during this session:

- status update for Spring 2014
- key travel preparation steps
- questions and answers
update on the process
update on the process
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
packing
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”)
- ≥ one snazzy outfit
- clothes that layer for warmth, instead of bulk
- soap, shampoo, etc. to last ≈ 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
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!