



# How To Choose A University Abroad

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**WHY STUDY ABROAD?**

**Why you **really** should  
study abroad?**



## WHY STUDY ABROAD – PERSONAL REASONS

“ I was the shyest, least confident girl ever, and I have grown so much, and become someone I really do not feel like I would have if I had stayed in England and gone to university there. ”

**Keren Hewett**



“ [T]he key to studying abroad... [is] being prepared to meet and interact with different cultures so you can appreciate and embrace them. This will lead to you being able to make the most of your experience and learn things you never thought you would. This is the true value that a university abroad offers, a new perspective of the world. ”

**Etain Dobson**



## WHY STUDY ABROAD – PROFESSIONAL REASONS



“The best students have one thing in common. They love learning with – and more importantly from – each other. At [Google], we refer to this new type of talent as having **cultural intelligence**.”

Shuvo Saha  
Director of Google’s Digital Academy

“ Cultural Intelligence (CQ) is about having a thirst to learn from **people who are not like you**. ”



# WHY STUDY ABROAD – PROFESSIONAL REASONS

Without languages you will be **left behind.**



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% of people aged 15 - 30 who say they can read & write in at least one foreign language:

|   |   |
|---|---|
|  32%   |  92% |
|  71%   |  92% |
|  75%   |  93% |
|  77%   |  94% |
|  79%   |  95% |
|  81%   |  95% |
|  83%   |  96% |
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 Eurobarometer 2018

Even in an English-speaking country,  
the job market  
isn't only English-speaking!



**What is the single  
most important  
consideration when  
thinking about where  
to study abroad?**



## WHY STUDY ABROAD – YOUR CHOICE OF SUBJECT

Which **subject** do you want to study at university?

- Over **4,000** courses taught entirely in English at European and Asian universities.

The screenshot shows the AstarFuture website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links: STUDENTS, PARENTS, ADVISORS, SUBJECTS, COUNTRIES, WHAT TO STUDY, and NEED HELP. The main header features the AstarFuture logo and the text "Study Engineering in The Netherlands". Below this, it says "search among 3551 undergraduate courses taught in English". A search bar with a magnifying glass icon and the placeholder text "Enter course name, subject, university or country" is visible. The background of the website is a scenic view of a canal in the Netherlands, with historic buildings and a bridge.





## WHAT TO STUDY - BUSINESS

“ Doing a course called International Business Management, **it makes sense to do it in another country.** I say you just need to get up and go, if it feels like a strange concept you really will fit in when you start your course over here.”

**Archie Buse**







# WHAT TO STUDY - BUSINESS

Business is offered **everywhere** in English, but where is the best?



UNIVERSITÀ  
CATTOLICA  
del Sacro Cuore



Hanze  
University of Applied Sciences  
Groningen



**AMSIB**  
Amsterdam School of  
International Business



Prague College

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# WHAT TO STUDY – INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Want to **change the world**? Start by stepping out of your comfort zone.



## Bachelor in International Development Management

- Rural development management
- Disaster risk management
- Sustainable value chains

“ I am really interested in sustainable fashion production... [M]y internship [in Bolivia] was working for an ethical manufacturer of knit and crochet work... This really inspires me to work to my best. ”

**Ella Peters**



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## WHAT TO STUDY – ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES

Did you know: London's climate will feel like Barcelona **by 2050?**



### Bachelor in Environmental Science for Sustainable Energy and Technology (ESSET)

- Work placement
- Environmental Consultancy  
Specialisation in 3<sup>rd</sup> year
- Small groups

“ I wanted to study in a more project-based, hands-on way which better prepares you for the working environment.”

**Django Milner Vaas**



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# WHAT TO STUDY - PSYCHOLOGY

Not as much choice, but still some **good options!**



## BSc in Psychology (3 years)

- Small class of 15 students
- Strong emphasis on research



## Bachelor in Psychology (4 years)

- Case studies and simulation training
- 600 hours of clinical practice



**Ritwik Swain**





## WHAT TO STUDY - TEACHING

What if you want to teach at **an international school**?



**NHL  
STENDEN**  
university of  
applied sciences

### Bachelor in International Teacher Education for Primary Schools (ITEPS)

- First in the world!
- Teaching experience at bilingual schools in Holland and Norway

“ I would recommend my course to people who are genuinely interested in pursuing a teaching career and are willing to travel far distances for many weeks at a time.”

**Ellen Wilson**





## WHAT TO STUDY – GAME DESIGN

The best universities for game design are **abroad!**



**BSc in Computer Science  
in Real-Time Interactive  
Simulation (4 years)**

**BFA in Digital Art and  
Animation (4 years)**



**Bachelor of International  
Game and Architecture  
Design (4 years)**



## WHERE TO STUDY – PERFORMING ARTS

You can find **everything** somewhere!

**ialb** Institute of the Arts  
Barcelona

- Specialist performing arts college in Sitges, Spain
- Full student services and in-house physio counselling



**You can train in:**

- Dance
- Commercial Dance
- Musical theatre
- Popular Music
- Acting





# WHAT TO STUDY – MEDICINE, VET MEDICINE AND DENTISTRY

Sometimes, studying abroad might be your **Plan B!**

## Medicine



UNIVERSITÀ  
CATTOLICA  
del Sacro Cuore

**HU**  
HUMANITAS  
UNIVERSITY



Sveučilište u Rijeci  
University of Rijeka

## Veterinary Medicine



University of Zagreb

## Dentistry



Universidad  
Católica  
de Valencia  
San Vicente Mártir





# WHERE TO STUDY – A DIFFERENT EDUCATIONAL MODEL

But some universities **don't teach subjects!**

Liberal Arts offers **breadth of education**. Great if you are not sure what you want to study or find UK degrees too narrow.





## WHERE TO STUDY – TRY FOR A WHILE

Gap year in the USA – **get a taste of US education**

### Green River Gap Year:

- 3, 6 or 9 months
- Earn university credits
- On-campus dormitories
- Combine academic studies with travelling and volunteering



“ My [Green River] gap year experience was everything I thought it would be and more... [T]o be able to study different classes to figure out what I want to do and what I enjoy in my life was a really good experience for me! ”

**Maria Johansson**

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## WHERE TO STUDY – TRY FOR A WHILE

“Would I like living abroad?” You never know until you **try**.



“ I had taken two years out of school [travelling around South East Asia] before deciding to move to the Netherlands... [H]aving this break made me passionate to learn and live abroad. It also gave me a chance to work in the real world gaining experience that was very useful for my course. ”

**Sophie Bray**

“ I chose to study abroad because I had travelled around Europe twice using the interailling programme this year, and I discovered a newfound love for central Europe. I came back from my travels, intending to go to university in England but changed my mind a week before and set my sails towards Prague College. ”

**Archie Buse**





**Now that you have  
found the right  
course, what else do  
you need to know?**





# HOW TO CHOOSE – GLOBAL NETWORK



Universit   
Bocconi  
MILANO

Good universities  
partner with  
good universities.



SciencesPo.



THE UNIVERSITY OF  
SYDNEY



NUS  
National University  
of Singapore



a partnership of



USC University of  
Southern California



THE HONG KONG UNIVERSITY OF  
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY



Universit   
Bocconi  
MILANO



## HOW TO CHOOSE – OPEN DAYS



**As seen on Netflix**

- Campus tour with the admission team
- Application workshops

“ Since visiting the open day, I just knew that Van Hall Larenstein was for me and from then I felt very satisfied with my decision to study [there]. I would encourage students to visit the open day if they have the opportunity. ”

**Ella Peters**



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## WHERE TO STUDY – ACADEMIC CONSIDERATIONS

“ It is a very practical-based teaching style. My oldest sister studied [the same subject] in the UK and envies that **her course didn't offer what my university does.**”

**Lucy Carveth-Johnson**



“ What surprised me most was the **amount of study early on.** In the UK I feel you don't have to do much at all in the first year, but here it is the most important. ”

**Joey Richardson**



**What about the  
practical implications  
of going to university  
abroad?**



# THE PRACTICALITIES – RECOGNITION OF DEGREES

Will your degree be **recognised**?



**THE HAGUE**  
UNIVERSITY OF  
APPLIED SCIENCES

  
Prague College





# THE PRACTICALITIES – GRADES AND SUBJECTS

What **grades** and **subjects** will you need?

Easier to get in?

Maybe...



... but not easy!



## THE PRACTICALITIES – HOW TO APPLY



THE COMMON  
APPLICATION



Usually you can  
apply **directly!**

Deadlines are often  
**later** than in the UK.



# THE PRACTICALITIES – THE FINANCIAL REALITY!

Is it **cheaper** to study abroad?

**YES**

Fees can be **lower**.



**NO**

Loans are **harder** to get.

**SCHOLARSHIPS**

What do **you** have  
to offer?





**RIGHT THING FOR YOU**

# Is this the **right choice** for you?



“ I always ask myself 'why stay here if there is a whole world of opportunities out there to explore'. Moving abroad is the right step in the right direction for those students who aim to have a successful **international future**. ”

**Vincent Hendricks**



**Bournemouth**



**Milan**



**Amsterdam**

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**Any Questions?**

