

Reasons to Study Abroad

Studying abroad is an experience that many students take advantage of at some point during their college career. When you study abroad, you usually take anywhere from a semester to a full school year and spend it studying at another educational institution in another country. You will still technically be a student at your home university.

Many students, and maybe even their parents, may be reluctant to study abroad, however, there are many benefits to studying abroad. You should explore these advantages when making your decision to study abroad in a foreign country.

Learn New Culture

One of the best perks there is when visiting a foreign country is that you can learn a little about the people and their culture. However if you study abroad, you have more time to immerse yourself into the culture, language and the people. It is an interesting and rich experience that you will appreciate for the rest of your life.

Resume Builder

Nothing looks better on your resume than a section that says you lived and studied abroad in a foreign country. You learned the language and you experienced education in another country. By putting this on your resume, you are showing that you are up for change and you can adapt to any experience thrown your way.

Learn a New Language

You do not have to be fluent in another language in order to live in the country. Studies show that more people learn a foreign language by listening to daily conversation. Once you arrive in the country where you will study, you will be surprised at how quick you pick up the language of that country. You will come back to America as a bi-lingual student, which is a huge plus in the professional business world.

Gain Independence

Most students are in a comfort zone and have trouble breaking out of it, even if it is just moving a state or two away for college. Well, if you move to another country, you are forced out of your comfort zone. You will learn the way around the major cities and probably even take public transportation to get around. You will experience independence on a whole new level, which does not even compare to dorm living in the states. You will come back to America with a more confident attitude toward your future.

Make New Friends

Chances are, if you study abroad, you will be living in a dorm or apartment with other students or maybe a host family for a few months. No matter what the living arrangements, you will make new friends from another country. You will build lifetime of friendships and multi-cultural connections.

Our world today is more than just working with other Americans; it is about communicating and doing business with people all over the world. With experience from living and studying abroad, you are putting yourself in front of the rest of your peers and competitors when you apply for a job. You are gaining experience, learning the culture and building friendships. It is all an experience that you would never regret and it is an opportunity that definitely should be taken advantage of.