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How to Include Your Study Abroad Experience on Your Resume

The National Association of Colleges and Employers (NACE) identifies "Intercultural Fluency," or the ability to interact respectfully with diverse cultures, as one of the top eight core competencies employers are looking for in college graduates. As such, studying abroad is an important experience to capture on your resume!

There are several ways to include your study abroad experience on your resume, which might change depending on what type of position you are seeking. Here are two examples:

EXAMPLE 1:

***Notice how this example creates a new section entitled "International Experience," and uses bullet points to describe the program in depth. Using this format for your study abroad experience is the preferred method for most students.

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EDUCATION

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May 2020

University of Louisville; Louisville, KY

- Cumulative GPA: 3.5/4.0
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INTERNATIONAL STUDY

University of Salamanca; Salamanca, Spain

Fall 2018

- Participated in total language immersion program, living with host family and speaking only Spanish
- Completed Spanish history, art, and literature courses taught in Spanish by native scholars

EXAMPLE 2:

*** On the other hand, this example places the Study Abroad experience as a bullet point under the "Education" Section. Although still included on the resume, this format might be right for you if you have other significant professional experiences that are more relevant for the positions you are applying.

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