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STUDY ABROAD TIPS & ADVICE

It is difficult to compare the rewards one can gain from studying abroad with anything else. The experience can change your perspective from being local to global and your attitudes to international. Not only that but you will likely gain memories and friendships to last a lifetime.

Interestingly though, one of the biggest barriers causing students to decide not to study abroad, is that they believe it would be too expensive and or too difficult. The overseas students who do decide to study abroad and utilize the services of an education agent are often very surprised at how easy it was to organize, and also at how affordable it can be.

The following information is useful and will likely provide some good tips and advice for prospective overseas students looking to study abroad. Although the following information can be useful, it is recommended that students see a qualified education agent to ensure they receive up-to-date and current study abroad advice tailored to their specific needs and circumstances.

Why Study Abroad?



There are many reasons people choose to study abroad:

Language Acquisition

The world market place is shrinking and many companies now look for or require staff that can speak a second language. For students in Thailand or Asia where English is a second language, being able to speak English can be a significant advantage in the competitive labor market. Not only is being able to speak a second language such as English important from a career perspective, but it is also invaluable from a real world perspective.

Practical Experience

Study coupled with work experience can be an ideal way to gain some real world experience. Many students are surprised to find out that in many countries such as Australia, UK and America, they are free to work and gain an income while studying (currently in Australia, it is 20 hours per week with a student visa). When this is factored into the cost of studying abroad it can significantly reduce the expense and studying and working overseas can be very affordable.

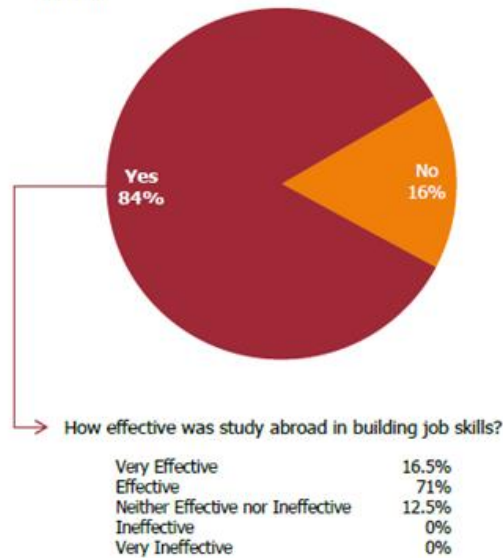
Career Advancement

International experience is much sort after by many employers as a critical asset for prospective employees. Study abroad shows that you are resourceful, adventurous, internationally minded, and diverse. In addition, in many countries it is extremely competitive and expensive to gain selection to a highly respected university.

By not gaining selection to a top university you may be limiting your career potential unnecessarily. Study abroad is another option however which will allow you to studying overseas in a country such as United States, UK and gain English language skills and once completed will see you just as attractive or more so to potential employers not only in your home country but around the world.

Did studying abroad help you build job skills?

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Source: <http://www.iesabroad.org/study-abroad/why/career-benefits>

Experience Of A Lifetime

In a couple years you may forget a lot of what you have studied in high school and university but if you study abroad you will never forget the friends you made or the incredible experiences you shared.

Placement Abroad

After acquiring a degree from a University Abroad your future prospects become brighter. You could also get a campus placement if you are able get through with the interview rounds. If you are a hardworking individual then you could easily get a breakthrough in any reputed organization.

Easy Citizenship And Work Permit

It's not very hard to find employment when you study abroad. Your network of seniors will be able to help you, or you can check out the employment office at your university. The ease at which one can get a work permits followed by citizenship are the factors luring international students to countries like Canada, Australia and America.

IS STUDYING ABROAD FOR YOU?

Exciting and exotic travel. The chance to experience a completely new culture. The endless professional and personal opportunities. When it comes to studying abroad, there's no denying that a wealth of incredible benefits are yours for the taking. From exhilarating travel experiences to the opportunity to immerse yourself in a new language, it's no wonder more college students than ever before are opting to spend a life-changing semester - or even a year - abroad.

But when it comes down to it, is it right for you? Ask anyone who's studied abroad, and they will likely highlight the wonderful experience they had in another country. But that doesn't mean it is a cakewalk. From dealing with the very real phenomenon of culture shock to navigating your way through complicated cultural complexities, it's vital for you to identify the reason why you want to study in another country in the first place. For example, if you're looking to learn a new language or experience a completely new culture, then go ahead and start applying to your favorite international programs.

But if you're looking to study abroad because your best friend is heading to another country or because your parents are pushing you into it, then it's highly likely that you won't enjoy yourself during your international travels.



So how can you know if studying abroad is right for you? Simple: take a look at the following responses that were provided by students prior to their study abroad experiences. This list was constructed to illustrate the many different reasons why an

individual would want to study abroad, so see if you can identify your own reasons among these answers:

- "I want to expand my cultural horizon beyond what a book can teach me."
- "I have a deep desire to challenge myself."
- "I want to experience personal transformation and growth."
- "I want to understand a different world perspective."
- "I am looking to gain a once-in-a-lifetime experience."
- "I want to not only observe a different culture, but submerge, learn and participate in a distinctly different environment and have in-depth conversations with the locals."
- "I want to be the first among my family to live outside the country."
- "I want to enhance my career potential and prepare myself for a global market."
- "I want to better understand another country's culture."
- "I want to make my dreams of living abroad a reality."

Do any of these reasons resonate with you? If so, then congratulations - you've got the goods to have a successful, rewarding and truly life-changing study abroad experience!

4 REASONS WHY STUDY ABROAD BRINGS GROWTH FOR A LIFETIME

It takes a leap of faith to move to another country. The new country, though full of exquisite newness and exotic experiences, will always find you a stranger in its midst. You bring your own particular expectations and neuroses, and these can jar with the new world around you no matter how flexible you try to be. If you're young and inexperienced, this can be magnified. So why do students keep taking this brave leap? Because when, in the end, they land on their feet and return home, they have invariably flourished in a way they had never thought possible.

Deep Friendships

Some people seek out good friends others have good friends thrust upon them. When you choose to study abroad, you will be at a stage in your life when most people around you have already solidified their close circle of friends, from school or from their youth. It can be hard, in your spare time, to find people truly open to making a new and deep connection. But the expatriate life puts you in a pool of strangers looking for support and locals looking to help out, and this relational cocktail is often an ideal brew to forge new, adult and lifelong friendships.



Reverse Culture Shock

Even the hardened traveler will get homesick when they study abroad. The yearning for familiarity and affection is absolutely normal. But the added difficulty is that your new home, no matter how beneficial or exciting, is full of customs that run counter to your intrinsic habits. In time, however, you will not only adapt in ways you never thought possible, you may also return home to find it now seems strange. While daunting, reverse culture shock gives you the chance to reassess your home, priorities and relationships and so redirect your life.



New Options And Ambitions

The experience of a trip to study abroad can fly past. The exams, new people, new accommodation and cultural adjustments can drain you and make time speed by. You may not feel that you have the time or energy to fully process everything. But whether you stay in Madrid, Los Angeles or Moscow, you will return home with new options. This is because life in a foreign country will expose to you what you really are like, in terms of your tastes, instincts, needs and limits. This personal shake-up can reap dividends by peeling back the veil of complacency that your home routine can cast over you.

A Different You

Ultimately, no matter the highs and lows, a chance to study abroad is a chance to reinvent yourself. You will be in a new place where no one knows you, so you can try new things. But even more significant is the end result of this experiment. The things that you learn from your successes and failures give you a chance to forge a better you.

WHAT TO CONSIDER WHEN THINKING ABOUT STUDYING ABROAD

You've heard some of your friends rave about their semester abroad, or maybe your advisor has asked if you'd be interested in studying abroad yourself. The thought of an international classroom can be exciting, but you need to ask yourself some questions before you take the plunge. Here are a few things you should consider when thinking about studying abroad.

Why?

Why do you want to study abroad? Knowing the answer to this question can help you answer all the other ones. Do you want to immerse yourself in a different culture and learn a new language? Do you want the opportunity to learn in a culturally diverse environment and take classes that aren't available at your home university? Do you want to apply to a program that has a relaxed schedule with time for you to explore, or do you want to study in a program that is strictly academic?

Where?

Where do you want to study? Many countries are eager to welcome new students. Some of the most popular destinations to study are Canada, United States, England, France, Italy, New Zealand, Spain, and Australia. However, many students are choosing different countries from as Asia also. Just as knowing what you want to study can help you decide where to go, knowing where you'd like to study can help you choose what classes to take.

Who?

Who do you want to apply to? Many universities have special program providers that allow students to pick from a multitude of places and classes. These program providers will work closely with your university's advisor to help you select the classes you need and prepare you for departure. Websites like [Study Metro](#) provides students support services as well as accurate advice regarding educational institutions.

When?

When can you go? Take a look at your personal life: your job and financial responsibilities, your family, your friends. Evaluate your situation, break out your university's calendar, and decide when would be the best time for you to study abroad. Also figure out how long you can be abroad. If year-long or semester programs are too long for you, consider studying during a summer session or even a much shorter January intersession.

How?

How can you afford it? It's actually easier than you might think. Study abroad isn't only for rich kids. A little known secret is that federal financial aid amounts can increase when a student gets accepted to study abroad. This means that even though you might have been getting only \$10,000 a semester while going to your local university, you might qualify for upwards of \$14,000 of financial aid when you study abroad. There are also many scholarships and grants available for the sole purpose of studying abroad.

Finally, be honest with yourself.

What are you seeking to gain from a study abroad experience? Don't rush into a decision, and certainly don't choose to go just because all your friends are going! Take the time to truly think about how you want your experience to be, do your research, and then apply.

Education is one thing that is worth investing at any point of your life. The value of a good education is too precious and you will never regret for spending your time and money for education. Majority of us focuses more at getting better education and make our life more solid and secure. If you have got the proper education and talents they you are bound to succeed in any part of this world and this is what makes education more important in ones' life.

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