

## **Passports**

You will need a passport to participate on this program. If you already have a passport, you need to confirm that it is valid up to 6 months after you RETURN from your trip.

Please visit <https://travel.state.gov/content/passports/en/passports/information/where-to-apply.html> for information on applying or renewing, locations to apply and downloadable application forms.

You will need your original birth certificate, two passport photos (can get at the ISU Study Abroad Center or any photo place in town), application form and photo ID. The cost for a new passport is \$165 (Dec 2021).

You should do this NOW! It usually takes 8 - 10 weeks to get your passport so you have plenty of time, but we have had several travelers who procrastinated and couldn't go on the trip because their passport didn't arrive in time.

Let me know if you have any questions on the process!

Please come to 0018 Curtiss Hall if you need assistance. If you are a student in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences and you have applied for a study abroad program, you are eligible for a scholarship that will reimburse you for the cost of your passport. Bring your new passport to 0018 Curtiss Hall to claim your scholarship. \*Please note, this is only for first time passports, not for passport renewals.

## **Health Issues**

You should make an appointment to see your health care provider or the travel clinic in the student health center on campus.

At the minimum, you should get a physical and let them know where you are traveling. You should make sure that you are up to date on all shots recommended in the US (including tetanus, etc.). In addition, there are other immunizations or vaccinations recommended and possibly required for the country you are traveling to. While you will receive very thorough information from the travel nurse at the ISU student health center, each person has an individual health history that should be considered when deciding what shots to have. Your doctor should advise you on these.

You can review the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommendations for travelers to the country you are going to by visiting <http://www.cdc.gov>

In addition, don't forget that if you take any prescription drugs regularly, you will want to make sure to have enough for the time you are traveling.

You should also discuss any previous health concerns with your physician in case those would impact your travel.

Please let me know if you have any questions.