The UNCG Study Abroad Selection Committee is responsible for interviewing and nominating outgoing exchange candidates. Each committee will consist of two faculty members and an IPC staff member. Interviews should last about fifteen or twenty minutes.

Our selections will be based on the following criteria:

Eligibility criteria:

- Should be a full-time student at time of application.
- Should have completed at least one semester of study at UNCG.
- Foreign language proficiency requirements must be met, if applicable.
- Must be in good academic standing (usually, cumulative G.P.A. a minimum of 2.75)
- Ability to represent UNCG abroad in a manner that will promote its reputation.
- Ability to interact with students of a different culture in a sensitive and mutually respectful fashion.
- Utility of this particular exchange for the student's academic objectives and career plans.
- Mature, independent, self-reliant student who is determined to integrate fully into a new culture.
- Ability of the student to cope with loneliness.
- Ability of student to afford to participate.
- Strength of letters of recommendation.
- Extent of related academic preparation and interest.

List of suggested interview questions:

What do you hope to learn on your international exchange program?
Have you engaged in financial planning for this experience? What was the outcome?
How will you feel if you don't get placed in your first-choice country?
Will you go by yourself?
Have you ever been away from your loved ones for a long time before?
Do you have any prior international travel experience?
Interview Questions (continued):

What is your degree of involvement at UNCG?
How much do you know about the country?
What do you find interesting about the country?

**How do you cope with loneliness?**
**What’s your worst case scenario?**

How do your long-term goals relate to this exchange opportunity?
If you have traveled, was it alone, with family, with friends? What did you gain from that experience?
What have you read about the host country? Where do you get your information about what’s going on in the world?
What are your expectations of this program? Personal and academic?
What kind of family do you have? How do they feel about your participation in this program?

**Have you discussed with them what you would do in case someone close to you gets sick or dies while you are abroad?** (i.e. when would you come back, could you return, etc.)

What is your current living situation? Discuss different standards of expectation in "modern" conveniences.
How do you handle delays, changes, disappointments?
Are you prepared to be a changed person?
Are you prepared to be away from family and friends for an extended period of time?