

Example Expectations for the Study Abroad Correspondent Program - **Summer**

Expectations of Correspondents

When serving as a Correspondent, you are a representative of ISU and of the United States. We expect all participants of this program to act in a professional manner and provide timely video updates (flexibility is given within reason).

Prior Video Blogging Experience

You do not need to be an expert video blogger to be a Correspondent. We like that students get to share their unscripted, unedited videos with their fellow students. We only expect that you do your best to produce quality videos with an upbeat attitude and well-thought-out responses to the prompts.

Technology

You can use your camera, a laptop or any other means to record these videos. We would love if you can do some filming out and about in your host city. However, we realize that is not always possible.

Video Prompts

The Study Abroad Office will give you example prompts of what to discuss during your video series along with deadlines to submit videos. Each video should be no longer than 4 minutes and should allow students to get a real idea of what to expect from study abroad. The Study Abroad Team will then review your video prior to posting it on our YouTube Channel.

In total, summer students are expected to complete **4** videos.

Introduction Video (Pre-departure)

The introductory video should give us some background on you.

- What year are you? Major? Why your host country/program?
- What are you going to pack? What do you think is going to be important to bring there and what do you want to leave behind?
- Discuss some of the tools you utilized to choose your program and the obstacles you faced as you began the planning process.
- What are you most looking forward to most? What is the first thing you plan to do, see or eat?

In-Country Videos

These videos should tell us about some of the features of your program and what you have learned throughout the experience.

- What surprised you? Was it what you thought it would be like? How has the adjustment process been like for you?
- Tells us about your classes, the campus, roommates, and about any cool things you have discovered about your host city?
- What stereotypes did you find to be inaccurate of your host city? What stereotypes have you encountered

Post-Program Video (Upon Return)

This is a good opportunity to reflect of the program as a whole, share what you wish you would have known, how have you changed or grown over the semester, etc.

- What would you say is something you learned about yourself throughout this process?
- What was it like coming back to the U.S.?
- How has your perspective changed?

Compensation

This is a voluntary opportunity. However, if the program is completed in its entirety, you will receive a certificate of completion upon your return to ISU.

If you have any questions pertaining to this project, please contact:

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