



How Study Abroad Experiences Relate to Future Careers

In our global economy, having international experience is extremely desirable to employers. It's a unique experience that sets you apart from other candidates! Using transferable skills, you can translate your study abroad experience into skills that you can take with you no matter where you go or where you work.

Examples of transferable skills include:

- Flexibility
- Adaptability
- Initiative/Self Starter
- Problem Solver/Troubleshooter
- Cultural Competency
- Language Skills
- Decision-making
- Innovative

Formatting Your Study Abroad Experience in a Resume:

Highlight your study abroad experience in the **Education** or **International Experience** section. Include the **Name** of institution, **what** your studies were, **City** and **Country** of experience, and **time** you were there (e.g. January 2017 – May 2017)

Sample Format #1:

University of San Francisco

Bachelor of Arts in Communication Studies

- GPA: 3.90
- Minor: Gender and Sexuality Studies
- Education Abroad: Sophia University, Tokyo, Japan, January 2018 – May 2018

San Francisco, CA

May 2019

Sample Format #2:

Universidad Pontificia Comillas

Study Abroad Program

Barcelona, Spain
August 2017 – December 2017

Final Tip: Be prepared to discuss your experiences in an **Interview**, specifically what you *learned* about yourself during that time. Come to the **Career Services Center** to have a Career Counselor review your resume and help you with your cover letter and interviewing skills!

Are you still exploring study abroad opportunities? Check out these [USF programs](#).