# Study Abroad Re-Entry Programs: Exploring Reflection & Professional Development

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## Goals of Returned Student Events

Reflection on experience

Complete experiential learning cycle

Connections to others with similar experience

**Connections to resources** 

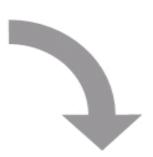
Maximizing value & professional development

## Experiential Learning Cycle

Experiential Learning Cycles



Concrete Experience
Facts (What Happened?)
Theory of Action



### Apply

Active Experimentation
Futures (What Will I Do?)
Implement Revised Theory

#### Reflect

Reflective Observation Feelings (What Did I Experience?) Assess Behavior & Consequences



### Conceptualize

Abstract Conceptualization
Findings (Why Did
This Happen?)
Revise Theory

- 1. David Kolb
- 2. Roger Greenaway
- 3. Chris Argyris & Donald Schön

compiled by Andrea Corney

www.edbatista.com/2007/10/experiential.html



#### Goals of CSU Returned Student Dinner

Celebrate students' accomplishment



Student focused & discussion driven

Facilitate reflection of common challenges for returned students

Focus on positive outcomes

## Overview of Event

Discuss
experience &
feeling since
return

Evaluate change of views & challenges in that

Share newly acquired skills

# K-State Professional Development Workshop

- Recognition of Skills worksheet
- Resume & Cover Letter Information
- Talking about International Experiences in a Professional Way

# DESCRIBING YOUR INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE ON YOUR RESUME

**Example: Semester / Summer Study Abroad** 

#### **EDUCATION**

Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS

B. S. in Business Administration

Major: Accounting

May 2012

University of Valladolid, Valladolid, Spain

Study Abroad

Intensive Spanish language courses

Summer 2011

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**Example: Faculty-led study tour** 

#### **EXPERIENCE**

**Agriculture Study Tour** 

June 2011

- Participated in faculty-led study tour of Brazil with 12 other K-State students
- Gained knowledge of Brazilian agribusiness including ethanol, cattle feeding and soybean production
- Enhanced intercultural awareness by conversing with students at local university

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INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE Study Abroad

Summer 2011

University of Valladolid, Valladolid, Spain

- Enhanced intercultural awareness by living with local host family and by interacting with students from over 20 countries during intensive summer Spanish language program
- Developed strong skills in self-reliance and adaptability, gained through independently planning and participating in short trips throughout Europe

# Talking About International Experiences in a Professional Way

- Practice
- Highlight skills obtained abroad
- Educate the Interviewer
- Real World examples

## How do we get students to show up?



# Questions for the Presenters



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