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8. We have programs that will work with almost any major

Not only does USC Upstate offer study abroad programs that can help you gain credit towards your major, we offer programs that run for a variety of timeframes (year, semester, or summer). This means that any student can fit a study abroad experience into his or her academic schedule.

9. Why be just another tourist?

Studying abroad is your chance to travel and gain an international perspective at the same time (not to mention academic credit). So many people travel abroad and "see the sights" without understanding the greater importance or significance of those places or events. By studying abroad you get to spend a great deal more time overseas, and thus have the opportunity to ask a lot more in-depth questions.

10. Make connections that can last a lifetime

The friends and acquaintances that you make will help you throughout your life. Gain a valuable international perspective, learn about the cute little coffee shop that most tourists never see, and even hear about job opportunities available around the world. You can make the rest of your life as colorful, eventful, and as interesting as you want. Now is the time to start establishing the pathways of your future.



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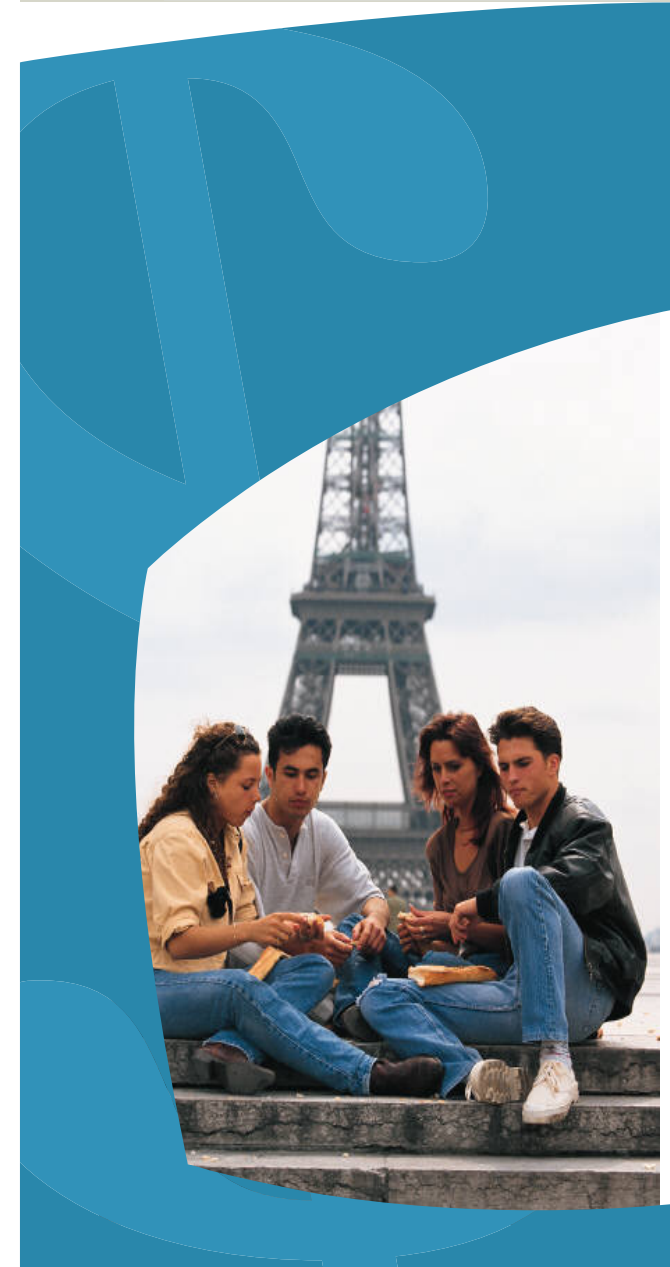
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Top Ten Reasons to Study Abroad





1. Studying abroad is a life-altering experience!

Studying and living in a different culture will help you see the world from a completely different perspective. It is an amazing experience that will change your life.

2. Learn about yourself and be independent

Studying abroad is an occasion to challenge yourself with new situations that will test your abilities to adapt and learn. You may find yourself questioning some of your most long-held beliefs. All you need to succeed is an open mind and a good sense of humor.

3. It's a chance to gain perspective on your own culture.

Studying abroad is a chance to step outside of the ordinary and look at life from a completely new perspective. Many students return amazed that while studying abroad they learned just as much about the United States and its culture as they did about life in their host country.

4. Studying abroad is a chance to gain true language fluency.

The only way to truly become fluent in a language is to be immersed in it. If you've studied a language for several years and wish to gain fluency in that language, we can offer you the opportunity to gain fluency in a number of languages.



*USC Upstate Italy Trip
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5. You don't have to speak a foreign language to study abroad.

Many programs don't require any foreign language. For example, we have a number of summer and semester programs in England.

6. Numerous foreign language programs are available.

Some programs offer beginning language classes for students with no prior experience in the language. Second language proficiency is desirable to most employers and may be a requirement in your major area of study. Studying abroad is your chance to move towards fulfilling that requirement in the best possible way.

7. You need resume building material!

What could possibly look better on a resume than to boast that you interned with a Japanese railroad company, studied art history in Italy, or that you designed and conducted your own research project in the Czech Republic? In today's global economy, study abroad can be a defining element to every student's undergraduate degree. Many companies increasingly desire leaders who have the ability to live successfully in a variety of countries and work with co-workers of varying cultural backgrounds.