Why Go Abroad?

“The best decision of my life!”
Is study abroad worth it?

Beyond the fun you’ll have and the memories you’ll make, is the cost of spending time in another country worth it in the long run?

STUDIES SAY: YES

attending college abroad can have a positive impact on your career goals, marketable skills, and employability.
The skills obtained through studying abroad have been some of the most important to employers. In a study of 135 Human Resource managers from 75 companies, skills obtained by studying abroad are included among the top 4 most important employee traits.

**The Top 4 Employee Traits**

- **Substantive Ability**: content/technical knowledge of the primary field of business
- **Managerial Ability**: with emphases on teamwork and interpersonal skills
- **Strategic International Understanding**
- **Cross-Cultural Experience**

Furthermore, over 90 percent of employers believe that students who have studied abroad are likely to possess other highly desirable skills, including:

- Cross-cultural communication skills
- Independence
- Cultural awareness
- Maturity
- Flexibility
Value to Employers

NDSU Accounting Graduate, Adam Bergman, interviewed 10 times and at least 7 touched on his study abroad experience. He took a job with a firm that has affiliates in 120 different countries.
Eligibility & Planning

• It’s never too early to start planning! It takes at least a semester to make arrangements to study abroad

• Can begin process while a freshman

• Minimum GPA of 2.5, and in good standing with NDSU
Term Abroad

Variety of timeframes:
10 days to full year

- Many semester/year programs are independent and immersive
- Many summer and short-term programs are multi-country and guided

- Academic Year, 3, 1%
- August (Fall Term), 8, 2%
- Fall, 27, 7%
- Spring, 59, 14%
- Summer, 185, 44%
- Winter Break, 30, 7%
- Spring Break, 104, 25%
1000+ programs in 73 countries including the US

Internships • Volunteer
Pharmacy Rotations
Student Teaching
Field Studies
Language Learning

• Most programs offer classes in English
• Language learning is encouraged

Tri-College Consortium

• NDSU: Spanish, French, German
• Concordia: Chinese, Italian, advanced German, Greek, Hebrew, Latin
• MSUM: Chinese, Japanese
Options exist for students in any major to receive university credit.
Plan Ahead! Each department may recommend a different time to go abroad.

- Should they look to take classes for their major, minor, or general education reqs?
- Are there requirements they can fulfill, such as internship, student teaching, etc.?
- Spring break and summer can be easy options when the class schedule is tight.
Secondary Majors

Prepare students for a globalized world through specialized courses, foreign language, study abroad and capstone

**International Studies**
- Together with any other major on campus
- Requires at least 10 weeks abroad

**Global Business**
- Together with business major
- Requires at least 3 weeks abroad
Program Costs

- Last year 89% paid NDSU tuition and fees (blue and green)
- 11% had NDSU tuition waived, and instead paid host university tuition & fees (orange, red, and grey)
### Program Costs ctd.

#### Semester on Campus

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**Cost difference of $2345**

*Costs vary according to location

Tuition est. based on 12 credits of base rate
Affording Study Abroad

Plan Ahead

- Extra job
- Savings
- Family support

Financial Aid & Private Loans

- Grants
- Federal & State Loans

All students who complete the FAFSA have ability to take out a Federal Loan regardless of parents’ income, however amounts vary.
Study Abroad Scholarships

Many types available:

• NDSU, including general, Miles, Wold
• Program-specific
• National

Apply early! Often deadlines are during early spring for study abroad next year
Exchange Programs

Over 150 different options through NDSU and ISEP Exchange!

Monterrey Tec in Mexico

Waseda University in Japan

Linköping University in Sweden
Faculty-led Programs

• Spring break and summer programs open to any major, usually including freshmen!

• Major-specific programs
Explore the historical roots in Al Ain to eating lunch in and tour the world famous Burj Al Arab 7-star hotel in Dubai. (Spring Break 2020)
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Study Abroad Day: September 5