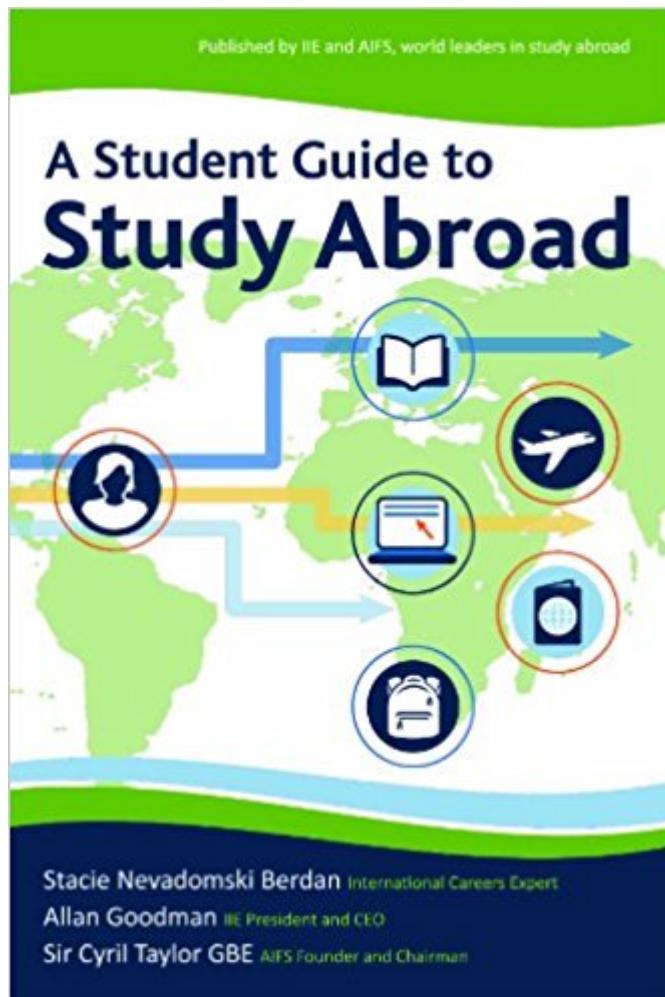


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# A Student Guide To Study Abroad



## **Synopsis**

Every student who wants to live and work in the global economy should study abroad. This book helps make the case, and guides students through the process with 100 practical, easy-to-follow tips. The book provides comprehensive information that students, parents and study abroad advisers can trust. Each chapter contains lively and engaging how to information, including useful anecdotes from students and advisers. Three leading study abroad experts -- Stacie Nevadomski Berdan, Allan E. Goodman and Sir Cyril Taylor-- join forces to offer the most comprehensive advice available.

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## **Customer Reviews**

At first I was skeptical about the value of such a volume. After all, the CARLA folks at MN have produced an evidence-based predeparture workbook, and every major college already has an entire stable of study abroad advisers. However after reading through it, I was won over. I can see that working through this book would be a very valuable process for any student who is generally contemplating study abroad but who hasn't nailed down the particulars of the program s/he is seeking. I also see it as especially valuable for the parents of a prospective study abroad student, if those parents are not quite convinced of the value of the financial and time investment. It's not the kind of book that one ought to read through at one sitting, but rather it is the kind of book that one can integrate into (or use as a rough guide for) a whole decision-making process. Congratulations on producing a fine and useful product. --Dr. Donald L. Rubin, Center for Health & Risk Communication, University of GeorgiaDrawing on real-life-stories from students and professionals,

A Student Guide to Study Abroad offers the most compelling rationale why education abroad is essential for the 21st century college student. --Dr. William I. Brustein, Vice Provost for Global Strategies and International Affairs, The Ohio State University Being well-prepared for the study abroad experience allows students to take full advantage of the opportunity and develop the intercultural competence necessary to succeed in today's complex interconnected global society. This resource guide is an invaluable tool that will help ensure students are ready to engage in one of the most rewarding learning experiences of their lives. --Dr. Daniel J. Paracka, Director, Education Abroad, Institute of Global Initiatives, Kennesaw State University

Stacie Nevadomski Berdan is a seasoned global executive, an expert on international careers, and an award-winning author on how to succeed in the global marketplace. Sir Cyril Taylor has been an innovator in study abroad for nearly 50 years, having founded the American Institute For Foreign Study (AIFS) in 1964, and Richmond, The American International University in London in 1972. As the president and CEO of the Institute of International Education, Allan Goodman is a leader in creating and expanding international educational exchange opportunities, and making them more accessible to more diverse student populations. He was previously a professor and the executive dean of the School of Foreign Service at Georgetown University, teaching students who are now in diplomatic leadership positions around the globe.

As CEO of Voy.gs, a website dedicated to expanding international education, we thought this book will definitely serve as a great source of information for students, parents or study abroad professionals!

Good for the rookie (whether student or professional) in the study abroad field. If you are a seasoned study abroad professional, it may be too basic.

Great resource

Wasn't as expected and returned it.

This book covers the entire study abroad experience - from the process of actually making the decision, all the way through to after you've made it back to your home country. It is such a helpful read for those who are planning on studying abroad. When I was preparing for my adventures

overseas, I would have loved to have something like this; I had so many questions that I had to search out on different websites and such. If I had this book back then, I would not have had to do any of that, as everything is included inside this book. It also features many different people who completed a study abroad time, giving their input on their experiences, what they particularly loved, and what they would have done different. It's really great to get the points of view from others who have gone through what you are about to do. Since I've been back, I have been making the steps to move back abroad, as my time was so great. This book has given me different viewpoints and tips on that as well - so while it is a guide to studying abroad, it has advice for everyone who is trying to simply go abroad outside of your home country. Overall, it is a great read, with incredible insight and advice - I would definitely recommend this book!

I studied abroad in Chile when I was in college and I wish I'd had this book before that trip. It's a fabulous resource for every student and their parents. It's a practical guide that covers just about everything a student needs to know about study abroad. The authors have taken special care to include the perspectives of a diverse array of students, including a student with muscular dystrophy who studied abroad in Tanzania, a gay student who lived with a family in Buenos Aires, a black student who had amusing encounters with Chinese cab drivers (at first the driver didn't believe she was American, but then he had a complete moment of clarity and said "Oooooo I know! Barack Obama daughter!!! Her response? "Yes, sir. You are right.") The book lists lots of different scholarship programs (like the Fulbright, Gilman and Boren scholarships) and includes anecdotes from dozens of students from a wide range of socioeconomic and academic backgrounds, who describe their experiences studying in just about every country you can imagine. The book covers the entire experience: why study abroad is so important in this globalized era, how to decide if it's right for you, how to choose the right program, how to figure out the financials, how to prepare, how to immerse yourself in the local culture, how to stay safe and healthy, how to make the most of your time, how to transition back into life at home, how to highlight your study abroad experience on a resume and more. Reading this book reminded me of how much support I had when I studied abroad. My parents were both super-supportive, both in terms of their own histories (Dad studied in Brazil in high school, Mom studied in Germany in college) and the finances (though I think it cost about the same as normal tuition... study abroad programs can be expensive but this book illustrates that they can also be affordable, especially when you choose

the right program and apply for scholarships.) A high school English teacher told us that the University of California was especially good for study abroad, with plenty of options for academic credit and financial aid. My school was incredibly supportive. I had some registration problems while I was abroad, and my advisor stood in line on my behalf to get it resolved. If I hadn't had all that support, studying abroad would have been much harder! This book would have been an especially useful resource. The last two chapters, about what happens after study abroad, would have been most helpful to me when I was in college.

I'm glad the book gives tips for dealing with re-entry, especially how to frame your study abroad experiences as you move forward and apply for jobs. The book motivated me to search for opportunities to study abroad again. A masters degree in Europe could be fascinating! (Shhh!) In short, this book is a must-read for every college student and their parents. It's inspiring, practical, and vivid.

This book is exactly what I wish we had had before my oldest daughter went to Costa Rica for a semester. The book goes way beyond the academic exploration of the "going abroad experience," and includes concrete advice from the real experts--people who have learned from living abroad (including the author herself). The presentation is friendly and totally unintimidating. I didn't feel overwhelmed by dense blocks of information (which would have made me tense--if I miss a word, will it be the most important word to my daughter's success?!) Students will know what questions to ask before they even decide if the destination or experience is the right choice for them. The answers will help them set realistic expectations from the get go--so there will be fewer surprises. That will reduce anxiety for students (and their parents!) once they are actually living in another country. My second daughter will definitely use this book when planning her going abroad semester.

This book offers a lot to think about for students, parents, educators and business people. It makes a strong case for the value of study abroad as an integral part of a global education in the 21st century. The case is significantly enhanced by quotes and testimonials from various stakeholders. These first person narratives let the reader tap into the knowledge of a broad spectrum of trusted advisers. The range of study abroad locations and experiences offer a valuable insider's view. It was extremely helpful to read the direct perspective and advice of so many individuals without leaving my suburban couch. These straightforward thoughts feel like advice from friends -- so valuable to get when considering a potentially anxiety-filled experience. I studied in Spain and worked in Russia, and I found this book a very interesting read as my own children consider study

abroad options over the next few years.

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