



MARKET YOUR STUDY ABROAD EXPERIENCE!!!

Did you know that your study abroad experience has enormous value to prospective employers and to graduate admissions committees? It's exactly the type of experience that distinguishes you from the competition and that strengthens your candidacy!!!

Certainly study abroad is a personally enriching experience! Integrating yourself into a new culture. Meeting new people. Eating new foods. Studying in a different educational system. Perhaps traveling. What you take away from your study abroad experience can also enrich your ability to contribute as an employee and as an advanced student.

You may never travel for work or study outside the country again. Even so, employers want to hire employees and graduate programs want to admit candidates who:

- have a more global understanding of the world
- can understand issues from multiple perspectives
- are curious about and sensitive to difference/diversity
- can step outside their comfort zone
- can make effective transitions into new environments
- can work independently to solve problems

Do these sound like the kinds of challenges you navigated and skills you developed as part of your study abroad experience?

Once a prospective employer or graduate admissions committee is confident that you have the skills and knowledge base to succeed on the job or in the classroom, they will also want to know what else it is you bring as a professional, as a learner, as an alum ...

But it's not enough to simply have the study abroad experience. You need to know how to talk about that experience in ways that are meaningful to prospective employers and admissions committees. They can then understand how your study abroad experience will enable you to contribute and to excel in the office or in the classroom.

The Career Development Center can help you draw from your study abroad experience as you:

- Develop your resume
- Write a compelling cover letter
- Tell your story in a personal statement or interview

Call us at 401-456-8031 or stop by Craig-Lee 054 to schedule an appointment with one of our counselors.