

Furman University Study Away Program: Program Expectations

Program Title: Museums & Medicine: The Art of Observation in New York City

Locations: New York City

Dates: May 14-June 4, 2025

Program Description: Most people think they are very observant, but close looking and communication are skills to be developed. How do we look at the world around us - and what are the unspoken ways that we interpret what we see? This course will build your awareness of the processes of observation through the study of art and visual materials. These skills are widely applicable to academic and professional worlds, but the program's site visits are particularly geared for students considering careers in medicine.

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
ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS	Always, Sometimes, Never/ Required or Optional	STUDY AWAY ENVIRONMENT	Always, Sometimes, Never/ Required or Optional
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	Suggested	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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PHYSICAL EXPECTATIONS	Always, Sometimes, Never, / Required or Optional	HEALTH & DIET	Always, Sometimes, Never, / Required or Optional
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
LIVING ARRANGEMENTS	Always, Sometimes, Never, / Required or Optional	WATER ACTIVITIES	Always, Sometimes, Never, / Required or Optional
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		