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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
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: 1%
Fall: 9%
Summer: 19%
Spring: 39%
Spring Break: 32%

NDSU NORTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY
Language Learning

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

Tri-College Consortium

- NDSU: Spanish, French, German
- Concordia: Norwegian, Greek, Hebrew, Latin, Chinese, Italian, advanced German
- 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 88% paid NDSU tuition and fees (green)
- 12% had NDSU tuition waived, and instead paid host university tuition & fees (yellow)
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**Cost difference of less than $2000**

*Costs vary according to location*
Affording Study Abroad

Plan Ahead
- Extra job
- Savings
- Family support

Financial Aid & Alternative 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!

- Monterey Tec in Mexico
- Waseda University in Japan
- Aarhus University in Denmark
- ESA Sustainable Food in France
Faculty-led Programs

• Spring break and summer programs open to any major, usually including freshmen!
• Major-specific programs
Japan: Me, Myself, and We

- Exploring personal and national identity in context at NDSU and abroad
- Designed for freshmen
- Abroad Dec 27, 2017 – Jan 7, 2018
- 1-credit SOC 179 in the fall and 2-credit course SOC 279 in the spring
- Can get approval to use for general education requirements
Other Opportunities

• Internships
• Volunteer
• Pharmacy Rotations
• Student Teaching
• Field Studies
• Teach English
Where to Start?

Office of International Student and Study Abroad Services
Memorial Union 116

Peer Mentors: Available M-F 10AM-5PM
Study Abroad Day: September 7
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