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The world is waiting.



# Studying Abroad

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# What does it mean to study abroad?

- “Study abroad is the term given to a program, usually run through a university, which allows a student to live in a foreign country and attend a foreign university. ”
- “In most cases, two universities have an arrangement which allows them to exchange students (hence the term 'exchange student') so that these students can learn about a foreign culture and broaden their horizons. ”
- “The program usually grants credit for courses taken at the foreign institution and some also arrange for a work-study or internship agreement.”

# Student's Who Study Abroad...

- An adventure that builds self-confidence, valuable skills, and global perspectives on your major
- To travel, meet people from around the world who share your passions and goals!
- Experience foreign cultures, taste new foods, and grow in your understanding of the world.
- Having a different college experience!
- It's a once in a lifetime opportunity!
- To learn a new language!



# Who can study abroad?

- Undergraduate Students (2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>)
- Graduate Students
- Students with disabilities
  - You will have to contact your advisor to plan accordingly
- Community College Students

## Keep in Mind:

When looking into the programs at your college campus ask for specific requirements

- Language
- Available courses



# What should I know about studying abroad?

- You can take classes in a different country that will count towards your major or GE's, as long as they are approved courses
- There are many programs available in college that have agreements with different schools in different countries
- You can study abroad for 1 week, 1 month, a semester (6 months) or a whole year!
- You get health insurance
- For many programs, accommodations are established before arriving
- Planning is key!

# Cost and Financial Aid

- The cost of Program:
  - Depends on where you go
  - Insurance
  - Programs do not include plane ticket, unless stated otherwise
  - Your Program advisor will help you calculate costs
- Most programs will be covered by your financial aid
  - If not, loans and scholarships, specifically for that program are available
- Sometimes studying abroad can be cheaper than your college/university
- Scholarships & Grants
  - Programs offer scholarships & grants to study abroad

# What are some benefits?



**94%**

put their study-abroad experience  
**ON THEIR RESUME**



**83%**

believe the skills acquired abroad  
helped their resume **STAND OUT**



**75%**

said their time studying abroad  
influenced their **CAREER PATH**



**85%**

have used their study-abroad  
experience as a talking point  
**DURING AN INTERVIEW**



**60%**

of those currently employed  
**FOUND A JOB WITHIN  
3 MONTHS** after graduation



**70%**

of those currently employed  
are in a position where they  
**MANAGE OTHERS**



**97%**

said studying  
abroad helped their  
**SELF CONFIDENCE**



**99%**

said it helped them  
better understand  
their **STRENGTHS**  
and **WEAKNESSES**



**96%**

said they would do  
the same exact  
experience **AGAIN**



**96%**

said they are still  
in contact with  
**PEOPLE THEY MET**  
while abroad

# Programs by Colleges

## UC's

- UCEAP (University of California Education Abroad Program)
- UC in D.C.
  - For a full semester, you'll get a taste of public policy issues through a research seminar, center-sponsored trips and activities and biweekly forums that often feature members of Congress, ambassadors and UC faculty.
- UC Center Sacramento
  - It's a distinctive program in public policy to UC students.
- Intercampus Visitor Center
  - If you are a UC undergraduate in good standing, you may attend another UC campus for a quarter or a semester if space is available

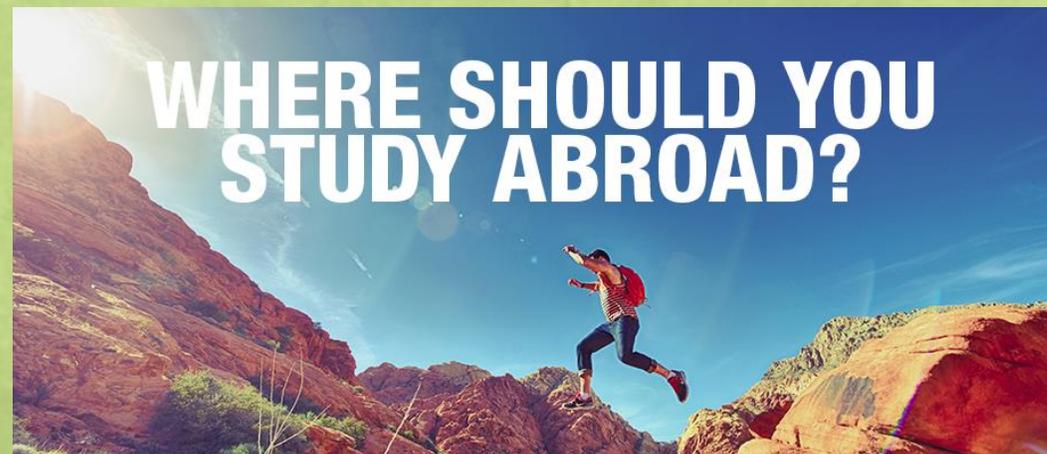
## CSU's

- CSU IP (California State University International Program)
- Faculty Led Programs
- Every campus has a variety of additional programs that allow you to study abroad or within the country

## Community College

- Students transferring to a CSU can study abroad through CSUIP
- California Colleges for International Education ( CCIE)
- Some programs are only available at certain colleges, ask your college if there are any study abroad opportunities
  - If not this is a great motivation to do it when you transfer

# Where Can I go?



# Mis Aventuras en Mexico

Ms. Abril

# Ms. Abril in Mexico



I chose to study abroad in Mexico because it had been my lifelong dream to go to Mexico. When I was 7 my dad told me that we will go to Mexico. Unfortunately my mother and older sister were undocumented. As the years passed our family grew until this promise became a memory.

This promise stuck with me until college. During my senior year at UCSB I was determined to go with or without my family. That is when I decided to study abroad.

# Mexico



Population: 127.5 million

Currency: Mexican Peso

President: Enrique Pena Nieto

Capital: Mexico City

32 States

What do you know about Mexico?

# UC EAP – Education Abroad Program



What it is:

It is a program across the UC's that you can apply to, in order to study abroad.

There is an application process and if chosen you get to study abroad!

Mexico City – La Ciudad de Mexico

# Food - Comida



# Classes

Professor Robinson from UCSB did a seminar in Mexico City

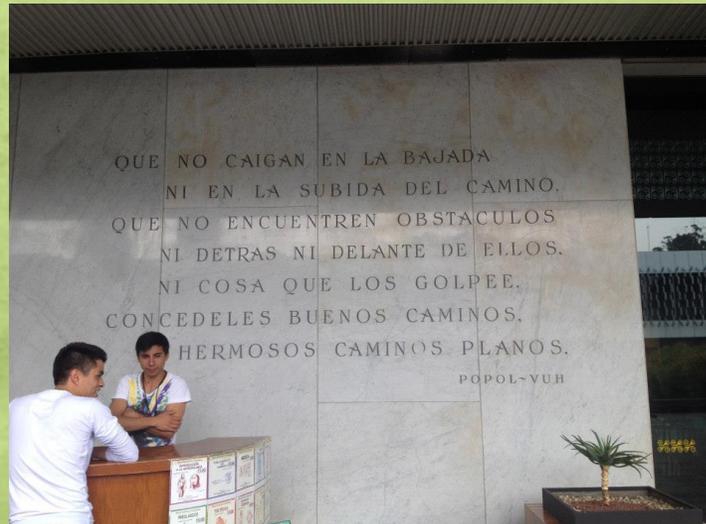


Literatura Prehispanica



Nahuatl 1 & 2

# Museums



# Teotihuacan



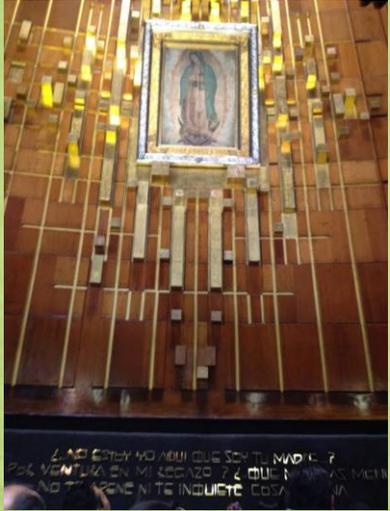
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Piramide de la Luna



# Famous Locations



La Basilica



Chapultepec



Coyoacan

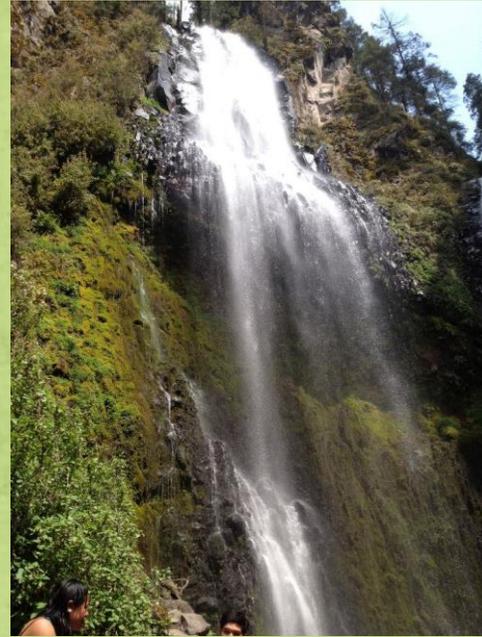
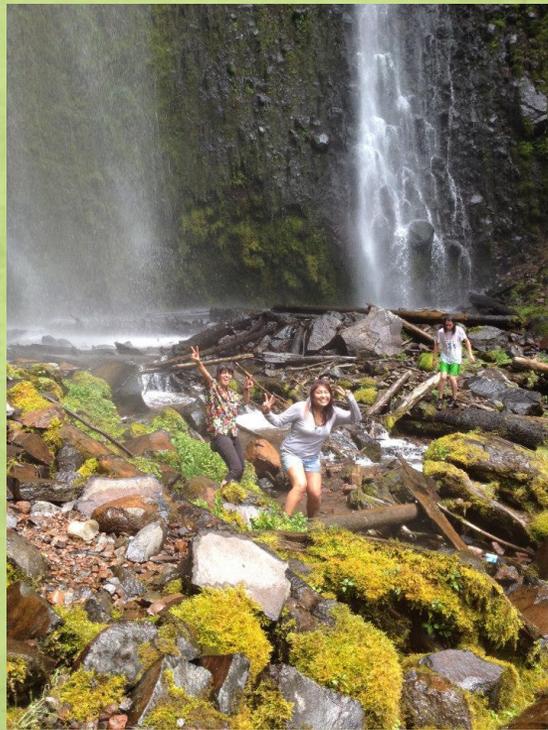


Diana la Cazadora y El Angel de Independencia



Bellas Artes

# Nature



# Los Dinamos

# Xochimilco



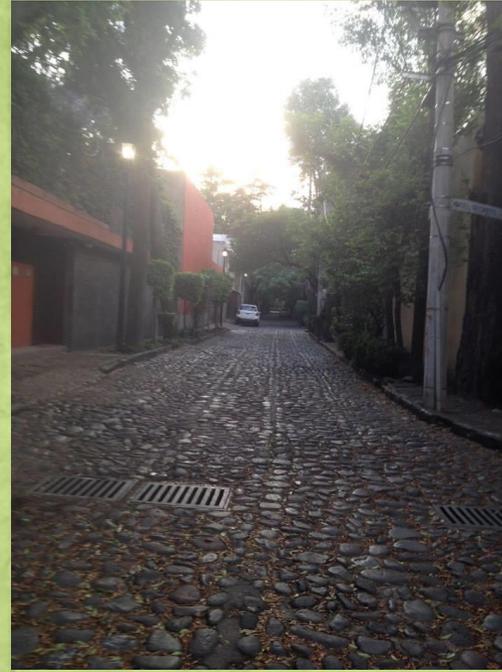
# Cascada los Diamantes



# Art, Festivals and Events



# Life in Mexico



UNAM  
Universidad  
Nacional  
Autonoma de  
Mexico



# Entertainment



# Lucha Libre



Estadio Azteca



Estadio CU  
(UNAM's stadium)



## Family



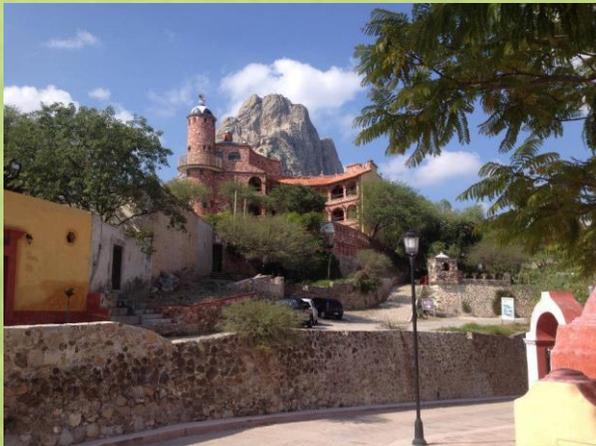
In 1990 my mom crossed the border with my dad and sister. She was 22 years old.

After 24 years, my mom returned to her home.

This is a picture of her thanking La Virgencita for providing her with her protection and blessings.

# Traveling in Mexico

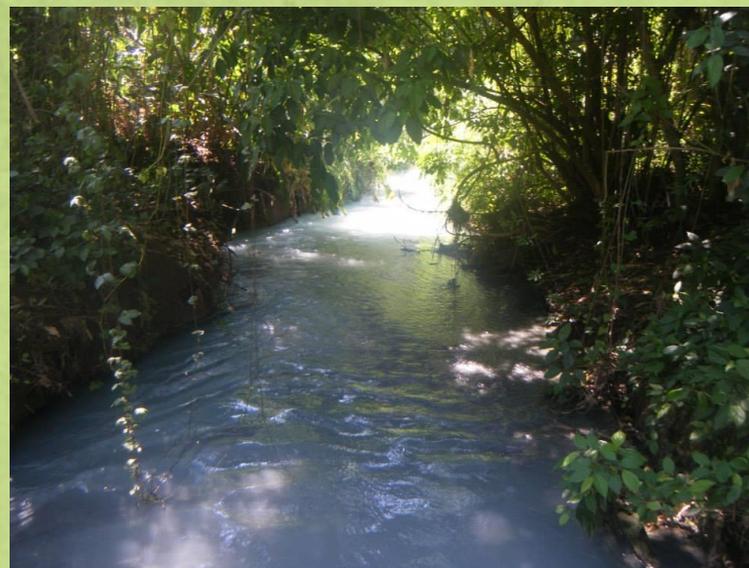
# Queretaro – Pena de Bernal



# Puebla-Yohualichan y Cuetzalan



# Tabasco



# Oaxaca- Puerto Escondido



# Overall

## Things I learned...

- Traveling alone is awesome!
- Identity
- You fall in love with Mexico
- My heart and home were in LA
- Tacos in Mexico are better than Cali's!

## Tips for you

- Travel young
- Study abroad
  - Immerse yourself in a different culture
  - Experience how education (system and learning) is in other countries
- Don't get discouraged because of the cost, sometimes it's actually cheaper (plan it with an advisor)

## My advice to you...

Is to travel, explore the world, immerse yourself in a different culture. Choose a country that YOU want to see, a country that you've dreamed of visiting. Even if you are studying abroad alone, you will meet a lot of folks with similar interests. You create memories and build great friendships with your travel peers and with students in different countries. The friendships that you create abroad will stay with you forever. Explore the programs and find one that best fits you. Once you come back you will catch the "travel bug" which will make you want to study abroad, travel around the world or travel within the state. Good luck on your adventures!