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Visa Questionnaire

These questions are here to guide you through the visa process. Please note: Your GEO Study Abroad Advisors are not visa experts and are not here to obtain the visa for you. It is your responsibility. Therefore, please do not contact your GEO Study Abroad Advisor until you have thoroughly completed the following questionnaire.

1. For which country do you need a visa?

2. How long will you be studying in the country?

3. What jurisdiction are you in? Where is your permanent residency and where is the consulate for that region?

4. What is that consulate's website?

5. What type of visa or permit do you need to study in that country? Note: it may vary depending on length of stay.

6. Do you receive this visa prior to your departure or after arrival in the host country?

7. How long does the entire process take to get your visa?

8. What costs are related with your visa? Ex. visa cost, travel to consulate, biometrics/background checks, etc.

9. Do you need to go through any supplemental organizations prior to applying through the consulate? Ex. French visas must go through Campus France.

10. What documents are required to be submitted with application? Ex. insurance, proof of finances, medical certificate, background check, travel itinerary, additional application forms, etc.

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11. How do you submit your visa documents and how are they returned to you?

    a. Do you need to go to the consulate in person? Can you hire a visa agency? Can you mail the documents in? If so, do you need to include pre-paid return postage?

12. Are there any terms or acronyms that you do not understand?

13. How can you contact the consulate?

14. Have you contacted the consulate with questions and concerns?

15. Have you contacted the host school with your questions?

If you have answered all of the questions above and still need additional support, please make an appointment to speak with your GEO Study Abroad Advisor. **Please note: Your advisor will NOT answer any questions unless you bring in this form fully completed.**