

Invigorate Your Teaching Through Study Abroad

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- A. Why Study Abroad?
 - 1. To maintain credibility as a foreign language teacher
 - a. To improve one's personal linguistic ability
 - b. To obtain the cultural enrichment that can ignite enthusiasm and interest in the classroom
 - c. To refresh, expand, improve knowledge and skills that qualify one as a true professional
 - 2. To bring back authentic materials and anecdotes to use in the classroom
- B. Why study abroad is essential to a foreign language teacher. Foreign language books and magazines, cable and satellite TV channels, international music CD's, web sites, *Champs-Élysées* tapes, immersion weekends or sessions at conferences are good stop-gap measures, but cannot replace a good study-abroad experience.
- C. Reasons why many do not study abroad
 - 1. The cost factor
 - 2. The family factor
 - 3. The fear factor
- D. Types of programs
 - 1. degree programs
 - 2. seminars (NEH), courses (Embassy of Spain), etc.
 - 3. language schools
 - 4. homestays without formal coursework
 - 5. travel & tours (not really study abroad?)