101 on International Education

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Myth Busting

• Benefits of Studying Overseas

• Country Overviews

• Myth 1: My degree won’t be recognized and I won’t get the same level of education as in the US

• Myth 2: I won’t get any work experience or find a job after graduation

• Myth 3: It costs too much and there is no financial aid

• Myth 4: Overseas universities don’t offer the same resources. I won’t have the true “college experience”

• So- it’s a great idea, now where do you start?
Sources: OECD and UNESCO Institute for Statistics
Studying Overseas – the benefits

- Personal Growth
- Overcoming Challenges
- Demonstrating Independence and Resilience
- Cultural Competence
- Global Network – Socially and Academically
- Increased focus on major
- Faster completion time and higher retention

“I always recommend studying abroad to my friends ... it teaches you so much about yourself – what you’re capable of and how resilient you can be” – Sarah Bacon, OR, BSc Geography/Geology, University of Glasgow
Australia

- 3-year Bachelor degrees or 4-year for professional programs
- 42 universities (only one private)
- Online, rolling admissions – academic based
  - Eligibility based on standard test scores
- 2 year post study work visa
- Streamlined visa processing
- International Communities
- Legislative protection
- FAFSA loans, scholarship and work rights
United Kingdom

• 3 or 4 year undergraduate degree
• Focused degree program
  - Students declare major
  - No general electives or core curriculum
• Professional degrees at undergraduate level (Medicine, Vet Medicine, Dentistry, Law)
• Minimum Entry Requirements
• Application: Academically-Focused
• Extracurricular Opportunities
Ireland

- Direct entry academic programs – no general education requirements
- 3 or 4 year programs available
- Some flexible degree options
- Professional programs in Law, Medicine, Vet Med.
- Application is not holistic – focuses on academics
- No Visa needed for North American students
- Opportunity to work in Ireland after graduation
Myth 1: My degree won’t be recognized and I won’t get the same level of education as in the US
 Myth #1 - Academics

- International Rankings
- Accreditation
- Overseas educational systems promote subject specialization & focus, independent study, and critical thinking skills
- A QS Global Employer Survey Report found that out of 10,000 companies contacted, more than 80% said they actively sought out graduates who have studied abroad
Myth 2: I won’t get any work experience or find a job after graduation
Myth #2 - Employability

• Ability to work while studying abroad
• Work placement opportunities
  • Canada- Co-operative Education Program, paid work experience both domestic and international
  • Australia- PACE Professional and Community Engagement
• Globalization = Internationalizing your education increases employability
• Resources to assist in job placement
  • Careers support for international students
  • Alumni networks – physical and virtual
  • The Network – virtual platform
  • Alumni mentorship programs
Myth 3: It costs too much and there is no financial assistance
Myth #3 - Affordability

- Application Fees
- Tuition comparable to or lower than many peer institutions in the US
- Fee Status – Home vs International
- Many universities accept US federal loans and GI Bill
- Living Costs
- Cheaper healthcare coverage
- Scholarships available – usually merit-based
Myth 4: Overseas universities don’t offer the same resources. I won’t have the true “college experience”
Myth #4 - Resources

• International student resources
• Support Offices
• Approachable faculty
• Accommodation
• Student Life – clubs & sports
• Opportunities to travel

The club gives everyone a chance to compete in the sport both those who are experienced and those who are not. We all compete together, have fun and get to represent the University. I have made all my friends in College through the club and now have friends from all over the country as a result of competing for UCD.

Katie Nolan, Equestrian Club
Application Process

- UCAS
- Common App
- Direct university applications
Myth #4 - Resources

Country Level Organizations

- Education in Ireland - http://www.educationinireland.com/
- British Council - https://www.britishcouncil.us/
- EduCanada - http://educanada.ca/

In Country Representatives

- Federal Aid International Schools Website - https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/prepare-for-college/choosing-schools/types/international
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