Resources for LGBTQ+ Students Abroad

Amnesty International “Countries” Pages: https://www.amnesty.org/en/countries/

Amnesty International is an independent organization that lobbies governments and other powerful groups. The “countries” page provides more information about activities of Amnesty International and the current legal environment on a variety of social issues around the world.

Rainbow Special Interest Group “Resource Center”; http://www.rainbowsig.org/resource-center/

The group is comprised of members of the Association of International Educators whose goals are to counsel study abroad students who are LGBTQ. The resources section spotlights various resources for students from around the field of international education.

Outright International “Issues” Page: https://outrightinternational.org/issues

OutRight Action International works internationally to research, document, defend, and advance human rights for LGBTIQ people around the world. The “issues” pages highlight various legal and social issues being faced by the LGBTIQ+ community around the world.


This map shows the level of recognition each country has for legal name changes and other aspects of life for trans folks.

76 Crimes News and Blog: https://76crimes.com/

76 Crimes is a blog which focuses on the human toll of 76+ countries' anti-LGBTI laws and the struggle to repeal them. The blog includes country-specific news, including positive news as it relates to progress toward greater legal protection and equality across the globe.

Fund for Education Abroad’s Rainbow Scholarship: https://fundforeducationabroad.org/applicants/

The Rainbow Scholarship is awarded to deserving LGBTQI students who aim to participate in a high-quality, rigorous education abroad program.

Office of Overseas Study: https://overseas.iu.edu/planning/expectations/preparing.html

The Office of Overseas Study lists some resources specific to IU and outside of the university to help inform and support LGBTQ+ students who will be studying abroad.

IES Abroad Resources: https://www.iesabroad.org/student-diversity-access/resources/country-specific

IES Abroad’ country-specific resources provide detailed guides and information related to being LGBTQ+ in various locations all over the globe.

Sexual Orientation Laws Map: https://ilga.org/maps-sexual-orientation-laws

ILGA World – the International Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans and Intersex Association - is the world federation of national and local organisations dedicated to achieving equal rights for lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans and intersex (LGBTI) people across the globe.