1. **Study abroad is affordable.** Your regular financial aid package is applicable as long as you take 12 credits during the semester or 6 credits over the summer. Additionally, the majority of semester programs are exchanges which allow ECU students to pay the same tuition and fees as if they were on campus. Study Abroad scholarships are also available!

2. **ECU has a lot of study abroad options.** There are 200 programs in over 50 countries that vary from taking coursework with an ECU faculty member overseas over the summer to attending a partner university for an entire semester or academic year.

3. **Study abroad enhances your career opportunities.** Students who study abroad have real-world experience to talk about in interviews, which makes them more likely to land the job and negotiate higher salaries.

4. **You can learn another language.** In fact, greater language learning progress occurs when students are studying in a country where that language is spoken. However, if you want to stick with English, that’s an option, too!

5. **It strengthens your communication, adaptability, and team-building skills.** All of which are useful skills for every walk of life.

6. **You will make new friends from all around the world.** Both by studying abroad and volunteering with the Office of Global Affairs, you can meet international students and learn about other cultures.

7. **Study abroad advances progress towards your degree.** Credit earned could count towards foundations curriculum or your major.

8. **Any major can study abroad.** By starting a plan early, study abroad can fit into your academic program. While GPA requirements vary by program, generally faculty-led programs require a 2.0 GPA and semester exchanges require a 2.5 GPA.

9. **Study abroad boosts your confidence and independence.** You will be navigating an international environment, and day-to-day life teaches you how to become independent while gaining invaluable experience.

10. **We are here to help!** Any questions about studying abroad can be referred to the Education Abroad Office. We host Information Sessions every **Tuesday and Wednesday at 4pm at the International House** during the school year.

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