### GIF Pre-Departure Checklist: Fall & Academic Year

#### ONGOING
- ☐ READ Weekly Emails for program updates, instructions and reminders
- ☐ Keep your parents informed with information about the program
- ☐ Make a budget. Consider: Meals not included, weekend travel, entertainment, cultural activities, personal needs, school supplies, communication/data
- ☐ Research about Florence and Italy (news, articles, books, blogs, videos)

#### MARCH
- ☐ Pay $500 Program Deposit  
  Due: February 16th
- ☐ Complete Roommate Preference questionnaire  
  March 1st
- ☐ If applicable, complete Homestay Application questionnaire  
  March 1st
- ☐ Research Flight Options: [Skyscanner.com](https://www.skyscanner.com), [Kayak](https://www.kayak.com), [Student Universe](https://www.studentuniverse.com), [STA Travel](https://www.statravel.com)
- ☐ Notify Residence Life of housing plans for future semesters
- ☐ Get 7 passport sized photos for your visa appointment (on-campus in Student Accounts; they’re taken in pairs so you will have to purchase 8)  
  Due: April 18th or 19th
- ☐ Consult Visa checklist (in Welcome Email) and start gathering visa documents
- ☐ Sign up for Visa Appointment (sign-up sheets will be on door of 102D in Study Abroad Office)  
  No later than April 13th
- ☐ Schedule Physical Exam with Health Center or Doctor for April

#### APRIL
- ☐ Register for Fall Courses via Zagweb  
  Late March/early April: TBA
- ☐ Attend MANDATORY Visa Appointment (consult Visa Checklist from Welcome Email and weekly emails for what you need to bring)  
  April 18th or 19th
- ☐ Attend MANDATORY Pre-Departure Sessions  
  April 10th & April 25th
- ☐ Turn in Health Forms (by hardcopy, email or fax)  
  - ☐ Get a Physical  
    Due: May 1st

#### MAY/SUMMER
- ☐ Purchase Flight: roundtrip or 2 one-way tickets  
  Due: June 1st
- ☐ Submit Flight Information questionnaire
- ☐ Purchase or reserve textbooks for courses  
  Semester before departure
- ☐ Pack  
  - ☐ Use suggested packing list (in Learning Content, and also will be emailed to)  
  - ☐ Purchase necessary items as needed (Examples: adapter, converter, luggage lock)  
  - ☐ Download travel apps to phone/tablet (WhatsApp, Viber, Vox, Skype)  
  August
- ☐ Notify bank/credit card companies of travel plans  
  Before you leave
- ☐ Pay final bill or make arrangements for installment plan  
  August

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