

Employability Benefits of Learning Abroad

ACCORDING TO 712 UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA STUDY ABROAD ALUMNI:



believe that study abroad enhanced their interpersonal communication skills



believe study abroad positively affected their long-term career prospects



acquired skill sets that influenced their career path

In today's globalized marketplace, nearly every organization has an international component.

Whether you plan to join a local company or a multinational corporation, you must prove that you can adapt to this globally connected workplace. Employers will expect you to demonstrate exposure to widely diverse people, cultures, ideas, and viewpoints.

Learning abroad will help you:

- Gain experience
- Differentiate yourself
- Earn credit
- Fulfill major, minor, liberal education, and language requirements

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DEVELOP SKILLS EMPLOYERS SEEK*



Ability to work in a team



Effective interpersonal communication



Ability to learn new ideas quickly



Intercultural fluency



Professionalism



Ability to identify, define, and solve problems

*University of Minnesota 2020 Employer survey

PROGRAM MODELS

Programs offer a range of options in which to gain experience and hone your employability. Which learning abroad program will best help you develop knowledge and experience for your future?

Field Study

Focus on coursework specific to your career goals as well as experiential assignments like data collection in the field.

Host University Study

Study and live with local students at a university abroad while exploring your career interests through diverse course offerings, theoretical perspectives, and methodologies.

Instructor-Led

Study abroad on a program led by University of Minnesota faculty or staff relevant to UofM fields of study.

Language Intensive

Delve into an intensive experience abroad to gain fluency in a second language and better appeal to future employers and graduate schools.

Non-Credit

Supplement your career development through non-credit work, intern, volunteer, or teach abroad opportunities.

Study Abroad Center

Combine customized courses in small class sizes with career development opportunities such as research, internships, or host-country university classes.

PROGRAM FEATURES

What activities abroad will help you develop the skills that are important in your intended field?

Intern

Combine coursework with internship placements in a variety of fields to gain experience and academic credit.

Research

Take coursework and conduct research in your chosen field. The Learning Abroad Center supports meaningful research for undergraduate students as part of a comprehensive study abroad program to deepen student learning and develop solid investigative skills.

Community Engagement

Apply content, ideas, and issues discussed in a class by volunteer with contacts.