

Added benefits of a US university undergraduate education

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Greater access to professors, unmatched student support and outstanding facilities are some of the more obvious reasons why international students find US universities so appealing. Additionally, the US continues to place many universities at the top of most every academic ranking list. These popular institutions have little problem attracting international applicants. Princeton, Harvard and UC-Berkeley are well known throughout the world and offer challenging academic programmes on picture postcard campuses. These very competitive universities do offer an incredible education, but so do hundreds of other universities who welcome students from outside the United States.

In our experience, it is not the name of the university that students find most important about a US undergraduate degree, but the opportunity to determine their own educational path, explore areas of interest and gain confidence. These factors all play a critical role later when entering any job market. The liberal arts approach present in most every US institution allows students the flexibility to discover the academic subjects which truly interest them. Each of the top 200 universities (and more) will offer the opportunity to change majors, combine subject areas (majors and minors) and explore areas of interest just for fun, as an elective.

Along with these academic advantages, students are also able to engage with the larger community outside of the classroom and access a myriad of clubs and interest groups. These clubs allow students to learn experientially, develop personal skills and engage with other international and domestic students. These learning experiences which are a big part of the US university experience help undergraduates learn the soft skills that are important in the global marketplace. Research shows that 75% of the HR managers value these interpersonal skills learned while studying abroad.

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