



# CLAYTON STATE UNIVERSITY



*Study Abroad*



## WHY STUDY ABROAD?

From a wide selection of course offerings, education abroad can maximize your Clayton State degree by opening your eyes to fresh perspectives, differing ways of living, and new professional opportunities. Why is this important?

Our world continues to become increasingly interconnected with employers seeking graduates who have cross-cultural competence, real-world application, and transferable skills. We want to prepare you for the globally competitive world that awaits you after graduation. Clayton State students who study abroad gain abundant life skills, preparing them for continued education, and employment opportunities.



## DID YOU KNOW?

**59%** of hiring managers and CEOs surveyed said they

*"value an international study abroad experience."*



**80%** of students reported the experience as **beneficial for their future** career plans.

**90%** of study abroad alumni got their first job **within six months** of graduation.

**\$7,000** average starting **salary difference** between those who studied abroad and those who did not.

"What Statistics Show about Study Abroad Students," Study Abroad, University of California Merced, <https://studyabroad.ucmerced.edu/study-abroad-statistics/statistics-study-abroad>

## HOW DOES STUDYING ABROAD BENEFIT YOU?

Think of education abroad as an investment for your future. When approached with intention, you can maximize a global experience to benefit you academically, professionally, and personally.

Students who study abroad can become more culturally sensitive and self-confident. These skills help you build relationships, communicate, and network professionally. By broadening your understanding of your discipline, you also open yourself up to more social mobility and new job markets. Are you uncomfortable with the idea of moving to another state for that dream job after graduation? After living independently in another country, that prospect will now seem exciting and less daunting.

Employers also recognize that definite competencies come with a study abroad experience. They associate desirable skills with education abroad, such as adaptability, confidence, the ability to work with a team, global perspective, resilience, and leadership qualities—to name a few. Does that mean the act of studying abroad will automatically grant you these traits? Of course not. However, education abroad can set you up to enhance key skills and gain relevant life experience that employers are looking for in their newest hire.

Research shows that those who study abroad do better academically after their experience, compared to those who have not studied abroad.

## ADDITIONALLY, RESEARCH SHOWS THAT STUDYING ABROAD CAN HELP YOU:

- Understand the complexity of global issues
- Apply disciplinary knowledge in a global context
- Enhance intercultural awareness and work with culturally diverse people
- Become more adaptable and open-minded
- Be comfortable with ambiguity
- Increase your independence and self-reliance
- Have greater self-confidence





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