

## Script for Study Abroad Video

Hi Everyone, I'm excited to talk to you about Study Abroad!

I have 4 things to tell you about it and it will be fast and furious so stay with me!

- 1) Everyone should try to have an "Abroad" experience if they possibly can. Every single student I have spoken with has said that it was a life-changing, eye-opening experience for them, regardless of where they went or what they studied. Education Abroad, now called Experiential Global Learning, has scholarships available, and the School of Business does as well through our Global Business Programs office, which I run.
- 2) There are so many places, types of programs, and course options to choose from. Start thinking about what you want to get out of studying abroad. Ask yourself these questions:
  - a. Is the location/country the most important thing?
  - b. Is the experience the most important? Do you want to be a trailblazer and just go by your self as direct exchange student? Or would you like to have the experience with a bunch of other UConn students on a UConn program? Or would you like to go on a affiliated program that caters to students from around the world and meet lots of other international students, sampling from their cultures and customs as you get to know them.
  - c. Or finally, are the classes you take the most important aspect? DO you want to make sure you are meeting some Gen Ed or Business requirements while abroad, or is it fine to just use the electives you have for that semester or summer?
  - d. Do you want to do an internship while abroad?
- 3) So, if you are interested in an internship, which is another amazing experience to have abroad and looks great on a resume, then language will be something to consider as well. We have dual degree programs called EuroBiz and BizHispanica where you get a business degree and a degree in either German or Spanish and get to study and work in Germany or Spain. We hope to be adding other countries for the BizHispanica soon. There options in other countries as well . YOU can just filter for "Internship" on the EGL website and see the options. If you would like to do the internship in English, there are great opportunities for business students in London year round and in Dublin, Ireland during the summer.
- 4) Finally, if you cannot study abroad, do not worry, there are still great opportunities for you to engage internationally. Here are a few:
  - a. A new Virtual International Internship program was started last year during COVID and will continue. Many students have had gret experiences this past year working for companies virtually in London, Paris, Madrid, Geneva and Dublin. These opportunities are much less expensive than to semester abroad.
  - b. We have many program opportunities across campus to engage – you can start with international students who are your fellow classmates, attend the Global Entrepreneurship Speaker series and hear from an entrepreneur in Nigeria, or Australia; When you are a junior or senior you can participate in the International Business Case Challenge and be on a team of students from around the world to solve a business problem.
  - c. Another option is to take class that has an international content to learn more about the world around you. In the School of Business I teach BUSN 1801: Cultural competency for

the Global Marketplace. Students learn about the cultures of other countries but more importantly how to interact in a competent way with anyone you encounter who has a different background or culture from you, which happens every day here on campus.

- d. There are always new programs on campus to tap into – one example is the U21 Global Citizenship program which gives you the chance to learn about the UN Sustainable Development Goals while interacting with students across the world at other U21 Institutions. A great program which my class also participates in.

So in summary – studying abroad will help broaden your mindset and your horizons and you can get there in person or virtually, as your plans and budget allow. Make it a priority as you plan your college career and you will be glad everyday afterwards that you did!

See you soon!