



Promoting Education Abroad

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Overview

My project includes my overall experience while sitting at the study abroad booth in ADUC each week for 8.5 hours. During that time I was able to send emails to students who signed the paper including their name, email, country of interest, and also their major. This allowed me to connect them with the correct faculty that could help a great deal with a particular program and give them further detailed information. I also had other students walk up while I was sitting at the booth allowing me to talk with them one on one about what is offered as far as study abroad programs and the different countries available to visit.

Skills Developed as a Result of Studying Abroad:

- * Develop Leadership Skills
- * Enhance Academic Learning
- * Experience Personal Growth
- * Enhance Global Awareness
- * Learn another Language

Facts

90% of the students who had studied abroad got into their 1st or 2nd choice of grad school, and for those who are more interested in finding a job – you are twice as likely to find a job within 10 months. [\(2012 IES Abroad Recent Graduate Study\)](#).

Around 80% also found they had learned valuable skills during their time abroad and that the experience helped them better adapt to diverse working environments [AIFS Study Abroad Outcome](#).



Personal Experience

Participating in this internship through International Studies promoting study abroad to students like myself played an important part in my overall education at Morehead State University because it broadened my perspective on study abroad options at MSU and how studying in a foreign country is important for each individual student no matter what their major may be.



Surveys by the University of California Merced, International Education of Students IES, and Inside Higher Education show that study-abroad alumni **achieve higher GPAs, graduate at higher rates, receive more job offers, and make higher starting salaries** compared to students who do not study abroad.

Recent studies by the University of Florida, Singapore Management University, and the European Institute for Business Administration (INSEAD) have shown that students who study abroad **perform better in flexibility, creativity, and complex thinking.**

Benefits of Study Abroad

- 94%** put their study-abroad experience **ON THEIR RESUME**
- 83%** believe the skills acquired abroad helped their resume **STAND OUT**
- 75%** said their time studying abroad influenced their **CAREER PATH**
- 85%** have used their study-abroad experience as a talking point **DURING AN INTERVIEW**
- 60%** of those currently employed **FOUND A JOB WITHIN 3 MONTHS** after graduation
- 70%** of those currently employed are in a position where they **MANAGE OTHERS**

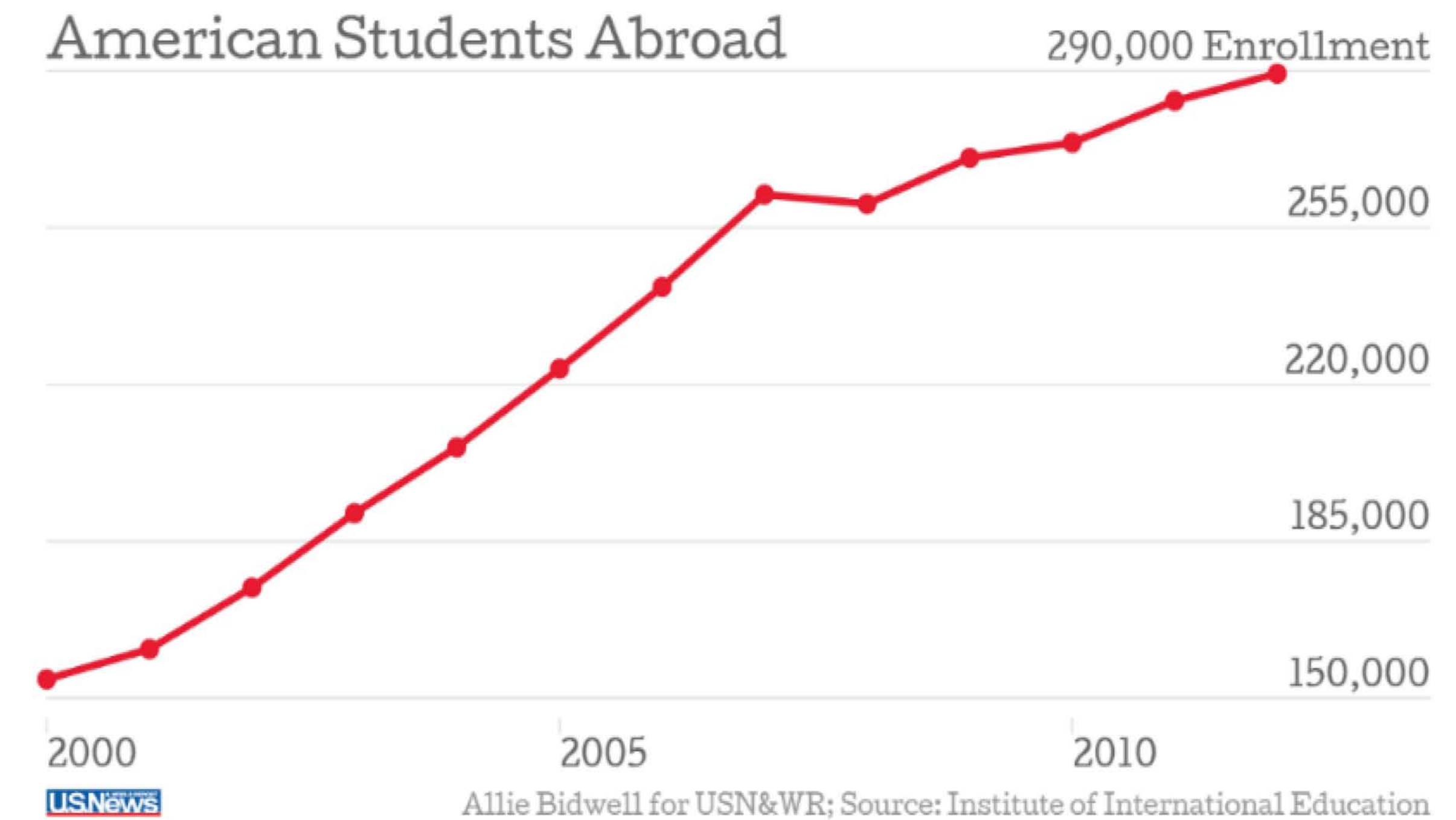
StudentUniverse also found that studying abroad isn't just about setting yourself up for a successful future. It's also about the connections you make and the lessons you learn that have a lasting impact on your personal life.

- 97%** said studying abroad helped their **SELF CONFIDENCE**
- 99%** said it helped them better understand their **STRENGTHS and WEAKNESSES**
- 96%** said they would do the same exact experience **AGAIN**
- 96%** said they are still in contact with **PEOPLE THEY MET** while abroad

Traveling Abroad

• Traveling to a foreign country intimidates some students. Going abroad can be scary when unsure of the local language, customs, and geography. This is why Study Abroad is the best option for first time travelers or even continuous travelers because there is a support system readily available to help the student at any given time. Studying at a university outside of the United States gives the student an experience that could never be obtained any place else. Being immersed into a culture different than ones own is the best education a student can receive outside of the classroom.

American Students Abroad



"The world is a book and those who do not travel read only one page."

St. Augustine

