Stockton College Study Tour
Germany and the Netherlands, March 10-20, 2013

SECURITY

Compared to the United States and many other countries, Europe is a very safe place, with low rates of both violent and property crimes. However, you should always take precautions when traveling. We suggest the following:

1. Make 3 copies of the information pages of your passport (the ones with picture, passport number, etc) and your insurance information. Leave one copy with a family member or friend at home whom you can contact if necessary; give a second copy to Gail Rosenthal before departure, and keep the third separate from your actual passport and insurance card.

2. Make two copies of other important documents, such as credit cards, emergency contacts, and your itinerary (with hotels and phone numbers). Leave one copy with a family member or friend at home whom you can contact if necessary; keep the second copy in your luggage, separate from your actual documents. Always keep the following with you:
   - Passport
   - Cash
   - Credit cards
   - List of medications and medical conditions

   It is advisable to use a “cash belt” or bag to hang around your neck to carry these items. It is inadvisable to put them in a backpack or purse that could be stolen, left behind, or pick-pocketed. You may leave some valuables in the hotel safe, often for a fee. Sometimes there will be a safe in your room (usually free of charge). Do not take along valuables that are not needed on the trip. When leaving a restaurant or other site, look around to make sure nobody has forgotten a bag, coat, hat, etc.

3. Pick-pocketing can be a concern. Minimize risk by avoiding big crowds, keeping your wallet in your front pocket, or placing your hand on the pocket/bag that contains your money and passport. Always immediately check the pocket with valuables if someone bumps into you.

4. Whenever you leave the hotel, you should make sure you have the name, address, and telephone number of the hotel with you. You should also carry trip leaders’ cell phone numbers with you at all times (these will be handed out prior to departure). This way, you can always call in an emergency, or get directions.