Now that you’ve decided which program to apply to, what should you do next?

**Program Prerequisites:** Take a look at the prerequisites for the program that you’re considering. Will you need to take a specific course in order to participate in the program? If so, which course(s)? Do you meet that GPA requirement for this program, or do you need to come up with a plan to raise your GPA?

**Academic Program Planning:** Is there anything you need to consider regarding what you will miss when you are off campus? Does the program you’re interested in conflict with any courses or major requirements that you will be unable to make up during a different semester? Talk to your faculty advisor or your college advisor about how an off-campus program will fit into your academic plan!

**Financial Planning:** Are you interested in applying for scholarships to help fund your off-campus program? Start by looking at the Scholarship Opportunities tab of the Overseas website, and writing down names and application deadlines for opportunities that may be relevant to you! Also, check out the ‘Cost’ tab of the Overseas website to learn about how financial aid can help you pay for your program.

**Travel Documents:** Do you have a passport? If not, now is a good time to start applying! If you already have a passport, check the expiration date and make sure your passport does not expire for at least 6 months after your program end date. If it does, you should start looking into the renewal process early. Visit the ‘Prepare’ tab of the Overseas website for more info about passports. International students, it’s a good idea to check in with the ISS office and find out what steps you may need to take to maintain your status while you are off campus.

**Application Process:** Do you understand how the application process works and which application materials you will need to submit? Do you know when you should apply based on the program that you’re considering? Check out the ‘Apply’ tab of the Overseas website for more info!

Use this worksheet as a starting point as you begin to plan your off-campus experience, and feel free to reach out to the Overseas office if you have any questions about the application process!