

Study & Internships Abroad, Summer 2023

Learning Outcomes Report Snapshot

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Presented here are key insights on student learning from the Summer cohort of study abroad students and interns who took part in our learning outcomes assessment.



I've thought a lot about the kinds of structures I want to design and work on as a civil engineer. Scotland has shown me that there is a large market for the upkeep of historical architecture and I've thought about moving to Scotland to pursue building restoration and erosion mitigation.

Stevens Institute of Technology student, Summer in Scotland

Program Learning Outcomes

As a result of this engaged, immersive learning experience (via direct enrollment in an institution overseas combined with participation in the Local Life co-curriculum), students will:

Global/Intercultural Fluency, Equity & Inclusion:

- Have developed a greater understanding and appreciation of their own culture and the varied US-American perspectives that exist.
- Demonstrate an appreciation of, and open-mindedness toward, other cultures.
- Exhibit an awareness of, and sensitivity toward, the issues that confront the local community and their global influence.
- Display an understanding of values, beliefs, traditions, and perspectives different from their own.
- Be more likely to regularly take into account diversity and cultural differences.

Career Management:

- Have explored and examined their career goals.
- Have developed and/or strengthened their career readiness competencies.

Leadership:

- Be able to approach life with a high degree of adaptability, independence, and self-confidence
- Demonstrate the ability to think critically, solve complex problems, and cope effectively with ambiguous and unfamiliar situations.
- Actively seek out new, challenging experiences.

How the learning was measured

Students were asked to respond to a series of statements that pertained to their learning given the various aspects of their study abroad program. Using a five point Likert scale (1 = strongly disagree; 5 = strongly agree), students selected the number that best corresponded with how likely they would be to agree with each statement as a result of their study abroad experience. Examples to support students' evaluation of their learning were requested for select statements.

Personal Learning: 4.6/5



My sense of personal independence and self confidence has increased.



I am more likely to seek out new, challenging experiences.



I can explain how my own identity, values, beliefs, and culture influence my interactions with others



I am more readily able to adapt to new and different situations and environments.



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As a marketing major, I was able to experience how different Japanese people market products and businesses. From packaging to billboards, the colors, characters, and design was all different from the US. In Japan, a big part of culture is "moe" which includes cute characters, animals, bright colors, and small "cute" designs. This was apparent in branding and marketing of business.

University of Miami student Summer in Tokyo - J.F. Oberlin University

Professional Learning: 4.3/5



My overseas experience prompted me to think critically about my future career goals.



My ability to think critically and solve problems has increased.



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Cultural Learning: 4.4/5

- I have reflected on and developed a greater understanding and appreciation of my own culture(s).
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- I have developed a greater understanding and appreciation of other cultures.
- I have a better understanding of the values, beliefs, traditions, and perspectives of individuals who are different from me.
 - I will be more likely to take into account diversity and cultural differences in my daily life.



I have been walking to class on my own & being able to navigate, explore, and just spending time with myself has allowed me to grow tremendously in the independence and self-confidence departments as well as helped me become more culturally immersed!

Bellarmine University student Summer in London -University of Westminster



Studying overseas has opened my eyes to new workplace cultures and schools abroad. Now I am thinking about all the job opportunities not just in the US.

University of California, Davis student Intern in Barcelona

Academic Learning: 4.2/5

- I can effectively explain to others how my major and/or minor can be understood from a global perspective.
- My ability to understand the ways in which culture affects communication has improved.
- Thinking about what I learned through this experience and how it applies to the real world, I feel confident that I can effectively explain the implications of global problems, trends, or systems to others.

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