

Leveraging Study Abroad For Success

Skills gained from high points of my pipe cleaner:	
Skills gained from low points of my pipe cleaner:	

From this list of top skills employers desire in 2018 from NACE, the National Association of Colleges and Employers, pick three and select moments from your time abroad that illustrate outcomes of applying this skill.

NACE Skills: Problem solving, ability to work in a team, communication skills, leadership, analytical/quantitative skills, communication skills, initiative, detail-oriented, flexibility + adaptability

*For example: Your **communication** skills were enhanced during your time abroad. During your time abroad, you were able to navigate daily conversations and interactions with locals in a language that was not your own. You were able to work in cross-cultural teams and communicate to produce group projects in an academic setting.*

Skill	Outcomes from my international experience

My Elevator Pitch

Audience:

Hello / Introduction <i>Why are you sharing your story?</i>	
Hook <i>What is the context? Why should your listener be interested?</i>	
Highlights <i>What examples are needed in this context?</i>	
(Bring It) Home <i>Wrap it up- bring it back to the context and to the listener</i>	

Example elevator pitch:

Audience: During a job interview, the interviewer notices you studied abroad in Madrid, Spain. The interviewer says, "Wow! You studied abroad in Spain? What was that like?"

"My undergraduate degrees are in **Marketing and Spanish**, so I studied intensive language and business during my time abroad. I loved my time in Spain- from eating tapas, to making local Spanish friends, to my travels and coursework- ***I gained valuable skills that will help me in my career.*** For one class, ***I had to work with Spanish and international students to complete a marketing project and learned more about the impact cultural values have on marketing.*** We learned a lot about one another and our home countries and cultures by doing this project! ***So my experience abroad will help me in my professional career, and my ability to work in multicultural teams to problem solve and complete an objective, will positively impact my work in this role.***"

Have additional questions about how your global experience can impact your resume? Don't hesitate to contact our presenter, Hannah Olevson, at Academic Programs International (API), at hannah.olevson@apiabroad.com