
Please, choose one year!

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Don't you want to gain a large wealth? As a college student, your purpose of study, which is the pursuit of wealth you are searching for is to improve various aspects of your synthesis quality and employment competitiveness. To gain a larger future wealth, lots college students go abroad for studying to improve themselves for years. But for college students, to obtain the maximum personal benefits on studying abroad, one year is a more appropriate choice than two years.

Nowadays, studying abroad has become popular among us, especially among college students. "Studying abroad" has already been a quite normal word to students.

However, do you know the origin of "studying abroad"? In the USA, the act of studying abroad originated at the

University of Delaware. In 1923, Professor Raymond W. Kirkbride sent a group of eight students to Paris, France. At the time, the concept of students studying in a different country was incredibly unconventional. Kirkbride's program was originally named the "Foreign Study Plan". For a period of time, study abroad was seen as an option primarily for foreign language students. Recently this has changed, and the scope of study abroad programs has increased greatly. With the rapid development of economic and higher self pursuit, every year more and more students go abroad to study. And the increase of studying abroad is really astonishing.

Take China as an example, the total number of abroad studying students has surpassed 150,000 in the year of 2007, which created a new historical height. In which the number of students who study abroad at one's own expense has surpassed 129,000. Not only in China, but almost all the countries face the situation of crazy growth of abroad study population. There is no doubt that the number of college students is quite considerable.

According to this trend, as a college student, if you plan to study abroad, the most important thing you should consider about is "how to obtain a maximum personal benefit".

And before which, the most basic question you should answer first is "how long do you plan to study in abroad?". The analysis and the judgment of suitable period of study abroad are influenced by many factors, in which the comparison of the cost and the income, or in another word the investment and the benefit is the most important.

If you are in trouble in choosing one year's or two years' abroad study, I will recommend "please, choose one year". And now let's do a computation between investment and benefit to see what the ratio is for one year to compare with two years. Then it'll make you easy to decide which one to choose.

Investment:

"Look from the connotation of investment, it includes the economic cost which exists in monetary form and the non-economic cost which exists in non-monetary form, like the time, the energy, the emotion and the opportunity cost and so on. The process of selection is actually this kind of comparison process between investment and benefit" (Chen xuefei, < The benefit research of policy government -sponsored

for abroad study since our country reformed and opened>, Beijing Education Publishing house, 2006,8).

First, let's see the economic cost which exists in monetary form.

It is obviously that first you should ensure that you have a certain level of economic capacity for studying abroad.

Take American for example, the registration fee of Community college (two year system institutes) is 3000 to 10000 US dollars one year. The registration fee of Public university is approximately 11000 to 25000 US dollar while privately established college and university's registration fee is probably 25000 to 30000 US dollars per year. And wherever you go for study ,you need about 6000 to 11000 US dollars one year on your living expenses. The books and personal pay is about 600 to 2600 US dollars.

Besides, you also should pay 150 to 1000 US dollars for Miscellaneous school fees and premium insurance. According to the above statistics, the lowest expense for study abroad one year in US is probably 11000 US dollars, while that can reach up to 47000 US dollars.

Therefore, even your yearly expense is lower, you need another, maybe 10000 US dollars more to study for two years. Which is uncertain that whether you can get back in future.

Then let's see the non-economic cost which exists in non-monetary form.

There is no doubt that the largest non-economic cost is time. And it is related to many other aspects. On one side, as a college student, your purpose is to find an ideal work. So if you choose studying abroad, you might miss some employment opportunity. Whether it's a good or common opportunity, you are not sure if you can find a better one when you come back. Therefore, if you choose two years' study, you need to face a bigger risk on investment.

On the other side, one year more means you that you will graduate one year later. Though you don't know what will happen one year's later, it's sure that most of your friends have started working and gotten lots of precious experiences. Or live with their sweetheart happily. Besides, if you let your boy or girl friend to wait you for two years, I'm sure the relation between you two will be weaken, rather than just waiting for one year.

Except these, there are also a number of problems like safety, visa, Medical service and so on which you should face with. And the longer you study the more you should invest.

Benefits:

For you, the college student, as a special community, when you decide to go abroad, you must be sure that you have already had enough communication ability and can live alone. Then the wealth you are searching for in abroad study will be improving various aspects of your synthesis quality and employment competitiveness.

Now let's see how many benefits you are really able to obtain. First, when you go to another country, for you will study and live with those native people, the most basic benefit you can obtain is improving your language skills. As you have already had the ability to communicate, the important thing you should do is to practice and make your speaking more frequently.

Then , since foreign countries education systems and facilities will be different from your country, you can learn more new ,interesting and specialized knowledge about your major or other aspects.

Then, you can widen your vision greatly. As we know, every country's culture is different. While living abroad you can see, experience and feel these differences. Besides, you can go travelling abroad the country not only can you understand and learn more about it's culture, but also can open you eyes and have an precious memory in your life.

Also, since you should live by yourself when studying abroad, you will have a considerable development on synthesis quality. And that contains the ability of thinking independently and the ability of taking care of oneself. Along with the study, your thoughts will also be renewed greatly. At that time, you will find yourself independent and powerful.

Finally, when you finish your abroad study, you'll find your interpersonal circle become much bigger. And the experience of studying abroad may help you find a more ideal job.

Above all, you can obtain various benefits through abroad study. And if we compare one year's to two years', what conclusion can we get? Of course, the longer you study the more you will obtain. But keep in mind the longer you stay, the more you should pay for. Therefore we need to find out

which one is better to get a higher ratio of benefit and investment.

As we know, college students are different from other communities, you must have already had enough ability in language and living alone. What you really need to do is develop and improve more. And in order to achieve that one year is enough. Since one year is not a long time, you will treasures the time more and work hard.

Here is a survey result compared with one year and two years' benefits. And the questionnaires were sent randomly to medical professionals who had experience of study abroad in their university times.

"Among all the responders who had studied abroad for one year and two years. 90. 5% and 91.3% of them believe study abroad greatly affected their vision. 93. 1% and 95. 7% of them say their ability in English language was greatly improved. 92.6% and 94.9% of them believe they have renewed their ideas"(ZHOU Su yue, General Hospital of PLA, Beijing 100853).

So it shows that on the aspect of obtaining benefits there is no significant difference between one year and two years.

Now we can see, you need to invest almost twice for two years' studying abroad than one year's, while you just obtain the similar benefits of both. And maybe we should also do a computation between half a year and one year, or half a year and two years. It'll also be interesting. Or we can even find a more appropriate period for studying abroad.

However, come back to the comparison between one and two years, which one will you choose? It is obviously that in order to obtain the maximum personal benefits on studying abroad, one year is a more appropriate choice than two years. Therefore, please, choose one year! <The end>