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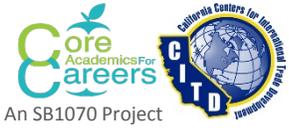
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## Study Abroad

Which program? What country?

### Case Study – Background & Introduction



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Study abroad programs give college students the opportunity to immerse themselves in another culture. As global citizens, we should be interested in how other people live as well as finding commonalities. Some degree programs require students to spend a semester or year in another country. If you are interested in International Business, Communications, Art History, Anthropology, or a number of other majors, study abroad is essential. In some cases, the coursework is presented in English. In others, fluency in the local language is required.

There are several ways to approach study abroad. Read the two examples below:

#### **Maria Perez**

Maria is in her freshman year at San Diego State University. She is working toward a double major in International Business, and Art History. When Maria was in her sophomore year of high school, her family hosted an exchange student, Annika, from Jönköping University (JU) in Sweden, for a year. That student's family has offered to host Maria for a year while she takes classes at JU. Staying with a host family would save her a considerable amount of money.

Maria learned some Swedish from Annika but is not academically proficient. She has researched the majors offered at JU and the school offers courses in International Management. Through her research, she has also learned that the classes in that program are offered in English and that students from around the globe attend JU. Maria needs to discuss her study abroad plan with her Academic Advisor to ensure the credits earned in Sweden will meet the needs of her major.

#### **Calvin Smith**

Calvin has spent his first two years of college at Palomar Community College. He has taken credits designed to transfer to CSU San Marcos where he will major in Political Science. Throughout middle and high school, Calvin studied Spanish. He passed his A.P. Spanish Language test and feels comfortable reading and speaking it.

One reason Calvin plans to transfer to CSU San Marcos is that the Global Studies department offers a year-long Political Science program in Granada, Spain. It is administered by CSU faculty on site, but it is taught in Spanish by Spaniards. The CSUSM Global Studies website recommends the study abroad year be completed as a junior or senior. Calvin is hoping to spend his junior year abroad. He needs to speak with his Academic Advisor to plan his finances.

### Case Study Self-Reflection Questions

On your own, answer the questions below.

1. In what major are you interested?
2. Have you already chosen a college or university?
3. Are you fluent in a second language?
4. In what region of the world or country would you want to study?

Turn to a neighbor and discuss your ideas. Write down each other's ideas.

Share your neighbor's ideas in a class discussion. Write down at least one more person's ideas.

## Research Assignment

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1. Go to <http://www.collegeboard.com>
2. Click on “College Search” at the top of the page. You will now be on the “bigfuture” page.
3. Click on Majors & Learning Environment
4. In the “Majors” section, use the drop-down menu to choose an area of interest.
5. Select “Study Abroad”.
6. In the upper right hand corner, click on “CLOSE AND SEE RESULTS”.



*At this point, you will have too many results.*

*Narrow your choices through use of the other filters on the left side.*

*For example, after selecting “Social Science” and “Business” in the steps above, I chose “Public” under “Type of School” and under “Location”, “200 miles” from my zip code. That leaves two results:*

*CSU San Bernardino and CSU Dominguez Hills.*

*By searching “Study Abroad” on each of the university homepages, I found the information needed to fill in the chart on the next page.*

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- Use the directions above to identify at least two possible schools in your interest area. Use additional pages if needed.
- Once you have found the schools you are interested in, visit CIA – The World Factbook <https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/> for up-to-date information on the countries where you are considering studying. Are there any concerns to be aware of?

	School #1	School #2
<b>School</b>		
<b>Location</b>		
<b>Major(s)</b>		
<b>Study Abroad location(s)</b>		
<b>Cost</b>		
<b>Notes from CIA World Factbook</b>		

## References

<https://www.collegeboard.org/>

<https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/college-search?navid=qh-cs>

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