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ACADEMIC MOBILITY AS A HUGE OPPORTUNITY FOR UKRAINIAN STUDENTS

Академічна мобільність як величезна можливість для українських студентів

Rapid implementation of modern technologies, expanding of the information space and development of the channels of communication demand perfect knowledge about the functioning of the world community from the Ukrainian students. As we know, education in Ukraine quite often does not live up the expectations of young ambitious people, but not everyone can afford to study abroad. Do we have a solution of this problem? Of course, we do, because today every well-educated and diligent student has a chance to use at least one of the academic mobility programs.

First of all, we must define the concept «academic mobility». Academic mobility – moving someone pertaining to education for a certain (usually up to one year) period to another educational institution (in the home country or abroad) for studying, teaching or research. [1] So, being a participant of such a program could give you a valuable experience of studying abroad. For Ukrainian students in particular, it is useful to visit a foreign country for many reasons. Firstly, overseas colleagues could help them to find a job abroad. Secondly, Ukrainian students will have a great opportunity to advance a language level. Thirdly, this option is perfect for those young people, who want to be the most competitive in the labor market. Employers will not be able to refuse a person with acquired professional skills, advanced knowledge of several foreign languages, double diploma and most importantly – wide outlook. That is why a student exchange program can help anyone to become a competitive specialist. Today academic mobility of students in the world has systematic nature, organized at the level of state policy; in Ukraine, unfortunately, it is individual and spontaneous phenomenon. [2] It is connected with economic and cultural problems in the development of our country. However, many Ukrainian students, returning to their motherland, use the knowledge they have got abroad to elevate Ukraine's prestige on the international stage. Here we have an another possibility for a young person - to live and work in the native country. In addition to intellectual abilities, you will gain new character traits, such as psychological firmness, sociability, self-confidence, flexibility and so on.

But any serious investment in successful future demands hard work and sacrifice. What does it mean? In order to participate in the program, you need to be a full-time student, have "good" and "excellent" grades and apply for competitive

selection of students for academic mobility programs.[3] So, before going abroad you are to practice and improve your language skills, learn a lot of information and facts about the country you will study in and deepen your knowledge on the chosen specialty. In addition, it is important to know the laws, traditions and culture of the country. All this must be taken into account in order to feel more confident abroad, to know your duties and rights. Moreover, you should master the program of the host institution, pass the session, after which you will receive an academic certificate with grades on the subjects you have passed. [4] The thought of the complexity of all of the above may disappoint and doubt many students. But those who do not consider all the difficulties, thinking only about the prospects after graduation, eventually win. As a result, these people are considered upper-class specialists. That's why, they are paid higher salaries, have decent living and working conditions.

So, academic mobility is a choice of visionary young people who want to be truly competitive and intellectually advanced after getting a degree. For them, a diploma is not just a piece of paper, but an important document that attests to their professionalism and experience. For Ukrainian students, such an opportunity could be a chance for a happy life and career both in Ukraine and abroad.

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