STUDY ABROAD PROGRAMS IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

Things to Consider

Study Abroad and Student Exchange encourages the diversification of program locations. Developing countries, in particular, offer unique environments that allow UA to offer boutique programs in specialized fields of study. As part of the goal to increase students’ intercultural capacities and global awareness, we endeavor to have a positive impact on and a mutually beneficial relationship with, the communities where programs are located. Given that each destination presents its own particular benefits and challenges, we encourage faculty to take into consideration the following for the country where you would like to build a program:

- What are the salient issues facing the country? For example under/unemployment, immigration, religious tensions, indigenous people’s human rights, etc?

- How can you help students be cognizant of the country’s history, socio-political and economic development and be conscious about their own impact/contribution to the local context?

- What are some of the resources you could provide students to prepare them for their study abroad in this country?

- How are some of the issues relatable to the US context?

- Are there opportunities to train local lecturers and graduate students?

- Are there opportunities to engage local students in the program?

- Are there opportunities to hire local instructors?

- Are there opportunities to hire local vendors?

- Are there opportunities for volunteering and/or service learning?

- Do you know of any grant opportunities for capacity building in your field and/or specific to this country?