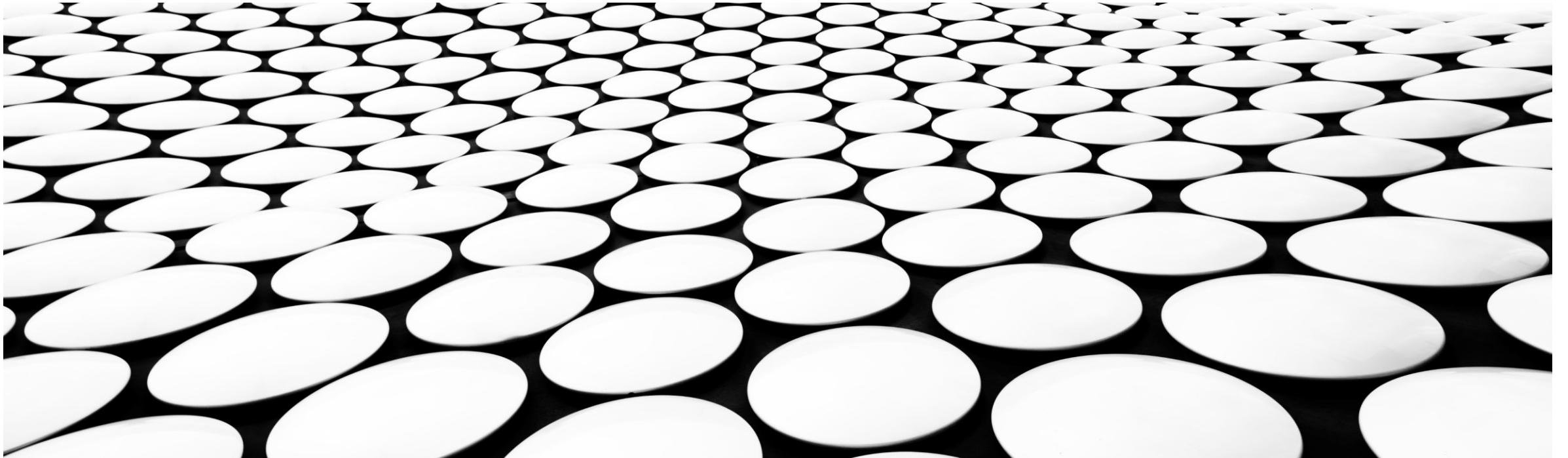

STUDY ABROAD 3+1+1 / 4+1+1 PROCESS TIPS& TRICKS

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TALK, DISCUSS AND PLAN

- Talk to your parents/ guardians about your decision. A lot of planning is going to be needed and communication with them is essential.
- Ask yourself if you are going to be able to manage to live alone in a new country. The US is nice, but living alone and maintaining your studies is difficult.
- Budget, budget, budget: Living expenses accumulate quickly, i.e. Rent is expensive. You need to make room for living expenses, not just tuition fees.



TALK TO YOUR ADVISOR & PROFESSORS

- Taking advice from people in the academic field is essential. A lot of professors are US graduates and some of them are OU Alumni.
- Lay out what courses you have left, and see what OU offers as an equivalent to such subjects.
- Take more than one nominee for each subject. Sometimes the instructor has a different opinion than yours.
- Make sure to take 3 recommendation letters from your professors/employers.



STUDIO TIME!

- Issuing a US visa requires a lot of photos, most of them digital. But always print a fair amount of copies for you to take for travel.
- Photos in the US are expensive and they are needed almost all the time. (i.e. issuing a driving license)



INTERNATIONAL DRIVING LICENSE

- In Michigan, public transportation is bad and the roads are almost always highways. Therefore, they are not paved or friendly for walking.
- Uber trips that cost in Amman around 5- 10 JDs are for 30-50 USD !!
- Planning on getting a car should be considered.
- If you are planning on getting a car from day 1, Get an International driving license.
- It can be issued through Royal automobile club, 7th circle
- [Click here to see requirements](#)



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LEARNING AGREEMENT

- The Learning Agreement form is one of the key pieces. It must be well protected and preserved and scan it after each update/signature.
- [List of majors and corresponding subjects @ OU](#)
- [OU syllabus repository](#)
- Getting all approvals might get time-consuming, patience is needed and give it a good amount of time before your travels.
- Hint: Some subjects might have different names than PSUT but the same learning outcomes. Make sure to search other majors for a subject you are trying to take.
- IRO office is always helpful, if you get stuck or have any doubts contact them 😊



ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEST

- TOEFL, IELTS, and Duolingo exams are accepted for the English language proficiency test.
- TOEFL: Minimum of 79
- IELTS: Minimum of 6.5
- Duolingo: Minimum of a 100
- There are some exceptions, [check this out](#)



APPLY TO OAKLAND UNIVERSITY

- <https://apply.oakland.edu/apply/>
- The application process requires documents that need previous preparations:
 1. 6- month valid Passport (preferably valid for the whole study duration)
 2. Bank statements that prove you or your sponsor can afford to pay your expenses for the first year.
 3. Transcripts and signed consent forms.
 4. English language proficiency test results.



US EMBASSY PREPARATION

1. Fill DS-160 Form.
2. Pay 113 JD @Cairo Amman Bank.
3. Reserve an appointment.
4. Pay SEVIS Fees
5. Go to your appointment and make sure to have the cash around \$106 dollars.
6. Be patient if the visa does not get accepted directly



BOOK YOUR FLIGHT

- Do **not** book your flight until you receive your passport from the embassy.
- Try to search for flights using sky scanner and google flights. (cheapest so far)
- Use incognito mode with cookies blocked or cleared when searching.
- Qatar airways has a student club membership for discounts, Emirates has a bag for students.



DENTAL CHECK AND FIX

- Make sure to fix every dental problem you have before leaving.
- Check your teeth even if you don't have any current problems.



BLOOD TESTS AND NORMAL HEALTH CHECK UP

- Do a general health check up. Which includes blood tests.
- Ask your doctor about medications that you need to take with you for your travels.
- Make sure to see if you need any antibiotics because they're not commonly prescribed in the US.

