Mission, Goals and Learning Outcomes for the Texas State Study Abroad Office

Study Abroad Mission
The mission of the Texas State Study Abroad Office is to support the comprehensive internationalization plan of Texas State University by providing safe, accessible, academically rigorous, geographically diverse, and culturally enriching global educational experiences to our students.

Goals
1. Maintain high academic standards for all study abroad programs offered by Texas State
2. Strive for diversity of study abroad programs in regards to: geographic location, disciplines, length of the program and types of programs/models of teaching
3. Enhance students’ personal, academic and professional development
4. Enhance students’ global awareness and social responsibility
5. Enhance students’ cultural understanding through extensive advising and superior on-site services and programming
6. Engage with host communities abroad by incorporating service-research, internship, or volunteer opportunities into study abroad programs
7. Support faculty study abroad initiatives

Student Learning Outcomes
1. Students will gain an appreciation for cultures different from their own
2. Students will seek to engage in meaningful interactions and relationships with individuals from their host culture and from a culture different from their own
3. Students will gain a sense of civic and global responsibility
4. Students will gain an understanding of the interconnectedness of economic, political, social global systems in relations to the country where they have a study abroad program
5. Students will gain an understanding of the global significance of each program’s city and country, within the area of the humanities, economy, politics, art, culture and/or design
6. Students will gain knowledge related to their academic discipline or professional aspirations in the context of their study abroad program location
7. Student will gain new perspective on their fields of study
8. Students will develop intercultural competencies and communication skills
9. Students will learn to engage with situations and questions that challenge their own assumptions and values
10. Students will develop the ability to articulate their cultural experience; and learn about and from the environments in which they live and study