

SAMPLE EMAIL TO STUDENTS WHO HAVE APPLIED TO STUDY ABROAD
(Attach Accommodation Letter)

Dear _____,

The Center for Global Studies & Engagement (CGSE) provides certain campus partners — including ADS — with a list of all students who have applied to study abroad, and we noticed that your name was included on the list. How exciting! We're writing to encourage you to have a conversation with your program's Education Abroad Advisor/Coordinator or a staff member you have been working with in the CGSE regarding your eligibility for accommodations.

WHY SHARE YOUR ELIGIBILITY FOR ACCOMMODATIONS?

Sharing this information with someone in the CGSE will enable them to provide you with information about which accommodations may or may not be available in certain programs, so that you can make the most informed decision possible, empowered with this valuable knowledge. Please keep in mind that the ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) does not extend beyond U.S. borders, and the accommodations for which you're eligible cannot always be facilitated abroad. If you're not sure who to contact, you can email global@dickinson.edu.

HOW DO YOU SHARE YOUR ELIGIBILITY FOR ACCOMMODATIONS?

You will find your "Academic Accommodation Letter for Off-Campus Study" attached to this message to share with CGSE. If you have a non-academic accommodation that you feel is important for you to request when studying abroad, you should forward your accommodation notification to CGSE to make them aware and discuss what your options might be. We want to emphasize again that your eligibility for the accommodations that you receive here at Dickinson is based on the laws of the United States, and other countries are not bound by US law, so it's important to talk to the CGSE staff about what may be possible and what may not be.

IN CASE YOU'RE PRESCRIBED ANY MEDICATIONS

It is also important for any student planning to be on prescription medications while abroad to let staff in the CGSE know so that they can make you aware of any barriers or restrictions that might exist for certain countries. You may also call International SOS - Dickinson's Medical and Travel Assistance provider - or log into their website with our member ID to find more about health issues and the availability of or restrictions on the medication you take in your host country.

International SOS website: www.internationalsos.com

International SOS phone number: (215)942-8226

Dickinson Member number: 11BCAS626216

MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT

Whether on campus or abroad, know that you can access mental health support 24/7 through the Telus Student Support Program (formerly "My SSP"). You can either download the app or go to <https://myssp.app/ca/home>. That said, if you are currently working with a therapist, it would also be helpful to find out what your options are for either telehealth (often difficult due to the time differences) or getting therapy in country.

WILL DISCLOSING A DISABILITY IMPACT YOUR ACCEPTANCE?

No. Sharing your eligibility for accommodations has no bearing on CGSE's decision-making process. They are very accustomed to having students with accommodations study abroad. The rationale for disclosing is for your benefit— so that you can have a more productive and holistic conversation with the staff in the CGSE before making a decision whether or not to accept placement in a study abroad program. If you wish, you can wait to disclose until you've found out if you've been accepted into a program or not. But if it's critical for you to be able to use any of the accommodations you have in place at Dickinson, we strongly encourage you to schedule a meeting with a member of the CGSE staff to discuss this before you confirm your participation.

All of us at ADS are delighted to learn that you are interested in studying abroad and will be happy to assist you whether you end up doing so or not.

All the best,
The ADS Team