

Study Abroad Student Handbook Appendix 4

What do you know about where you are going?

1. On a map of the world
 - a. Locate and name the country you are travelling to
 - b. Locate and name the neighboring countries

2. Sketch a map of the country
 - a. Locate and name the key cities
 - b. Locate and name the community/area you are going to be living in
 - c. Place major geographic features; mountain ranges, rivers, large lakes

3. Find out the following
 - a. Current country leader
 - b. Currency and its trading parity with the CON \$
 - c. Passport / visa regulation regarding visitors/students
 - d. Type of government
 - e. Key political and economic trading partners
 - f. Language/s spoken and useful phrases
 - h. Key historical events, particularly over the last century
 - i. Current political and economic situation
 - j. Important social factors
 - e.g. ecological footprint mortality for those under 5,
 - literacy rate, % of people with access to potable water
 - k. Canada's relationship with this country in recent years
 - l. What first hand/second hand knowledge do you have of this country?
 - m. Travel risks associated with living in the country and in the community