

### Parent Pre-Departure Checklist

- Make sure your child is on top of their visa paperwork. Any questions about this process can be directed to Marshall Undergraduate International Programs Staff.
- Keep a copy of your child's ISOS card and brochure, and remind your child to take the ISOS card and brochure with them abroad.
- Discuss with your child any of his/her travel plans and activities that may be independent of the study abroad program.
- Discuss with your child any local customs and cultural norms in the host country and the home-stay or dorm and what this entails for your child's behavior while abroad.
- Figure out your child's plan for local and international communication while abroad and the best times and methods to stay in touch with you.
- Discuss your child's access to cash and credit while abroad, noting international conversion and ATM withdrawal fees.
- Review the Federal Education Rights of Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA). Understand that if you call the USC Marshall Undergraduate International Programs office about your child, we will contact the exchange institution and the student but FERPA may prohibit us from responding to you directly.
- Review emergency contact procedures, and keep your child's respective program phone number and email address handy.
- For parents with students with disabilities, please contact USC Disability Services and Programs (DSP) prior to departure to discuss your disability-related accommodations while abroad: (213)740-0776.