HAMILTON COLLEGE STUDY ABROAD
"STEP ONE" PLANNING FORM

COMPLETE THIS FORM AND BRING IT TO YOUR FIRST study abroad advising meeting! You will be asked to reschedule if you do not have it or it is incomplete.

INSTRUCTIONS:
1) READ THE GUIDELINES FOR STUDY ABROAD:
https://my.hamilton.edu/academics/abroad/requirements.html
2) Complete the form as fully as you can.
3) PRINT AND ATTACH YOUR PROGRAM EVALUATION from WEBADVISOR.
4) Schedule an appointment for study abroad advising by calling x4022.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name: _____ Class Year:_____

(Proposed) Concentration: _____ Minor:_____

Other academic interests:_____

Have you spoken to your advisor or department chair about concentration requirements and how study abroad fits your academic plan? YES NO

If yes, to whom did you speak? _____

You are strongly urged to consult your concentration advisor or chair!

Language(s) studied and course level completed, or placement/proficiency level:

Extra-curricular/personal interests (especially those you want to pursue abroad):

The following questions are intended to help you define your reasons for studying abroad, gauge your preparedness, and assist you in selecting a program for which you are best suited. Please answer them *briefly but thoughtfully*. Use a separate sheet if necessary.

1) What do you hope to accomplish and/or gain academically and personally when studying abroad?

2) What type of courses do you hope to take and how would they fit with your academic plan? Are there academic requirements you must fulfill abroad?

3) Describe your ideal living environment.

4) What experiences have prepared you for the challenges of study abroad?

5) What would be your greatest challenges living in another culture, and how would you prepare yourself for these challenges? For example, how adaptable are you to unfamiliar places, routines, foods, etc? How flexible are you about disruptions and delays to schedules and plans?

6) What personal needs, preferences, interests, and habits do you have that you will need to consider when choosing a location and a program for study abroad? (Examples could include allergies, food preferences, low tolerance for noise/pollution, need for privacy, interest in music/art….)

7) What anxiety or concerns do you have about living in another country? Are there any special needs or accommodations you would want a study abroad program to be able to meet?

8) Which top three locations and/or study abroad programs are you currently considering? Why?