International Admissions: The Basics and Beyond
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What We’ll Cover

- Benefits of Studying Overseas
- Country Overviews
- How to Help Your Students Prepare
- Application & Admission Criteria
- Degree Recognition
- Cost
- Useful Resources
The Benefits

- Personal Growth
- Overcoming Challenges
- Demonstrating Independence and Resilience
- Cultural Competence
- Global Network – Socially and Academically
- Increased focus on major
- Sometimes 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 Bacom, 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
- Liberal Arts & Science Pathway for students who are exploring
- 3 or 4 year programs available
- Professional programs in Law, Medicine, Vet Med
- Academic review for admission
- No Visa needed for North American students
- Opportunity to work in Ireland after graduation
Canada

General Requirements:
• Four years of English
• A “real” senior schedule
• Three years of math
• The ACT or SAT
• Academic rigor
The USA vs. Everyone

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<th>American Universities</th>
<th>Global Universities</th>
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<td>Most students can be “undecided”</td>
<td>Usually, students enter with a major/subject already selected</td>
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<td>Students can switch majors</td>
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Degree Recognition

- 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
Application Process

- UCAS
- The Common Application
- Direct applications
- Testing
IB Students, Take Note

**Diploma Programme**

**WHY IB**

- Critical thinking
- Balanced programme
- Recognised worldwide
• **Five University Choices**
  Students may only select five universities to apply to.

• **Dates and Deadlines**
  Early September – UCAS opens
  October 15th – Oxbridge, Medical, Dental, and Vet Application deadline
  January 15th – General application deadline
  March 15th – Some arts deadlines

• **Offers and decisions**
  Student make a conditional and an insurance choice

• **Cost of application**
  ~$30.00 USD

• **US high schools can become UCAS Centres**
  Similar to Naviance, you can see recommendations, etc.
Financing An Education Abroad

- Scholarships
- Student Employment Opportunities
- Direct Loan Program
- City cost of living
- Federal Aid International

Schools Website: https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/prepare-for-college/choosing-schools/types/international
Cost Comparisons

UC Berkeley (In State)
$34,972 USD

Pomona College
$64,870 USD

St Andrews
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Northumbria*
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Resources

Country Level Organizations
● Education in Ireland: http://www.educationinireland.com/
● British Council: https://www.britishcouncil.us/
● UNISTATS – UK
● EduCanada: http://educanada.ca/
● Study In Australia: https://www.studyinaustralia.gov.au/

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Questions?

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