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Exchange Program Checklist: Before You Go

Insurance/Medical

- Sign up for [GeoBlue Insurance for Students](#).
- Submit your GeoBlue confirmation and certificate number to [Gabrielle](#).
- Check the vaccination requirements of your host country and countries you intend to travel to. If required, arrange to receive them before you leave.

Passport/Visa

- If you don't have a passport or yours will expire within 6 months of the end of your program, apply for a new passport. Note that some countries require at least 6 months' validity on your passport and/or a minimum number of blank pages to meet entry requirements. Confirm these requirements with the consulate of your host country.
- Confirm visa requirements for the country in which you'll be studying. If a visa is required, we suggest you apply early.

Housing

- McManus residents: inform [Janet](#) of your participation in exchange.
- Non-McManus residents: If allowed in your lease agreement, consider if you would like to sublet. If yes:
 - Send [Gabrielle](#) a 1-page ad for your apartment, including the price, location, amenities, and photos.
 - Consider posting an ad on [Craigslist](#), [WildcatPad](#), or [AirBnB](#).
- Look for housing in your host city - check with partner school for resources, or look at [AirBnB](#) or [FlatClub](#).

Academics - Major Credit

- Check the [requirements](#) for the major(s) you'd like to earn at Kellogg, and decide which classes you'll need to take to earn them.
- If you'd like to transfer a class from exchange as a specific Kellogg class to count towards a major, confirm with [Gabrielle](#) in advance that it has been approved by Kellogg faculty.
- MMM students: Make sure that you are able to complete all [requirements](#) for your MMM degree during your quarters at Kellogg.

Money/Phones

- Consider how you will access money in your host country.
- Check to see if you currently have a credit card that does not charge foreign transaction fee. If not, consider applying for one.
- Check to see if your phone will work in your host country. If not, see if you can have it unlocked or consider buying one in-country.

Financial Aid

- If you receive financial aid, you may be eligible to receive additional loans to cover your airfare, and, possibly, the difference in cost of living. Consider whether you would like to take on additional loans. If yes, check with the [Office of Financial Aid](#) to see what is required to apply.

Language

- Consider taking a language course before you leave for exchange. Kellogg students are eligible to enroll in [Northwestern language classes](#) for no extra fee, as long as they do not exceed 5 credits in one quarter and [Bertlitz](#) offers language courses (based on demand) in the Jacobs center each quarter.