

ABSTRACT: This proposal seeks to establish a Pitt London Econ study abroad program. The program will offer classes in finance and economics as well as extracurriculars in the form of clubs as well as an exchange in culture. If established this program would provide students with the opportunity to gain a deeper understanding of global issues at one of the finest economics schools in the world. Moving forward once the program is approved we will need to look for funding.

Definition: The program seeks to offer students a year-long educational experience in London, centered around the study of economics. It encompasses a carefully designed curriculum and a variety of extracurricular activities.

Quality: The program's importance lies in several factors, including the development of a global perspective, fostering cross-cultural understanding, offering access to a prestigious institution, and providing a unique experience in a global hub.

Policy: Once this program is established we can secure funding and open applications.

The Pitt Study Abroad London School of Economics program is positioned to be a transformative experience that transcends borders and equips students with the knowledge and skills necessary to thrive in an interconnected world. This innovative initiative offers a comprehensive and holistic education that extends beyond traditional classroom learning, enabling participants to develop a global perspective, intercultural competence, and a deep appreciation for our globalized world. As an investment in the future, this program prepares students to be global citizens, culturally sensitive individuals, and leaders who can contribute positively to the global community.

Study Abroad Program: University of Pittsburgh to London School of Economics Proposal

Introduction

The modern world faces a myriad of complex and interconnected problems. One of the most pressing issues is the need for a global perspective in addressing these challenges. Students and professionals alike require a broader worldview, which can be achieved through international education and cultural immersion.

- Study abroad can be particularly impactful for [first-generation students and underrepresented minorities](#), with those who study abroad 11.6% more likely to graduate in 4 years and earn a 0.12 higher GPA than similar students who did not study abroad.

72% reported that their study abroad experience significantly impacted their career choices and helped when applying for jobs.

- Employers increasingly see international internships as a key recruitment pipeline and way to identify globally aware and competent employees. In 2018/19, approximately [25,000 U.S. students worked abroad or completed an international internship](#) for credit.

Do a little research. Use data. Help me get some background knowledge. Do other schools offer such programs? How do they work?

Plan

Pitt Study Abroad to the London School of Economics program could offer a unique opportunity to tackle this problem by providing students with a chance to expand their horizons and gain a deeper understanding of global issues.

Establishing this program aims to facilitate an enriching educational experience that transcends borders. This project is designed to offer students a year long opportunity to study and engage with the vibrant city of London and the study of economics. Through a carefully crafted curriculum and a range of extracurricular activities, students will gain valuable insights into international politics, economics, and culture.

Rationale

This program is important for several reasons. Firstly, it fosters a global perspective, a critical skill for success in an increasingly interconnected world. The ability to navigate and contribute to the global landscape is essential, not only for personal growth but also for career prospects. For example, “a study by SIT of their program alumni found that a 72% reported that their study abroad experience significantly impacted their career choices and helped when applying for jobs” (Why Study Abroad: IIE - The Power of International Education). Secondly, the program enables students to interact with peers from diverse backgrounds, fostering cross-cultural understanding and cooperation, essential in a world marked by diversity. This is strengthened by the fact that “In a study of AIFS Foundation AYA alumni, more than

90% said that participating in a secondary education exchange program developed or improved key skills for post-secondary education and entry to a global workforce” (Why Study Abroad: IIE - The Power of International Education). Thirdly, it provides an opportunity for students to immerse themselves in the academic excellence of the London School of Economics, one of the world's top institutions in social sciences. Finally, it allows students to experience the richness of London's history, culture, and its position as a global economic and political hub.

Scope: The program will span a year, during which students will take a set of courses focused on international relations, economics, and culture, allowing them to gain a deep understanding of global issues. They will also have opportunities for internships and extracurricular activities.

Methods: The curriculum will include a mix of lectures, seminars, and workshops. Students will also have access to the extensive resources of the London School of Economics and will be encouraged to engage with local organizations.

Task Breakdown: The program will be divided into academic and experiential components. Academically, students will complete a set of core courses along with elective options. Experientially, students will be encouraged to explore London's cultural heritage and engage in internships or research projects.

Problem Analysis: The problem addressed here is the lack of a global perspective among students and professionals. By examining the current global issues and challenges through the lens of London and the London School of Economics, this program aims to provide a solution. Other programs have attempted to address this problem through study abroad opportunities, but the unique combination of location, institution, and curriculum sets the Pitt Study Abroad London School of Economics program apart.

Conclusion

In conclusion, the establishment of the Pitt Study Abroad London School of Economics program would offer a transformative experience for students seeking to broaden their horizons. The ability to understand and address global issues is crucial in today's interconnected world. This program is distinct due to its location in London, renowned institution, and comprehensive curriculum, which together provide a holistic education that goes beyond traditional classroom learning. By participating in this program, students will not only gain academic knowledge but also develop a global perspective, intercultural competence, and a lifelong appreciation for the complexities and opportunities of our globalized world. The Pitt Study Abroad London School of Economics program invests in the future, preparing students to be global citizens, culturally sensitive individuals, and leaders in a world that requires a broad perspective. We believe that this program will not only enrich the lives of the students who participate but also contribute positively to the university's reputation and the global community as a whole.

Works Cited

“Why Study Abroad: IIE - The Power of International Education.” IIE, February 28, 2023.
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Comments:

What would you have them work on in terms of their ethos?

I thought that you did a really great job of including the scope, methods, task breakdown and analysis, and made it really easy to follow. I would maybe suggest to maybe make your argument stronger with statistics if you can find any? I know a lot of people have considered their lives changed after doing a study abroad, and maybe there is a study on that you could possibly include? It would make the argument stronger since it completely will prove your point.

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