

MARKET YOUR EXPERIENCE

STUDY ABROAD

Let's Talk About Your Study Abroad Experience

Study abroad isn't just about gaining academic knowledge. It's a transformative experience that fosters essential skills applicable in any profession setting. Beyond academics, it stimulates and encourages personal development and intellectual growth. These unique experiences set you apart in the job market, showcasing your adaptability and global perspective.

Sample action verbs

Action verbs highlight the task you've completed and make your statements stand out.

When you supported students:

Advised, Informed, Educated, Recommended

When you managed a team:

Facilitated, Mentored, Cultivated, Guided

When you changed or improved something:

Developed, Restructured, Updated, Integrated, Redesigned, Strengthened

When you increased efficiency or productivity:

Enhanced, Maximized, Improved, Advanced

When you led a project:

Coordinated, Executed, Delegated, Programmed, Organized, Operated

When you envisioned and brought a project to life:

Developed, Established, Implemented, Formulated, Initiated, Charted

Skills gained

- Adaptability
- Language Proficiency
- Leadership
- Confidence
- Problem-Solving
- Empathy
- Critical Thinking
- Verbal Communication
- Written Communication
- Collaboration
- Cultural Awareness

Sample action statements

- Enhanced intercultural competence by actively participating in [specific] cultural exchange activities
- Developed cross-cultural communication skills through daily interactions with individuals from various nationalities
- Integrated a global perspective into academic coursework, enriching class discussions and offering unique insights during my time at [name country]
- Enhanced [specify language] proficiency through language study and daily interactions with native speakers, achieving [specify level] fluency

Resume resources

- Attend resume-building events that we hold each semester
- Find resume building resources on our website or Handshake Career Center page
- Bring your resume to our Drop-in Hours, if you're just getting started or need a quick review
- Login to Handshake to schedule an appointment for an in-depth resume review
- Utilize LinkedIn Learning for free - just use your TXST email
- Submit your resume to our online resume review portal

Become career ready

Career Readiness is a key to ensuring successful entrance into the workforce. Be ready for your future job through these skill competency areas:

- Advocacy & Compassion
- Career & Self Development
- Communication
- Critical Thinking
- Leadership
- Professionalism
- Teamwork
- Technology

Connect with Career Services

You're not alone on your career journey. Career Services at Texas State is here to help you as you explore your career options, grow your network, job seek, apply to jobs, and continue to grow as a Bobcat professional.

You can stop by the Career Services office for Drop-in Hours, Monday through Friday, between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. to get quick answers to your career questions.

Visit our website to explore our many free services, available to both students and alumni.



Potential interview responses

Student leadership provides preparation for the professional world upon graduation. Your experience with studying abroad has allowed not only for personal growth, but a strong foundation for success in any professional role you seek out. During your interview, you can set yourself apart with unique responses that highlight your study abroad experience.

Describe a time where you were faced with a difficult situation. How did you approach it, and what steps did you take to find a solution.

- Skills to Highlight: Critical Thinking and Problem Solving
 - An example of this could be learning how to navigate a new country/culture. You can talk about how you recognized the situation and what did you do to overcome that obstacle.

When working on a team project, how do you ensure that everyone's ideas and perspectives are heard and considered?

- Skills to Highlight: Teamwork and Leadership
 - An example of this could be interactions with professors, classmates, roommates, or locals abroad. How did you allow for their experiences to be shared in topics? Not only that, but how did you apply their perspectives in the team project?

Can you describe your leadership style and how it has evolved over time?

- Skills to Highlight: Professionalism
 - An example of this could be how studying abroad has contributed to your leadership development. Learning skills relating to communication, adaptability, relationship building, and critical thinking have helped you be more intentional in allowing diverse perspectives be shared.

Check out all of our guides in the Market Your Experience series. We offer guides for Residence Assistants, Executive Board members, SLAC workers, Study Abroad participants, Fraternity and Sorority Life members, Orientation Leaders, On-Campus Student Employees, Bobcat Build participants, Student Athletes, and Peer Mentors