

FACTS AND MYTHS ABOUT STUDY ABROAD

Myth: I cannot afford to study abroad.

Fact: There are scholarships available to help make studying abroad more affordable. In addition, federal and state loans, scholarships, and grants can be used to study abroad. And, the Office of Study Abroad offers a Travel Grant to help defray international travel expenses. So, with careful, advance planning you can find a program that is within your budget.

Myth: Only language majors can study abroad; I cannot speak a foreign language.

Fact: There are many programs available in English in both English-speaking countries and non-English-speaking countries. Besides, studying abroad can be an excellent opportunity to continue with a language or to learn a new foreign language

Myth: My GPA is not high enough to study abroad.

Fact: Although some programs have a GPA requirement of 3.0 or higher, there are also many programs with requirements of 2.5 or 2.75 GPA.

Myth: I will not earn credit for courses in my major if I study abroad.

Fact: Almost all fields can be studied abroad, although you may not find your field of study at every location. Many students complete courses in their major at home and complete electives while abroad. Consult with the Office of Study Abroad and your academic adviser to help find a program that is suited to you.

Myth: I cannot study abroad because I am not a junior.

Fact: Some programs require that you have junior status, while others are open to you as long as you have at least one year of college. Besides, studying abroad may help you decide what you want to do with your life.

Myth: Studying abroad is a luxury that will not help me in finding a job.

Fact: In today's global economy, overseas experience can be a valuable asset to many employers. Employers look favorably at students with experience abroad since this indicates an ability to cope with new experiences and, often, competency in a foreign language.



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