Study Abroad Pre-departure Checklist

While studying abroad I will do the following activities to develop my global skills:

☐ Take classes related to my personal goals and/or professional interest.

☐ Work or volunteer

☐ Meet SDSU alumni who reside in the host country

☐ Visit a business or organization related to my career interests

☐ Live with a host family

☐ Find a conversation partner from my host country with whom I practiced my language skills

☐ Attend a lecture or presentation that interested me

☐ Create a “contacts” journal with name and contact information of people I will meet abroad

☐ Engage in social activities with my host family

☐ Attend a cultural event (art show, theatre, musical performance)

☐ Read about/investigate my desired career field in my host country

☐ Learn a language

☐ Work with students from my host country on a group project

☐ Write about my experiences in a journal/blog: record how I feel about what I see or experience or how my views change

☐ Take public transportation to one of my desired destinations

☐ Gain an understanding of the history, geography, technology and economy of my host country

☐ Travel independently