

COMING HOME

Culture Shock

Be prepared for differences when you return to the U.S. You will have lived in another culture for some time and you will have acquired many subtle changes in perceptions, values, and viewpoints that may make home seem "foreign" to you. Also, life in the U.S. will have moved along without you. Don't try to force your new vision of yourself or your world upon others who haven't shared your experience. Try to integrate your old life and your new one. When people ask, "How was Europe?" and expect a five-word answer, be patient. Don't be disappointed if they lose interest in your slides or pictures. Remember, the value of this adventure was primarily your own, and very little of it can be transferred to others.

Pre-Registration

If there are certain classes that you must absolutely have, get a signed approval from the appropriate advisor, faculty member, or department chair before your departure. Return this with your pre-registration form.

Applying for Financial Aid

If you are eligible, don't forget to apply for financial aid for the semester of your return.

Filing for Graduation

If you plan to graduate in the semester you are abroad, you must file a graduation request with the Registrar's Office. Also, notify the Office of International Education/Programs on your campus so that credit transfer can be expedited.

Program Evaluation

At the conclusion of your program, you will be asked to complete an evaluation form. Please do so honestly and fully. We rely on student evaluations to identify strengths and weaknesses of our program. You should also convey, in writing, any comments or concerns about the WIS program to the Office of International Education/Programs anytime.

Wisconsin in Scotland Follow-up Activities

WIS program students often continue their friendships upon returning to the states. Some planning before you leave Dalkeith will facilitate this. As WIS program alumni, you know the program and are a valuable resource. You can help ensure the continuation of this program by encouraging friends who would benefit from the program to enroll. If you need WIS program information and forms, contact the Office of International Education/Programs on your home campus.