Prepare for Departure

- Discuss your health and prescriptions with your doctor
- Explore the host country’s events, including Pride!
- UC Identity Abroad info sessions (January & April 2024)
- TSA (airport security) preparations

While Abroad

Reach out about anything! Faculty and on-site staff are trained to support and connect you to resources. As always, be safe, travel in groups, and let others know where you are.

Return from Abroad

We’d love to hear from you, and if you’re interested, we’d love to work with you to share your story with prospective students. The more we can learn from and share diverse experiences in study abroad, the more comfortable future students will be to travel!

Research Options

Get Started finding programs that interest you

Evaluate the culture of those countries:

- US Dept of State Information for LGBTQIA+ Travelers
  - General Info (passport X gender, etc.)
  - Find local LGBTQIA+ laws and other info by country
  - Prescription Medications Abroad (“Travel Smartly with Prescription Medications” section)
- Equaldex
  - Collaborative LGBTQIA+ Rights knowledge base by country
- Studyabroad.ucsd.edu additional LGBTQIA+ info
- Other Resources (YouTube, blogs, etc.) for personal, country-specific stories

Update your passport if needed:

- There is now a third gender option "X" for U.S. passports, but many countries’ border control and passport screeners may not recognize this, causing travel issues. If you plan to obtain a passport with the "X" gender, you must check with the host country’s foreign embassy or consulate in the U.S. for more information.

We’re here to support you! Connect with us at STUDYABROAD.UCSD.EDU