

ACM Off-Campus Study Programs

Parent/Guardian Pre-Departure Webinar



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Introductions – ACM Programs

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Agenda

1. What is ACM?
2. Getting Ready for the Program – Parents & Students
3. First Few Days on Site
4. Safety
5. Managing Emergencies
6. Health and CISI Insurance
7. Additional Resources

WHAT IS ACM?

The Associated Colleges of the Midwest :
A consortium of 14 liberal arts colleges

Beloit
College



Carleton



COE COLLEGE



COLORADO
COLLEGE



Cornell College



GRINNELL COLLEGE



KNOX
COLLEGE



LAKE FOREST
COLLEGE



LAWRENCE UNIVERSITY
APPLETON, WISCONSIN

LUTHER COLLEGE



MACALESTER



Monmouth
COLLEGE



RIPON
COLLEGE

ST-OLAF
COLLEGE

Getting Ready - Students

- Passport/Visa
- Forms for ACM
(Accepted Student Webpage)
- Transportation/Flights
- Packing Suggestions
- Student Handbook Review
- Cultural Preparation – Canvas Site

Getting Ready - Parents

- Create a Resource File
 - Copies of passport/visa, credit cards, flight information
 - Copy of US Insurance Card + CISI Insurance Card
 - Info to assist with home school processes (registration, housing, etc.)
- Plan for money
- Plan for communications
- Cultural preparation
- Adjust expectations



Communication with your student

- Phones
- Internet-based applications
- Internet availability varies



WhatsApp



First Few Days on Site

- Arrival Notification
- Orientation
- Keywords – Flexibility, Patience and Open Mindedness, Managing Expectations



Safety

Three main concerns on off-campus study:

- Petty Theft
- Choices around alcohol
- New Traffic Patterns

Reducing Risk: Awareness + Common Sense

Resources:

- CDC.gov
- Travel.State.Gov
- STEP

Managing Emergencies

- Preparation
 - Students register with STEP
 - 24-7 Emergency Phone
 - Regular monitoring of host locations
 - Staff training on emergency procedures
- Action Plan
 - Site specific emergency procedures
 - Guidelines and procedures communicated to students during on-site orientation by local staff
 - Communication with student's emergency contacts
 - ACM Emergency Response Phone
 - 312-561-5911

Health and CISI Insurance

Health

- Follow routine practices
- Consult with physician and cdc.gov
- Prescription Meds



CISI Insurance

- ACM enrolled students in insurance
- Email from CISI to register online and print ID
- What is not covered?
- Payments
- Extending the Coverage

Medical History Form

Additional Resources

Parent Website: www.acm.edu/parents

- Parent Handbook

- Resource file suggestions

- Policies and procedures

- Other important reminders

Student Handbook – program-specific information including:

- Academics

- Program / housing arrangements

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