

Do you want to know how to get ahead in the job market?



Students work on a field research project in Dominica

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The Job Market

The work environment is more globalized than ever. A firm expects its employees to effectively interact with co-workers and clients from different cultural backgrounds. As a consequence, the more international experience you have, the more competitive you will be in the job market. While former students agree in the quotes below, the Study Abroad Program has new data to show that recent graduates have measurable benefits in the job market. Read on for more details!

"In the global nature of our business, we cannot be successful without people who can spend at least a portion of their career living and working outside of their home country. Leaders of tomorrow will have to demonstrate leadership and managerial success in the global environment."

Rick Younts '67

Ret. Senior Advisor, Asia Pacific Affairs
Motorola, Inc

"We have employed nearly 20 Texas A&M interns at our overseas plants in recent years. Several told me that they secured good jobs after graduation because of this international experience."

Michael O'Brien '54

Vice President and General Manager
Amkor Electronics, Inc.

"Business has become global. One must experience another culture to understand and be aware of the importance of familiarizing ourselves to others ways. An international experience will help us understand what is required and what one needs to live in a global society. Most organizations that employ require that one experience other cultures and an international experience is a great way to start your global education."

Pablo Marvin '66

Real Estate Manager and Developer

The Impact of Study Abroad on your success

An annual survey of graduating students conducted by Texas A&M Measurement and Research Services, found that graduating students who had an international experience have an edge on the number of job offers and have higher starting salaries than those who did not have an international experience. The survey also found that Texas A&M students who have international experience, on average, report higher gains in the following areas during their college education than those who do not have an international experience: general education; enjoyment of art, music and drama; acquaintance with literature; understanding history; knowledge about the world; awareness of different philosophies; and learning on their own.



Students visit the Marksburg Castle as they learn about the history and culture of Germany, where they are studying psychology



The South Africa Nature Tourism trip helps students understand wildlife ecology and management.

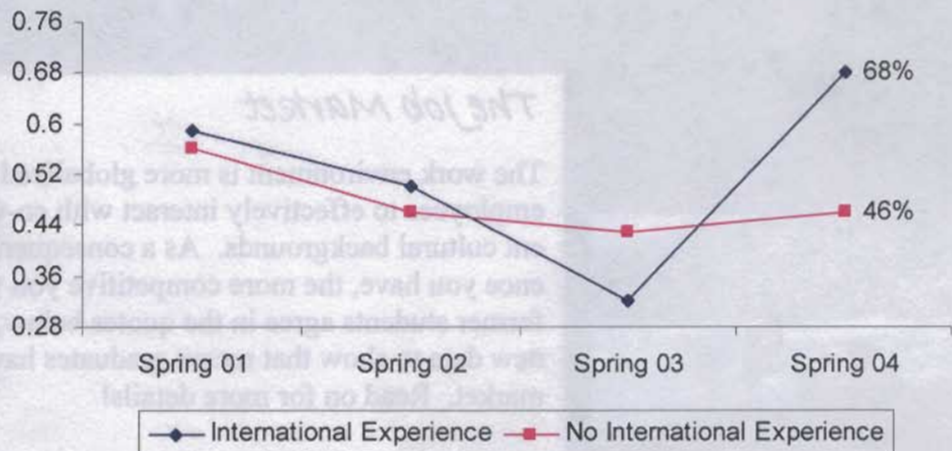


For Architecture students, sketching is a critical job skill. These students are at the Brighton Pavilion on a trip to the United Kingdom.



Students participate in a cooking class in Costa Rica

Percentage of Respondents Receiving a Job Offer Texas A&M Annual Survey of Graduating Students



"Living and working in Ecuador gave me a new perspective on life before entering the "real world". Having the chance to experience a wide variety of people in a different culture opened my eyes to the global opportunities available to young people."

Amanda Thompson

2004 Participant in the Academy for Future International Leaders

"The next generation of professionals will live and work in a global community, and those who are not exposed to international experiences during their education will not be able to compete with others in their own country and around the world."

Dr. Hilmar Zeissig

President

Houston International Business Corp.

"International experience enables people to have a better understanding of culture, demographics, economics, languages, history, political systems, arts, music, business and more. Working international opens up opportunities due to increased awareness and perspectives."

Lane Rees '73

President

Human Resource Solutions, Inc.