# REASONABLE ACCOMMODATIONS FOR STUDY ABROAD

Washburn University offers numerous opportunities for students to participate in Study Abroad programs. Students with disabilities who request academic accommodations for Study Abroad programs must follow the procedures for requesting reasonable accommodations. Information and assistance is available from the following:

Student Services Office, Morgan Hall, Room 135, Ms. Jeanne Kessler, Director 785-670-1629
jeanne.kessler@washburn.edu (All programs except those of the School of Law);

School of Law, Lynette Petty, Assistant Dean 785- 670-1681
lynette.petty@washburn.edu
Study Abroad information may be found at www.washburn.edu/iip

It is very important that students needing accommodations plan well in advance, minimally 8 weeks before the start of the program. Students must work with the appropriate disability coordinator, WU Office of International Programs and the prospective international institution. Please note that all requests for services and accommodations must be supported by the documentation on file and be reasonable and appropriate within the limits set forth by state and federal law and University procedure. The University will make efforts to assist students with finding reasonable accommodations to participate in the program. The accommodations cannot fundamentally alter the nature of a course or program of study or present an undue hardship for either Washburn University or the host institution.

Although many countries are becoming more aware of the needs of people with disabilities, not all countries have similar laws and accessible infrastructure/services. Consequently, requests which may be reasonable in a domestic context may not fall into that category in the international context in light of available resources. The following recommendations are for students to consider when contemplating study abroad:

1. Research possible accommodations in other countries such as accessible housing, public transportation, assistive technology, etc.
2. Research alternative study abroad options in countries where appropriate accommodations may be more readily available.

If you wish to appeal the accommodation determination for a Study Abroad program, you may contact the Equal Opportunity Office: email: eodirector@washburn.edu to file a complaint.

Helpful links:

Access-Able Travel Source http://www.access-able.com

DisabledGo http://www.disabledgo.com

Mobility International USA http://miusa.org