Crossing the Pond: Academic & Study Abroad Advisors Collaborate to Help Students Study Abroad

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Session Outline

- Study Abroad Fast Facts
- How academic advisors & Study Abroad can work together
- How COBA & MODL Make Study Abroad Work for Their Students
- Discussion
UTA Study Abroad - Who We Are

- Part of the Office of International Education (OIE)
  - Kelli Anderson, Director
  - Courtney Bauman, Assistant Director
  - Amanda Sines, Advisor
- Located in the Swift Center
- Walk-in Advising Hours – M/T/Th 1-4pm, Fridays 9am-12pm
UTA Study Abroad Stats

- Send around 300 students per year abroad
- Most students go on summer faculty-led programs
- Increase in students doing semester & wintermester programs
- Top countries: Spain, Mexico, Italy, France & China
Opening Discussion Question

• What do you think the benefits of a study abroad experience are for your students?

• What challenges or barriers do your students face when it comes to studying abroad?
Benefits of Study Abroad

How Studying Abroad Affects OUR Students

Studying Abroad Helps Students Get Hired!

Percentage of Students Hired Within 12 Months of Graduation

Study Abroad Students Are Also More Likely to Make Higher Salaries AND Get Into Their First Choice Grad School

Study Abroad Students Have a 25% Higher Starting Salary Than Non-Study Abroad Students

90% of Study Abroad Alumni Who Applied Got Into Their 1st or 2nd Choice Grad School
Benefits of Study Abroad Continued...

How Studying Abroad Affects OUR Students

**Study Abroad Students Increase Their GPA AND Are More Likely to Graduate!**

The Majority of Study Abroad Students See a Rise in Their GPA Post-Study Abroad!

Students Who Study Abroad Are 19% More Likely to Graduate Than Non-Study Abroad Students!

**Studying Abroad Also Positively Affects Students’ Personal Growth**

97% of Study Abroad Students Attribute Their Rise in Maturity to their Study Abroad Experiences

96% of Study Abroad Students claimed an increase in self-confidence attributed to study abroad.

**SOURCE**
University of California, Merced Study
http://studyabroad.ucmerced.edu/study-abroad-statistics/statistics-study-abroad
Benefits of Studying Abroad From a Student’s Perspective
Top Things to Know about Studying Abroad with UTA

1. Earn UTA Resident Credit
2. Use UTA Financial Aid
3. Apply for Study Abroad Scholarships
4. Take Courses in Their Major
5. Learn a Language & Take Courses Taught in English
6. Over 500 programs in 62 Countries
7. Flexible Timing (Academic Year, Semester, Summer, Wintermester Programs)
8. Enhance Resume/ Grad School Application
9. UTA Mavericks (of all backgrounds) CAN and DO study abroad
Study Abroad Outreach
Check UTA Study Abroad - Dates & Deadlines

• Walk-in Advising
• Study Abroad Fair
• Study Abroad Info Sessions/Tables
• Scholarship & Financial Planning Workshops
• Student panels & other special events
• Class visits to promote specific programs
• International Education Week
• Annual Study Abroad Photo Contest
• Social Media (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter) & Email Listserv
Discussion Question

• How would you describe your role as an academic advisor working with students who want to study abroad?
The Advisor’s Role

- EDUCATE
- ENCOURAGE
- EMPOWER

THE WORLD IS A BOOK AND THOSE WHO DO NOT TRAVEL READ ONLY ONE PAGE.
--SAINT AUGUSTINE
EDUCATE

• Is study abroad an option?
• How will it fit with specific programs?
• When is the best time to study abroad?
• Why is study abroad beneficial?
Where Can Study Abroad Courses Fit?

International Business Students

- 26 hours of language
- 9 hours of adv. level business electives
- 15 hours of Intl Business core

Every Other Business Student

- 6-18 hours of adv. level business electives
Study Abroad
Faculty-Led Summer Trips

Barcelona, Spain
2 weeks at UTA
3 weeks in Spain
6 hours of business coursework
Study Abroad
Faculty-Led Summer Trips

Spain & Portugal
12 days in country
3 hours of business coursework
Study Abroad Scholarship for Business Students

Jack and Doris Fouse Scholarship

Jacqualyn Fouse, UT Arlington alumna of the College of Business has established a scholarship fund, named in honor of her parents, that will support business students travel abroad.

- President of Global Hematology and Oncology at Celgene
- Her career in international business began with a high school trip to France

“I want to make it possible for international business students and Goolsby scholars to have a global experience that will complement their existing academic careers and hopefully open up some new worlds and horizons for them” – Jacqualyn Fouse
ENCOURAGE

- Participation in Study Abroad Fairs
- Connection with Study Abroad Advisors
- Attendance in Study Abroad Panels
Ultimately, the student has to decide for themselves if study abroad is something they wish to pursue.

As advisors, providing our students with the needed information and support, we can aid them in feeling more confident in making such a decision.
Business Students Abroad in 2016-2017

Fall 2016 & Spring 2017
Scholarship students in Italy, Japan, Norway and Spain

Summer 2017
- Barcelona, Spain: 26 students
- China: 25-30 students
- Costa Rica: 1 student
- Spain & Portugal: 10 students
“This was my first time leaving the United States since I came from Zimbabwe in 2002. Previously, I wanted to take what I have learned in the U.S. back to Zimbabwe to improve startup businesses, but now I have a vision to reach into more countries.”

-Lisa

“These past four months I have mentally and physically pushed myself to limits I never thought were even there. By receiving this scholarship, not only was I able to have an invaluable learning experience at one of the top universities in Spain, but I was able to find purpose within myself. All in all, I instantly felt my mind expand in ways I cannot put into words. Because of this experience, I am positive that I can walk in to any job that I am qualified for and have my head held high when asked if I can face change and have adaptability”

- Nancy
Modern Languages
We offer coursework and degree plans in eight world languages.
Course Approval Form

• Syllabus
  • Language of instruction
  • Level
  • Credit hours
  • Grading scale

Non-negotiable courses

• SPAN 3305
• SPAN 3315

Study Abroad
French: Paris, France (faculty-led)

- **Earn 6 credit hours**
  - Intermediate: FREN 2314/2314
  - Advanced: FREN 3316/4338
German: Berlin, Germany (faculty-led)

- Earn 6 credit hours
  - Advanced: GERM 3313 and GERM 4321
Russian: Voronezh, Russia (faculty-led)

- **Earn 6 credit hours**
  - Intermediate: RUSS 2301
  - Advanced: RUSS 3304
Spanish: Cuernavaca, Mexico (faculty-led)

- Earn 6 credit hours
  - Intermediate: SPAN 2313/2314
  - Advanced: SPAN 3312, 3313, and/or 4313

See the world from a different perspective: Summer Study Abroad in Cuernavaca, Mexico 2016

Study Abroad
Departmental and UT Arlington Scholarships

• **Bart Lewis Memorial Scholarship**
  - Full-time MODL majors or grad students

• **Tony Litsey Memorial Scholarship**
  - Spanish majors and grad students

• **Betty and Roger Ruch Study Abroad Scholarship** – Liberal Arts majors

• **IEFS Scholarship for Study Abroad**
External Scholarships

- **Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship** for study abroad
- **Boren Awards** for international study of critical languages
- **Fulbright-Hays Moscow-Texas Connection Scholarship**
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**Career Opportunities**
Takeaways & Follow-ups

• What can you take back to your department/students/faculty from today’s session? Ideas for promoting study abroad in your department or streamlining the process for students?

• How can the Study Abroad Office work with you to identify and promote study abroad opportunities that work with your department/degree plans, etc?
Thank you
for your kind attention