

# **Travel Preparation Session**

**UNCG Exchange Programs**  
**Spring 2015**



# during this session:

- \* status update for Spring 2014
- \* key travel preparation steps
- \* questions and answers

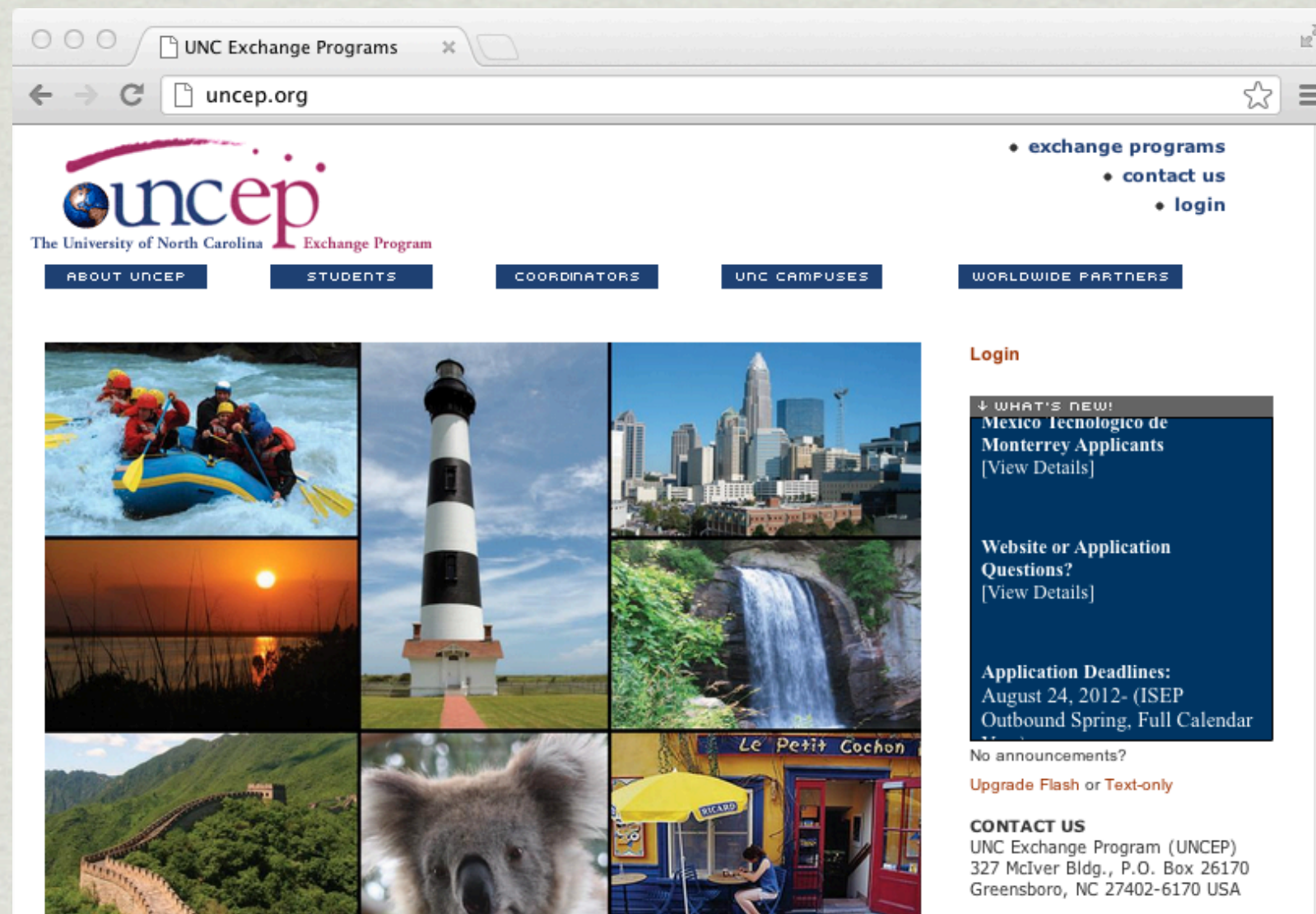


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# travel prep

✱What must every student have to study abroad?







# passport application

✱ start here:

<http://travel.state.gov/passport>

✱ get an appointment

✱ get your materials

✱ get going!



# passport cards





# Is a visa required?





# travel arrangements

- \* When should you buy a plane ticket?
- \* Who buys it?
- \* How do you know when/where to show up?
- \* Does it matter where I buy my ticket?



# packing





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# Why pack light?





# What should I bring, then?

hand-carried by you onto the plane

- \* passport, ID, itinerary, host school paperwork
- \* cash and credit cards
- \* personal hygiene items, change of clothes
- \* medications
- \* valuables



# What should I bring, then?

- \* clothes that mix-and-match
- \* easy care clothes (no “dry clean only”)
- \*  $\geq$  one snazzy outfit
- \* clothes that layer for warmth, instead of bulk
- \* soap, shampoo, etc. to last  $\approx$  10 days
- \* shoes for serious walking
- \* no gadgets / appliances unless you consider foreign power
- \* thank you gifts



# Money

- \* Cash
  - \* Foreign currency before you go
  - \* Foreign currency abroad
  - \* Dollars for coming home
- \* Credit cards
- \* Debit cards
- \* Local accounts (abroad)
- \* Other approaches?



# chip and pin





# phones

- \* Option 1: use your US phone, your US plan
- \* Option 2: use your US phone, buy a SIM
- \* Option 3: go abroad and get a cheap one
- \* Option 4: use the internet



# Skype

✱ See also:  
Google Voice / Google Hangout

✱ <https://www.google.com/voice/rates>

✱ <http://www.skype.com/intl/en-us/prices/payg-rates/>



# computers

- \* laptop
- \* tablet / iPad
- \* netbook
- \* or, consider the unthinkable?



# financial aid

- \* consider upcoming expenses + refund date
- \* direct deposit
- \* SAP + IPC's emails



# housing after spring 2015

- \* keep an eye on your email
- \* contact HRL for on-campus options  
<http://hrl.uncg.edu>



# questions?

- \* passports?
- \* visa?
- \* host school?
- \* money?
- \* cell phones?
- \* technology?
- \* plane tickets?
- \* packing?
- \* financial aid
- \* foreign power
- \* luggage
- \* customs, immigration?



# Thanks!

 **Next session @ 10:25  
upstairs in room 201**



# Thanks!