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
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?