

VIII. WTE International Education Pre-trip Background Research Paper Guidelines

The research paper subjects will be selected in consultation with the faculty mentor or the WTE Director and will focus on a topic which will prepare the student for the WTE-IE experience. The research paper should analyze some aspect of the country or culture to be experienced during the study abroad component of the WTE. The paper should be about five double spaced word-processed pages, excluding footnotes. Select an intellectually engaging topic which will contribute to your overall preparation to travel. As in any other paper, acknowledge all sources using an approved citation style.

The paper should include the following:

1. An introductory section that summarizes topic, including your reason for selecting the topic, and previews what you intend to cover in the remainder of the paper;
2. A description of the main points including your analysis; and
3. A conclusion that ties ideas together and discusses the impact of the research on your preparation for travel.

The organization and style of the paper should be appropriate for a Washburn University course, following the MLA format. If you have questions, consult your faculty mentor. The paper must be completed and accepted before the beginning of the program.

Priority Dates: Mar. 30 for Summer & Fall, Nov. 15 for Winter & Spring; or a date determined appropriate by the respective faculty leader, if you are participating on a faculty led-program.