Graduate School Abroad and At Home

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Small Group Share

• With a partner discuss these issues:
  • Reasons why are you thinking of graduate school…
  • When are you thinking of going to graduate school?
  • Where are you in the process for Graduate School?
  • Possible focus of graduate school?
Overview

• Graduate School Process
• Graduate Degrees with an International Focus in the United States
• Graduate Schools Abroad
• Things to Consider…
Thinking about Graduate School

• Decide if Graduate School is right for you?
  – Do you have the time?
  – Do you have the grades?
  – Do your goals require an advanced degree?
• Set Goals and do your research
• Connect with faculty and mentors
• Find a Graduate Program that “Fits”
• Look beyond possible obvious Career paths
Graduate School Process

- Application Process
- Graduate Exams
- Admissions Essay
- Recommendations
- Resume/Interview
- Have a back-up plan

http://www.csbsju.edu/Career/Students/GraduateSchool.htm
• Do your research!
• Prioritize what is important for you
  • Research resources and facilities?
  • Large vs. small? Public vs. Private? Big name?
  • Faculty with your interests?
  • Thesis or field studies?
• Plan ahead
• Campus Visits
  • Meet with faculty and students
Things to Consider

• Academic Factors
  – Specialists in your field
  – Highly specialized programs
  – Full/part-time; start/finish dates
  – Program components
    • Thesis, field work, internship, exams, etc.

• Finances

• Lifestyle Fit
Sample Degrees and Fields with an International Focus

- International industrial technology
- International development
- Global trade and finance
- International public policy/administration/affairs
- Global health
- Homeland security
- Comparative & international education
- Management
- Intercultural communication
- Language and/or area studies
Earn a Graduate Degree Abroad

- What’s the difference?
- More than just a degree...
- Gain international experience
- Learn where the action is...
Things to Consider

- Style of program abroad
- Application logistics
- Language proficiency
- Funding
- Degree recognition in US for programs like Law, Medicine, Education, MBA, or licensure requirements
- Accommodation options
Financial Considerations

- Check for FAFSA school code to check on Title IV aid
- Check if you can work while in school
- Cost of living
- Look harder for other aid in ways of grants, fellowships, and assistantships
- Not all private loans transfer overseas
Ready for More?

• Visit your Career Services office on your campus
• Look at the resources on the handout
• Talk with Faculty Advisor
• Contact your study abroad office for additional questions