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RUBIES, EMERALDS AND SAPPHIRES: ADVISING & OUTREACH FOR UNDERREPRESENTED STUDENTS

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WHY DO WE CARE?

Definition of diversity related to study abroad:

- LGBTQ
 - Ethnicity
 - Learning & Physical Disabilities
 - Age
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- Not enough minority students study abroad!
 - Simon Study Abroad Act: “Ensure diversity in student participation in study abroad”





Study Abroad Numbers

- IIE Open Doors report, 2006/2007 Academic year
- 241,791 students studied abroad.
- 65.5% Female
- 83% Caucasian

- 1996/1997 Academic year
- 99,448 students studied abroad
- 64.9% Female
- 83.9% Caucasian

Overall College Enrollment Numbers

- 2006 US Census College Enrollment numbers
- Total enrollment: 17,232,000
- 56.4% Female
- 77% Caucasian

- 1996 US Census College Enrollment numbers
- Total enrollment: 14,300,000
- 55.5% Female
- 80.65% Caucasian





FACTS AND NUMBERS

	Total Students	Male	Female	White	Hispanic/Latino	Black/ African-American	Asian/ Pacific Islander	American Indian	Multi-racial	Do Not Know
Univ. of Arkansas	637	44%	56%	93%	2%	0.90%	3%	0.60%	0%	0.50%
UTSA	220	38%	62%	29%	37%	3%	5%	0%	4%	22%
Univ. of Tulsa	167	37%	63%	70%	5%	2%	5%	1%	0%	18%





BARRIERS TO STUDY ABROAD

- financial
- family/friends environment
- duration of program
- other commitments on campus
- physical limitations on study abroad programs
- unsupported academic environment
- benefits of study abroad not clearly conveyed
- fear of unknown
- perceptions of mistreatment abroad/prejudice
- employment/family/etc. responsibilities





HOW DOES YOUR IDENTITY AFFECT ADVISING?





OUTREACH

Funding, Funding, Funding...

Scholarships (university specific, national competitions, program providers)

- International Education Fund (UTSA)
- Gilman
- DiversityAbroad.com
- Location-specific (i.e. Bridging Scholarship for study in Japan)
- Compile sources in one area on web (UA-scholarships for underrepresented students, TU Diversity Scholarships)

Financial Aid

- What applies? increase cost of attendance. eligible for more/new aid?
- University specific, but worth creating good relations with Financial Aid office





OUTREACH

Breaking down stereotypes/preconceived ideas

- different program options available
- not just for young, white females

Collaborating with other Campus Offices

- Multi-Cultural Center (UA and TU)
- Career Development Center (UA)
- Housing (UTSA)
- United Campus Ministry (TU)
- Disabilities Services





OUTREACH

- Marketing Materials
- Website design (UA and Tulsa)
- Fairs/Targeted Group Meetings (UA)
- Food events (UTSA)
- Photos/Essays (UA and Tulsa)

- What kind of photos does your campus use to promote study abroad? Look at diversity aspects when choosing.





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STUDENTS >> RETURNEEES >> PHOTO CONTEST

- Getting Started/Before You Go Abroad
- While You're Abroad
- Returnees
- Exchange Students

Diversity Abroad

Today's employers are looking for globally competent employees, who can understand different cultures and perspectives and are able to function in a fast changing world. Many of these abilities are developed during a study abroad experience. EVERYONE, no matter race, gender, sexual orientation, level of income, and so on, should be able to have this life changing experience!

Financing your Study Abroad

- [Study Abroad Diversity Scholarships](#)
- [Program Provider Scholarships](#)
- [Study Abroad and Loans](#)

Resources

- [Resources for Racial Minority Students](#)
- [Resources for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgendered Students](#)
- [Resources for Women](#)
- [Resources for Students with Disabilities](#)

- Alumni
 - ▶ Passports and Visas
 - ▶ Paying for Your Program
 - ▶ Registration and Transfer Credit
 - ▶ Health and Safety
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Prepare to Go Abroad

Cultural Adjustment | Preparing Yourself for a New Culture | Dating and Socializing Safely | T

Diversity in Study Abroad | Traveling with a Disability

Adjusting to Life Abroad

Diversity in Study Abroad

Not to my surprise, there weren't too many African Americans that roamed the street of Athens. Being one of the only African Americans in a foreign country can be quite intimidating, but I didn't let that hinder my experiences in Greece. I took the same approach that I would normally take in America by simply talking to the locals. Holding conversations with Greeks while on the bus, train, or the beach would allow me to understand Greeks better and for the Greeks to understand me better. We often talked about sports, foreign relations, and politics. The Greeks were just as much interested in getting to know me.

On one particular occasion while riding the tram, a very elderly lady felt the sudden need to pull on my clothes to grab my attention. When I looked at her, all she said to me in a faint voice was, "Obama! He is a good man. I love Obama!" After I got done laughing for a few seconds, other Greeks began to join in by giving their generally favorable opinions of President Obama. The Greeks weren't quite certain about my personal political beliefs, but I appreciated them approaching me anyway. This made me feel very welcomed and at ease.

Don't let your differences keep you from experiencing the wonderful opportunities that the world has to offer. If you spend your time reflecting how you stick out due to your race, nationality, or religious beliefs, you will find yourself





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Financing Your Study Abroad

Scholarships for Underrepresented Students

There are scholarships available for underrepresented students going abroad. Here are some places to start looking. Don't forget to keep an eye on deadlines and start your search for funding as early as possible! Check websites for application details and deadlines.

NEW! Johnetta Cross Brazzell Study Abroad Scholarship

To enhance the diversity of the study abroad experience, the Johnetta Cross Brazzell Endowed Study Abroad Scholarship will be awarded to students from underrepresented communities, i.e., students who are among the first generation in their family to go to college, from low-income backgrounds, and/or members of ethnic/minority groups.

Average Award: \$1,000 - \$1,200

For: summer, semester or year (award amount does not change with duration of study)

DEADLINE: February 15

[Application available online](#) or from Office of Study Abroad 575-7582 or studyabroad@uark.edu

Study Abroad Grant for Silas Hunt Scholars

Offered to Silas Hunt Mentors in their second/third or fourth year at UARK who have participated in events and meetings \$1,000 for summer or fall.

Deadline in February—more information soon!

University of Arkansas African American Studies Department

Awards vary, contact [Dr. Charles Robinson](#)

Michigan State Resources

Information for Multicultural Students Studying Abroad: Scholarships for Multicultural Students.

Plato Resources

This list includes scholarship and financial aid information for underrepresented students in higher education and study abroad.

CIEE - Robert B. Bailey Scholarship

Promotes the participation in CIEE's International Study Programs of individuals or members of groups that have traditionally been underrepresented in study abroad, especially ethnic minority students.

SIT - The Diversity Fund

Offered to students who will enhance the racial, national, and ethnic diversity of SIT Study Abroad programs.

Benjamin Gilman Scholarship Program

\$5,000/semester or year

Must be currently receiving federal Pell Grant funding. Aims to support a diverse range of students who have been traditionally underrepresented in study abroad.

National Security Education Program David L. Boren Undergraduate Scholarships

Maximum of ~\$10,000/semester or ~\$20,000/year, amount varies based on financial need.

Focuses on geographic areas, languages, and fields of study deemed critical to U.S. national security. Service Requirement: You



OUTREACH

- Create an “open doors” feeling in your office and around your campus through ads, photos, support, etc.
- Go out and meet the students on their turf.
- Become an advocate on your campus (GLBTQ ally)





WHAT DO YOU DO ON
YOUR CAMPUS?





PRE-DEPARTURE ADVISING

- Stereotypes at home & abroad
- Specific cultural adjustment issues
- Being a minority in another country
- Being in the majority in another country when you're a minority at home
- Heritage Students ID—African Americans in Africa/ Latinos in Spanish speaking countries/etc

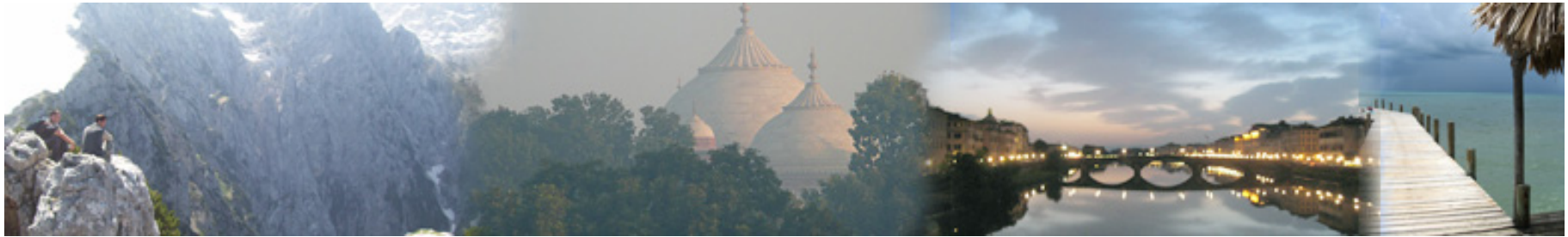




ON SITE SUPPORT

- Maintenance (emails, etc)
- Set up Skype accounts to keep communication open
- Facebook groups/fan pages to connect students and staff
- Discussion: what issues have you faced and how did you handle it?





RE-ENTRY ADVISING

- Using your returnees as a resource for further promotion: photos/essays/talking to groups
- Connecting returnees with groups/resources on campus to help them settle back in (e.g. counseling services)
- Helping students articulating international experiences when job searching (UA webpage)





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Returning Students

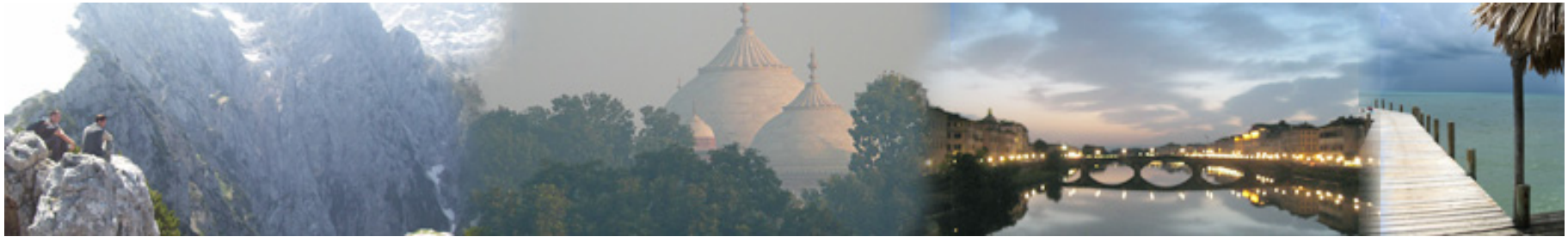
[Earn A Global Awareness Specialization](#) | [Target the Job You Want](#) | [Spell Out Your Skills](#) | [Pr](#)

Market Your Experience to Employers

Spell Out Your Skills on Your Resume

Become aware of the skills that you use during your study abroad experience. You can use these on your resume and during your job interviews. Here are some examples:

- ▶ Self-motivated, independent, willing to embrace challenges
- ▶ Flexible and adaptable and able to cope with diverse problems and situations
- ▶ Communication skills (listening & communicating carefully to overcome language barriers)
- ▶ Global awareness, tolerance, cultural sensitivity
- ▶ Independence, self-reliance



GENERAL RESOURCES

- University of Tulsa:
[http://www.utulsa.edu/globaleducation/
students_diversityabroad.php](http://www.utulsa.edu/globaleducation/students_diversityabroad.php)
- University of Arkansas:
<http://studyabroad.uark.edu/>
- University of Texas at San Antonio:
www.utsa.edu/studyabroad/
- Don't forget the handout!





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