

## Study Abroad Sample Essay

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To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Jane Doe and I am a third year Electrical Engineering undergraduate student at Cal Poly State University, San Luis Obispo, California. I am hoping to study abroad this fall quarter at Tecnun, University of Navarra, School of Engineering in San Sebastian, Spain, and take upper division courses for my major. Ever since I was in high school, I have always wanted to travel and study in another country. For this reason, as soon as I began my educational career here at Cal Poly, I have been working to realize this goal.

I chose to study at Tecnun because I am interested in practicing and strengthening my Spanish language skills. I studied Spanish in high school and I hope to one day be able to speak it fluently. In addition, I hope to understand the academic side of engineering and gain an appreciation for the history of the language and culture. Studying at Tecnun will allow me to experience and be completely immersed in the culture, while giving me the opportunity to practice the language where it is spoken.

Traveling is also one of my favorite interests. I enjoy meeting new people, trying local delicacies, and learning about different cultures. Moreover, this experience will provide me with a different perspective on the US and the culture I have grown up in.

Lastly, I believe that studying at another university for part of my educational career will be more beneficial because it will allow me to see engineering in a different prospective other than the US. This experience will allow me to develop communication skills with international citizens. Learning how to interact with cross-cultures is an important skill to have in today's industry.

In summary, I have always strived to be a globally minded citizen. Studying abroad in today's increasingly diverse work world and my love for learning about other cultures, I believe will benefit me personally, but also in the scope of my educational and potential future career.

Sincerely,

*Jane Doe*