Roadmap to Study Abroad
for semester study abroad and non-faculty-led study abroad programs

1. Meet with your academic advisor
   - Determine the best time to go abroad and what classes you will need to take
   - Almost all majors can go abroad for a full semester with proper planning
   - 3.0 GPA typically required
   - Save your elective courses to take abroad!

2. Ensure you have a valid passport
   - To study abroad, your passport usually needs to be valid for at least 6 months after your expected return date.
   - Ask the Office of Global Education about passport and visa information.

3. Consider finances
   - Semester program: normal UofS tuition fees; scholarships and financial aid are applied
   - Summer or intersession program: tuition varies
   - View scholarship opportunities at studyabroad.scranton.edu

4. Decide on a program using studyabroad.scranton.edu
   - Decide on location
   - Decide on type of program
   - Choose a program that offers courses you need and confirm with your academic advisor.
   - Take note of application deadlines
   - Set up an appointment with the Office of Global Education.

5. Plan to apply early
   - Spring semester and Intersession applications are accepted starting in July and are due by the end of September
   - Fall semester and Summer applications are accepted starting in January and are due by the end of February or March, depending on the program
   - Apply early, as many host universities have limited spaces available and admission is offered on a rolling basis.

6. Compile application materials
   - Ask the Office of Global Education for a pin number to start the UofS application and for the host university application details
   - Order an official transcript
   - Ask a faculty member for a recommendation
   - Prepare supplementary materials, e.g. essays, forms, etc.
   - Complete the Study Abroad Course Approval Form with your academic advisor to determine how study abroad credits will apply to your UofS record. Include backup courses in case of schedule changes abroad. Obtain signatures of approval.

7. Submit applications
   - Two applications must be completed: one for the UofS and one for the host university abroad
   - Ensure the completed Study Abroad Course Approval form is returned to the Office of Global Education
   - Await the acceptance notification from your host university!