

Communication Options for Domestic and International Travel

Tips

- Make sure to give your provider enough lead time and exact location to get you the correct pricing of your destination location
- Make sure to decide what kind of communication you need/desire
 - Calls within international country
 - Calls from international country back to U.S.
 - Data transfer

Resources

1. I-PASS

- Faculty and students purchase this on their own through IPASS.com
- This software is on your computer and allows you to type in the location of where you are and it returns the local hotspots for Wi-Fi and Broadband
- Has worked really well in US and Europe

2. GSMWorld.com

- Website that informs what kind of coverage is available in various locations.
- www.GSMWorld.com

3. Miami University Telecommunications

- With specific questions, contact Telecom at telecommunications@muohio.edu, (513) 529-3511, or at 200 Robertson Hall

For Faculty/Staff

1. City/Metropolitan Travel

- a. Softphone/Internet
 - Hand held phone on one end and USB port on other end
 - Software must be installed on computer, which now makes your computer screen look like a phone number pad
 - Must have internet connection to computer
 - Can have another number transferred to this phone
- b. Cellular
 - i. Telecom Loaner Phones
 - Available for 1-3 week trips
 - Voice communication only, no data transfer
 - \$1.00 per day rental charge
 - \$2.10 per minute flat fee charge for domestic and international use
 - ii. Add services to existing cell phone
 - Possibly have to add a CDMA, GSM or SIM card to your phone/PDA
 - Make sure your destination country accepts the card you are adding
 - Set up an international plan with your provider
 - Price per minute (voice only) and per minute (data) charges are for the specific countries you are travelling to
 - iii. Purchase pay phone in country
 - May be able to purchase this at destination airport or within country

- Can be voice or voice/data
- Pricing is usually pre-paid service
- Results in cheaper charges if you desire communication within the destination country

2. Remote Locations

- a. Satellite Phones
 - Outdoor use only, but will work almost all countries
 - Voice communication only, no data transfer
 - Price of phone is \$1,295 - \$1,995
 - Flexible phone plans through outside vendors (ie. RoadPost.com ,) which can be set up on own with vendor
 - Work through the Purchasing office to purchase one
- b. SPOT (location tracking / emergency only)
 - Works everywhere, but the southern half of S. Africa
 - Bright orange, floating device that has four buttons (ON, OFF, 911 and LOCATOR)
 - If you push the locator button, an email is sent to a pre-set address with your GPS location points
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