

## Furman University Study Away Program: Program Expectations

**Program Title: Art & the Science of Observation**

**Locations: New York City**

**Dates: May 10-31, 2023**

**Program Description:** This course will bring students from a variety of majors to New York to spend the term focusing on the critical and pervasive core skills of observation and communication. Dr. Archino's interest in this course stems from a desire to make art history relevant to other courses of study, in support of the Liberal Arts ideal. The focus then, is less on art historical content, then on the experiences of close looking, mindfulness and bias recognition, metacognitive awareness of the process of drawing conclusions and more effective means of communicating with others. It builds on Dr. Archino's background as an art historian, but also her SoTL research and the teaching of Visual Literacy to health science/medical students. Dr. Epright's background in medical ethics and practical training will be critical in connecting these visual exercises into practice and contextualizing the need for this humanities-based approach in clinical training.

### Academic, Environmental, Physical & Health Expectations for Participation

Below is a list of academic, environmental and physical expectations and requirements for participation in this study away program. The list captures most, but not all, requirements. If you have questions about the expectations and requirements, please check with the study away office or the program directors. Students requiring a physical or academic accommodation should contact the Student Office for Accessibility Resources (SOAR) no less than 4 months prior to the start date of the program.

	Frequency		Frequency
<b>ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS</b>	<b>Always, Sometimes, Never/ Required or Optional</b>	<b>STUDY AWAY ENVIRONMENT</b>	<b>Always, Sometimes, Never/ Required or Optional</b>
Course work in a foreign language	Never	Foreign Language Environment	Not applicable (domestic program)
Course work in English	Always	Terrain (Mountains, Tropical, Forest, Desert, Hilly, Flat)	City streets
Laptop Required	Not Required	Population: Rural, Urban, Remote, etc.	Urban
Smart phone required (videos, photos, blogs)	Not Required	Environment (high altitude, air pollution, dusty, sandy, humid, dry, hot, cold)	Unpredictable weather in May
Traditional Classroom	Never	Mosquito Borne Risk of Illness	No risk
Group Work	Always	Is tap water safe to drink	Safe to drink
Academic Assessments (tests, journals, presentations, essays)	Journal, observation-based paper	Other Risks (natural disasters, crime, pickpocketing, etc.)	Low risks
Interactions with local residents	Always	Cultural Dress Code	None
Field Work/Research	Never	Curfew	None
Internship/ Volunteer Work	Never	Motion Sickness	Plane and subway travel with optional boat tour
Other		Other	

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<b>PHYSICAL EXPECTATIONS</b>	<b>Always, Sometimes, Never, / Required or Optional</b>	<b>HEALTH &amp; DIET</b>	<b>Always, Sometimes, Never, / Required or Optional</b>
Lifting/Carrying Own Luggage	Sometimes (housing has elevators)	Vegetarian and Vegan Options Available at all meals	Always
Carrying equipment or program supplies	Never	Food Allergy Accommodations	Always
Standing 60+ minutes	Sometimes	Group Meals	8 group meals
Ability to walk up one or more flights of stairs (elevators may not be available)	Sometimes (most buildings are ADA compliant)	Cooking for oneself	Optional
Hiking (easy to strenuous; frequency; miles)	Never	Host family prepares meals	Never
Walking 3+ miles per day	Optional	Healthcare easily accessible	Always
Use of public transportation (buses, trams, trains, subways)	Always	Quality of Healthcare	Excellent
<b>LIVING ARRANGEMENTS</b>	<b>Always, Sometimes, Never, / Required or Optional</b>	<b>WATER ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>Always, Sometimes, Never, / Required or Optional</b>
Host Family	Never	Swimming	Optional
Roommate	Always (double rooms)	Snorkeling	None
Shared Apartment	Never	SCUBA	None
Dormitory	Always (shared bath and kitchen)	Boat, canoes or other water activities	Possible boat tour
Camping	Never	Sea sickness	Possible boat tour
Hotel	Never	Other	
Cell phone signal available	Always		
Internet signal available	Always		
Refrigerator Access	Always		
Air Conditioning	Always		
Other	Laundry facilities, fitness center and indoor pool		