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

Maddie Fink
Site Director

Patrick Smith
Site Director
Passport to CofC

• Led by your Site Directors
• 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 London

• Manage your time
• Get out and explore!
  – Learn the Tube & bus systems early on!
• Do NOT miss meetings
• Grocery shop instead of eating out
• Download CityMapper and the Tube app - they can be used offline
• Engage with Passport to CofC class
Questions?
Bag of Fear