Structuring Short-Term Study Abroad to Maximize Learning and Deliver Course Objectives

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Yes Sometimes You Do See A Wonder
Traveling with students and faculty allows for both personal and professional growth. Watching the student’s submerge themselves into the native culture is my favorite part of leading these trips.

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Partnerships + Group Cohesion Leads to Student Learning
Learn To Eat With Your Hand
Seeing group cohesiveness through the building of trust in each other and faculty as well as a cultural humility approach that is demonstrated throughout the study abroad experience.

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Creating Safety is Foundational
Lesson Learned: Intercultural Learning

“I didn’t realize how many connections I would make in such a short time. These connections I made at the conference were with people from all over the world. I am still in touch with some of them and if it weren’t for my professors pushing me out of my comfort zone to meet new people I wouldn’t have these new friends and academic colleagues.”

“To speak upon that to you Jed, me and Adolphina talk periodically- we’ve talked about stuff like her brother’s wedding and her internship where she went to Mumbai this summer. It’s cool to have these connections and we speak about visiting each other hopefully someday.”

Aly
Lesson Learned: Maintaining Safety

My professors really promoted the buddy system, it helped with safety and also encouraged us to bond.

Gabby
I loved hearing the different perspectives on certain topics from the different disciplines, it was super eye opening!

Gabby
The Challenges Are Big, We Need Multiple Disciplines to Solve Them
S.T.S.A. is High Impact Teaching
Short-term study abroad is a high impact educational practice that delivers transformative opportunity for students and faculty. I have had the repeated privilege to watch this transformation occur right in front of me. Not just about confidence or professional practice but also in the real beauty of this world—namely the people of this world.

Jed W. Metzger
Teach Cultural Humility Via Emersion
Help Bathe An Elephant - Check!
Increasingly the job market demands that professionals be able to work and understand a global context which a well-structured short-term study abroad courses provide.
Importance of Pre-screening Participants

Students can be triggered by feelings of loss or separation during travel and adjusting to the stress of travel as well as adjusting to their new sensory stimulating environment.
The selection of specific interprofessional faculty is an important process while planning a study abroad program and adds values to overall student success while in-country.