

# A Look at the Evolving World of Study Abroad

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# Today's Topics

- Why should a student travel?
- Types of international travel opportunities
- Finding the right program fit for your student
- Study abroad myths



# Why should a student travel?

- Differentiate yourself
- Gain cultural competencies
  - e.g. value diversity, self-assessment, adaptability, cultural knowledge, understand cultural context
- Every field has international implications
- Language learning
- Independence
- Learn academic discipline from a new perspective
- Meet new people

# International Degree

- Enrolling in a degree program in another country
- Undergraduate and graduate options
- Things to consider:
  - Expenses
  - Goals post degree
  - Local connections
  - College “culture”
  - Work ability



# International Travel (no credit)

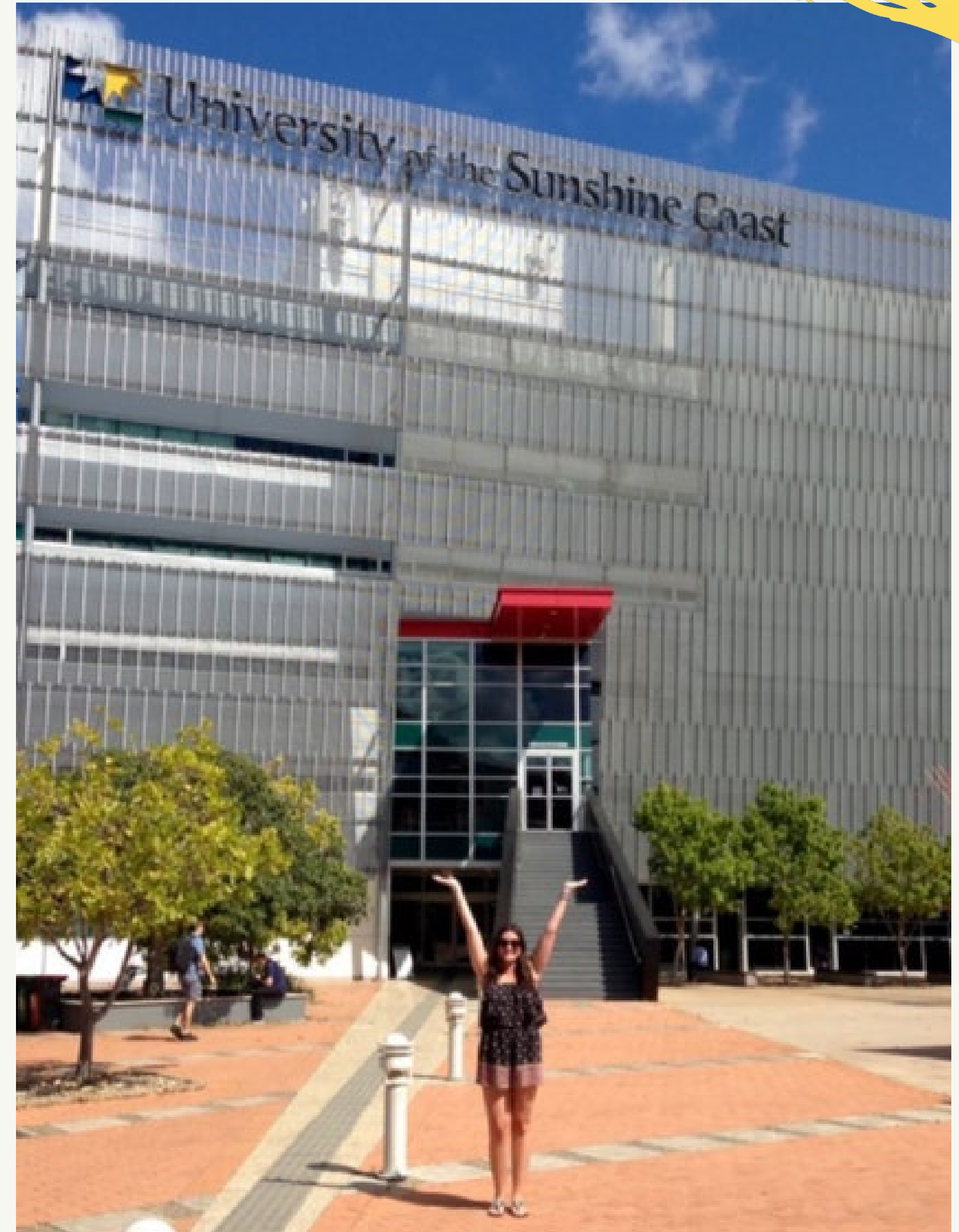
## Examples:

- High school trips
- Exchange programs (AFS)
- Service/ Alternative spring break
- Gap Year (no college credit)
- Non-credit Internships
- Language study
- Summer camps
- Post Graduate Options
  - Peace Corps
  - Fulbright
  - Teaching English Abroad
    - ❖ Fulbright ETA
    - ❖ JET



# Study Abroad (earn college credit)

- For-credit international study
- International credits transferred to a U.S. institution
- Examples:
  - Semester study abroad
  - Faculty-led study abroad
  - Short-term study abroad
    - Summer
    - J-term
  - For-credit internships
  - Service-learning
  - International research for credit
  - Deferred admission abroad
  - Gap Year (for credit)
    - Verto Education



# Finding the right program fit

## GENERAL

- Know your student
- What are the student's goals?
- When to go?
- Type of experience
- Credit or no credit?
- Finances
- Get a passport
- Housing
- Safety



# Finding the right program fit

## STUDY ABROAD

- Plan early
- How will it fit into the academic plan?
- Any special programs for field of study?
- Finances- Is financial aid portable?
- Consider the “study abroad culture” at the U.S. institution
- Investigate the credit transfer policy
- Program Format:
  - Third party providers (API, AIFS, USAC)
  - Direct Exchange
  - International campuses
  - Direct enroll





# Study Abroad Myths

- “MY MAJOR ISN’T INTERNATIONAL, SO I CAN’T STUDY ABROAD.”
- “STUDY ABROAD IS TOO EXPENSIVE.”
- “I CAN’T STUDY ABROAD AS A FRESHMAN.”
- “YOU HAVE TO SPEAK A FOREIGN LANGUAGE.”
- “STUDY ABROAD IS JUST VACATION.”
- “I’LL BE ALL ALONE!”
- “I CAN’T FIT STUDY ABROAD INTO MY COURSE SCHEDULE.”



# Thank you

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