

Nowadays, some students want to do a semester abroad either in a university or in a work placement. Although there are some advantages to make, there are drawbacks which prevent most of students to go abroad.

First, the main advantage to live in a foreign country for six months is to learn the language. Most of students who lived abroad have become fluent in the language they were used to speak during six months, and it is very good for a future job to speak fluently one or more languages, because lots of companies are now present all over the world.

Second, working or studying abroad is the opportunity to discover new horizons, because of local cultures in the United States, for example. Some students told to us that the “American way of life” is different that the French one, especially in manner of working where the tasks are more important than the time you took to do these.

Third, there is a main disadvantage to go to a foreign country during six months. Students who have already lived a semester abroad say that in general it takes about one month or more to get used to the language and be able to understand what other people tell to them. During this time each single action may become difficult, like take the bus, or see a doctor when you are ill.

Fourth, it could be difficult to change from one day to the other of living conditions. We have to make new friends in ou new country and it might be hard to do this, although it is essential for our integration.

To sum up, there are as much advantages as drawbacks but I think it is a very good experience to live in a country because it helps us to be more open-minded.

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