International Student Planning Timeline

Month-by-month tips for helping you plan one year in advance for your Study Abroad Experience

June – August:
- Review the Coe College website [http://www.coe.edu/admission](http://www.coe.edu/admission)
- Talk with family and friends about your plans
- Register for the SAT [https://sat.collegeboard.org/register](https://sat.collegeboard.org/register) or ACT (www.actstudent.org/regist/); if English is not your first language, you will need to register for the TOEFL (www.ets.org/toefl/ibt/register/) or IELTS (www.ielts.org/default.aspx)

September – December:
- Request certified transcripts, national examination results (‘O’ level, KSSE, GCE, etc.) and recommendation from your teacher- have them mailed to:
  Coe College Office of Admission
  1220 First Avenue NE
  Cedar Rapids, IA 52402 USA
- SAT or ACT and TOEFL or IELTS (if English is not your first language). Have certified results sent to the Coe College Admission Office.

February – May:
- Admission decisions are made on completed application files (must include all requested academic and financial documentation translated into English); March 1 deadline for Fall start.
- Admission / Scholarship letter will be mailed once a student has been admitted.
- Ask questions, request more information, if necessary.
- May 1 is the National Candidate reply date, meaning deposits are due by this date to hold a place in the entering class.

May – June:
- Apply for an F-1 visa* from the U.S. Embassy; you will need to receive an I-20 from Coe prior to applying- the I-20 is issued after both the financial paperwork and the deposit are on file; [http://www.ice.gov/sevis/students/](http://www.ice.gov/sevis/students/) has lots of good information on the process.
- Check out departure programs in your country. ([http://educationusa.state.gov/](http://educationusa.state.gov/) is a great resource)
- Make sure you have completed the required forms at your my.coe.edu site.
- Send a picture to be included in the New Faces Book.
- Make sure your final transcripts have been sent to the College.
- Make travel arrangements once you have your visa; at Coe you will be met at the airport and taken to campus, so be sure you share your travel plans with the Admission Office.

July:
- Read all emails sent by the college.
- Pack for your journey:
  1. Money, credit card, financial documents
  2. Emergency money
  3. Clothing (you can purchase cold weather extras once you arrive)
  4. Medical/ Dental records
  5. Passport, plane ticket
  6. Cell phone, check international calling card
  7. Label luggage inside and out
  8. Critical documents and one change of clothes in carry-on luggage

August:
- Arrive on campus and be ready for the adventure of a lifetime!!

*F-1 Visas are issued for a full time student enrolled in an academic or language program. The student may stay in the U.S. for the full length of their program + 60 days