

Go Abroad to Further Education

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Nowadays, Taiwanese students tend to go abroad for further education. Not only students but also businessmen like to study overseas. That's because Taiwan is less competitive than other countries.

Why people want to study abroad? People study abroad for three major reasons. Firstly, to enrich their life experience. A saying goes, "He that travels far knows much." As this saying goes, when you experience different cultures, you will see things from different perspectives. Secondly, to increase the chances of professional choice. Foreign universities set up curriculums with a wide range of profession while some of these curriculums are not available in Taiwan. Finally, the length of schooling is shorter. Length of schooling is relatively short in foreign countries, so you can graduate from college earlier than your peers in Taiwan and start your career earlier, too.

The advantages of studying abroad may be that you can learn to be independent. Another advantage is that you will be able to adapt yourself faster than others when in an unfamiliar condition because of the personal experience. Studying abroad allows you to learn to communicate with others under cultural differences, promoting your communication skills. Regarding the downside, you may face the problem of racism. In addition, you will miss Taiwan's food very much, as well as home. You'll miss your family especially when you are sick. Being sick in a foreign country is not as convenient as in your hometown. No one takes care of you.

However, despite these drawbacks, studying abroad is more good than bad. After all, the drawbacks mentioned only exist for merely two or three years when you are studying abroad. The enormous knowledge and experiences people learn in a foreign countries is so valuable that it is worthwhile for people who can afford the expense to give it a try. Once you determine to do so, try your best.