Why Go Abroad?

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A Go Abroad Quiz

Let’s look at some misconceptions about studying abroad!

True or False – to participate in period exchange you need to:

• Speak another language
• Add additional time onto your degree
• Pay tuition fees to your host university
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• If you answered false to all three, you are correct!

• There are (understandably), some misconceptions around studying abroad, but it is more straightforward than you might think.

• Let’s take a look!
What is Study Abroad?

• The opportunity to spend a semester / year at a partner university in another country as an exchange student

• Erasmus+ exchange programme for European destinations

• International Exchange Programme for destinations further afield

• Gain academic credits towards your degree without adding any time to the length of your programme.
Erasmus+ Programme

• Study / Traineeship
• Europe (excluding Switzerland)
• Single semester / Full academic year
• Destination depends on your subject area
• Available at Level 2 or Level 3
• No tuition fees payable to host
• Additional funding (Erasmus grant)
International Exchange

- Study only
- Asia, Australia, Mexico, North America
- South Africa (Law Only)
- Single semester / Full academic year
- Destination options depend on your subject area
- Available at Level 2 or Level 3
- No tuition fees payable to host
- No additional funding available
Summer School Options

• Various locations
• Various durations
  • 4-6 weeks typically
• All levels, all degrees
• Fees payable
  • Though some discounts and funded / exchange places available, depending on destination
So why study abroad?

• Employability
  • Learn a language
  • Traineeships
  • Increase Cultural Awareness

• Enhance your studies

• Once in a lifetime experience
Why Employers value time abroad

Possess Desirable Traits

• Independent
• Adaptable
• Work well under pressure
• Cultural awareness
• Self-motivated
• Flexible
• Hard worker

Develop Character

• Build confidence
• Improve on perceived weaknesses
• Improved social skills
• Develop problem solving ability
• Overcome challenges
Why students value time abroad...
What former students say about study abroad?

• DO IT!

• Studying and Interning abroad are amazing experiences

• You can meet amazing people, see incredible places and develop personal and professional characteristics and skills

• It can literally change your life – for the better!
Stay tuned...

Sign up to our mailing list to be notified about other exchange information sessions and opportunities to hear from our partners.

Happening throughout December!
Want More Info?

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