

Study Abroad:

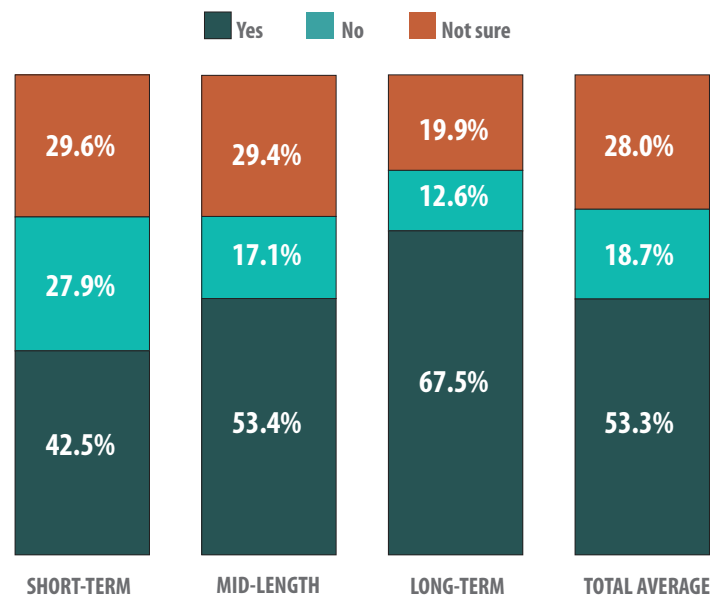
Learning Through Exploration

More than traveling and sightseeing, study abroad is a form of learning that takes place in a different country to learn in an immersive environment. It allows students to integrate learning with new cultural context. Study abroad programs can range from a few weeks to one year and can occur at any time during the academic year.

Did you know?

- ◆ Students who study abroad, in general, experience better grades, more confidence and higher graduation rates ¹
- ◆ 97% of students who study abroad find employment within 12 months of graduation from college. ¹
- ◆ 80% reported that study abroad allowed them to better adapt to diverse work environments. ¹
- ◆ Study abroad programs have an overall positive impact on the development of a wide range of 21st century skills including intercultural skills, interpersonal skills, and leadership. ³
- ◆ 85% of study abroad students reported studying abroad helped them build valuable job market skills. ¹
- ◆ Study abroad opens career pathways and opportunities that had been previously unknown or unconsidered. ¹
- ◆ 25% of study abroad students out earned their peers who did not study abroad by 17%. ¹

Belief study abroad experience contributed to a job offer, by study abroad length ³



Employer Perspectives

60% of employers around the world give extra credit for an international student experience ²

80% of employers actively sought graduates who had studied abroad ²

Workforce Skills in Demand in the 21st Century	Study Abroad Meets 21st Century Workforce Skills ³
◆ Communication	◆ Study abroad experiences develop or improve intercultural skills, curiosity, flexibility & adaptability, confidence, and self-awareness to a significant degree
◆ Course or major-related knowledge	◆ Proficiency in a student's chosen academic major or course content
◆ Flexibility and adaptability	◆ Ability to adjust one's own behavior to changing circumstances and to work in ambiguous environments
◆ Intercultural skills	◆ Ability to understand and respect different cultural contexts and viewpoints
◆ Language skills	◆ Ability to communicate in spoken and written form in a language other than English
◆ Problem-solving skills	◆ Ability to identify and analyze work-related problems
◆ Teamwork	◆ Ability to collaborate with a diverse team



I have traveled to Lima, Peru four times since being at EWU. From traveling, to taking classes at a local university, to working for an NGO, I have done it. I am so drawn to Peru because it has everything to offer. The industries of healthcare, gastronomy, and tourism are forever booming. I have gained so much from each experience that it always leaves me wanting more. I can't wait to see what adventures lie ahead!

EWU Study Abroad Alumnus

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