Engagement is committed to offering programs that fit a variety of student budgets. Some programs cost the same or less than the cost of attendance at Coastal Carolina! There are many ways to finance your international experience — scholarships, financial aid and/or loans.

3. **Where can I study or intern abroad?**
   Coastal Carolina enjoys a large portfolio of approved study abroad programs and international internships all over the world to include traditional study programs, international internships and research options! We offer programs in more than 20 countries and on every continent except Antarctica.

4. **Is it safe?**
   The safety and security of our students is paramount. The Center for Global Engagement staff continuously monitor security situations in all countries where we have study abroad programs, vet host families, enroll students in comprehensive international health and accident insurance, and require pre-departure as well as on-site orientations. Our goal is to help students adjust to their new surroundings and be successful academically as well as personally.

5. **When should I start planning my education abroad experience?**
   The sooner, the better! Students who plan early on in their degree have more program and destination options. All students are encouraged to start researching options during their first year. Tell your academic adviser, “I want to build education abroad into my degree plan.”

6. **I don’t speak another language. Will that be a problem?**
   Students have the opportunity to research in their field, or participate in an international internship. Explore your options and find the program that best aligns with your academic, professional and personal goals!

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8. **How long can I study or intern abroad?**
   Students can participate in Wintermester or Maymester programs, summer programs, semester-long programs and year-long programs. Students are also welcome to study or intern abroad multiple times!
9. **Will I graduate on time?**
   Yes! The Center for Global Engagement Staff and Internship Office will work with you and your academic adviser to make sure you take courses that keep you on track in your degree plan. Some students earn up to 12 credits while interning abroad. Consider an international experience if your major requires an internship for graduation.

10. **Will I need a visa?**
   It depends on the country where you are studying or interning abroad, as well as the duration of your program. Some countries do not require a student visa for short-term programs (e.g., Maymester) but do require a student visa for programs that are longer than 90 days.

11. **Where will I live while I am abroad?**
   It depends on your study abroad program. Coastal Carolina programs offer a variety of accommodations to include staying in on-campus housing (i.e., residence halls) or off-campus housing and apartments.

12. **Can I study or intern abroad if I am an international student?**
   Yes, but please meet with International Students Services first to discuss options and visa processes.

13. **Am I eligible to study abroad?**
   Students who are on probation (disciplinary, housing and/or University) are not allowed to participate in any kind of international program. For faculty-led programs, students need a minimum 2.5 GPA. GPA requirements for semester and year-long programs depend on your destination, but students need two semesters completed at Coastal.

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