

12F Discussion2: Study Abroad Programs

Guidelines:

The articles below are intended to provide you with a brief introduction to the topic *Study Abroad Programs*. We encourage you to research furthermore on this topic and issues related. The discussion will be a great opportunity for you to share your past experiences in studying abroad and or learn furthermore about the impact of Study Abroad Programs on part China's education system. The discussion will be relatively stress-free but the quality of the discussion will depend on your preparation and contribution.

Please blitz out any interesting articles that you come across.

Suggested starting points:

- Google
- Library
- News websites
- Footnotes and articles that lead to further sources

Articles:

- “As White House Pushes Study Abroad in China, Educators Question the Logistics”
<http://chronicle.com/article/As-White-House-Pushes-Study/125999/>
- “China Needs American Education. Here's How to Bring It There”
<http://www.forbes.com/sites/forbesleadershipforum/2012/06/20/china-needs-american-education-heres-how-to-bring-it-there/>
- “US, China identify steps for education co-op”
http://www.chinadaily.com.cn/china/2011-04/13/content_12318622.htm

Questions to Consider:

- To what extent could Study Abroad Programs help improve the current educational system in China?
- How can Study Abroad Programs prepare students for better employment opportunities within the US or in China's labor market?
- To what extent could Study Abroad Programs contribute to foster sustainable US-Sino relations?
- What obstacles do students face in pursuing a Study Abroad Program in China or the US?
- Are there any alternatives for Study Abroad Programs? If any, how effective are these alternatives in comparison to Study Abroad Programs?
- If necessary, what measures should schools or policy makers take to improve opportunities for Study Abroad?