

Studying Abroad: Things to Know Before You Go

Students on their experience on being abroad

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Studying abroad is often described as a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity you will remember forever. By immersing yourself in diverse cultures, learning experiences, and experiencing personal growth, studying abroad offers you a life-changing experience you will not want to pass on.

Lynn University encourages students to study abroad while the opportunity is still available. The programs are offered short term, semester and year long worldwide, students can branch off in different parts of the world while also completing academic courses that can be applied towards the student's degree.

When studying abroad, preparation is key to making the most of your trip. “Something I wish I had been aware of before arriving in Florence would’ve been more about our living situation.” Said Jaysiah Martinez, senior at Lynn University. “We had other roommates that we were unaware of from other schools. We got along fine, but prior knowledge would have been better.”

For many students study abroad has given them the chance to step out of their comfort zone and experience the world from a whole new perspective.

The exciting and fun parts of studying abroad also come with challenges. “A challenge many of my friends and I faced was how hard it can be speaking to friends and family back in the US.” Said Sal Esposito senior at Lynn University. “With the time difference, it was difficult and requires a good amount of effort, so it's important to be prepared for that.”

Students mention that time goes by quickly and how it is important to appreciate the experiences while you have them.

Students who have returned from abroad reflect on how valuable each moment was. “Just do it,” said Hayden Kelley, senior at Lynn University. “I can wholeheartedly say that it was the best trip of my life and jump-started my favorite summer ever. I made lifelong friends and unforgettable memories that I’ll never forget. I was hesitant too, I wanted to be with my friends and family all summer but the six-week program was the perfect medium for me to have time abroad and time at home, I definitely do not regret my decision.”

If you're unsure about studying abroad, ask some students who have experienced it firsthand. Taking the chance is worthwhile. The memories and experiences you make will last a lifetime.