How to be a Successful iCharleston Student
Preparing To Leave

• Learn how to do your own laundry
• Can you cook three meals?
  – Pasta
  – Grilled Cheese
  – Rice and Beans
• What do you want to do while you’re abroad?
  – Places to see, food to eat, experiences to have
• Packing for iCharleston
  – 1 checked bag +1 carry-on bag +backpack
  – You only need to bring clothes
  – Packing list on iCharleston website
• Budgeting
  – How much money do you have per week? What should you be spending money on?
Focus & Reflect

- The fall is a very important semester
  - Build habits for your college career
  - Requirements to get back to CofC
  - Make the most of your time living abroad
- Remember, your priority is to get the grades for CofC
- Take time to check in with yourself and see how you’re doing
  - Reach out to Site Directors if something is off.
  - Use the weekly reflections to help!
Communication

• Set up a “communication plan” with family members, friends, etc to talk regularly
  – WhatsApp
  – Facebook Messenger
  – Snapchat
  – Skype

• Speak up! Learn how to advocate for yourself if you are experiencing any issues
Reaching out to Your Resources

• Site Directors
  – Transitional support
  – Social support
  – Group activities/excursions
  – CofC questions
  – Referrals for further on-site support

• Academic Advisor
  – Academic support/guidance
  – CofC questions
  – Referrals for CofC support

• Residence Hall Advisors (RLS/RA/etc)
  – Roommate conflicts
  – Residence hall issues

Bailey McFaden - Site Director
Passport to CofC

• Led by your Site Director(s)
• Attendance is required at all classes
• Information on culture shock, study skills, how to get around
• Information, guidance & preparation for CofC
• The iCharleston Blog
Behavioral Expectations

• Attend all classes
  – Your visa depends on it!
  – Building good habits

• Follow all rules as laid out by host institution

• Be responsible

• If you have an issue with someone, talk to them about it

• Take advantage of this experience!
How to be Successful in Dublin

• Manage your time
• Get out and explore!
• Do not miss meetings
• Grocery shop instead of eating out
• Download mytaxi and Dublin bus app
• Engage with Passport to CofC class
Bag of Fear