

中學生出路資訊Show 2010

Overseas Study – Myths and Important Points to Note 海外升學 – 迷思 . 須知

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Factors to consider

- Why study abroad?
- Factors to consider:
 1. Money \$\$
 - The most important is \$\$
 - Calculate the total expenses in terms of number of years
 - Always aim at the highest qualifications

Factors to consider

2. Which country do I wish to live in the future?
3. Will it give me a better chance in joining a better school / university?
4. In which aspects overseas study experience will enrich me?

Where to study?

- Which Country?
- Major Countries:
 - United States (US)
 - United Kingdom (UK)
 - Canada
 - Australia
 - China
 - Taiwan

Education Systems – US & Canada

Understand the Education System and how you can fit into the system

- United States: 12 years + 4 years (University), or, 12 years + 2 years (Community College) + 2 years (University)
- Canada: same as US

Education System – UK

- UK: 11 years + 2 years A Level + 3 to 5 years (University), or,
- 11 years + 2 years A Level + 1 year (Pre U) + 3 to 5 years (University), or,
- 11 years + 2 years A Level + 3 years (Higher Diploma) + 1 to 2 years (University), or,
- 11 years + 2 years Diploma + 1 year Higher Diploma + 1 to 2 years (University)
- *Professional Programmes: 3 to 5 years

Education System – Australia

- Australia: 12 years + 3 years (University), or,
- 12 years + 2 years (TAFE) + 2 years (University), or,
- (Overseas students) 12 years + 6 months to 1 year (Pre-U) + 3 years (University), or,
- (Overseas students) 11 years + 1 year Foundation year + 3 years (University), or,
- (Overseas students) 11 years + 2 years Diploma + 2 years (University)

Education Systems – China & Taiwan

- China: 12 years + 4 years (University)
- Taiwan: 12 years + 4 years (University), or,
Overseas Students 11 years + 1 year Pre-U
Programme + 4 years (University)

Tuition Fees

Fees

1. China / Taiwan
2. Australia College
3. Canada Community College
4. US Community College
5. US Public University / Canada Public University
6. Australia University
7. UK / American Private University

Academic Status

Academic Status (referring to Research Grant and Research Performance for average standard universities)

1. United States
2. UK
3. Canada / Australia
4. China / Taiwan

Entry Requirements (on top of HKCEE)

Preparation (English Requirements)

- US: TOEFL / SAT / AP
- UK: O level (HKCEE), A level (new HKDSE), IELTS
- Australia: IELTS
- Canada: TOEFL / SAT / AP (Optional)

Items for Application

Items to consider:

1. School academic performance
2. Public exam results
3. Reference letter
4. Other supporting evidence (awards, etc.)

Late Application (summer)

- US: Autumn term (x) or Spring term
- Canada: Autumn term (x)
- UK: August (by British Council)
- Australia: Pre-U or Foundation year programme (term begin in Feb)
- China: University for overseas students
- Taiwan: 1 year A level + Pre-U programme

Study Abroad (Attention!)

- Professional Recognition
- Law: require to study PCLL in HK upon graduation from overseas (can we get in?)
- Medicine, Nursing, Pharmacy...: By Examination (Passing rate?)

Study Abroad (Attention!)

Don't go:

1. No money
2. Without HKCEE 5 subjects (Chinese + English) unless repeats Secondary study overseas
3. Depression or other related mood problems

Study Abroad (Attention!)

Don't go:

4. Not joining a better overseas institution than institution you can join in HK (attention: accreditation status of overseas institutions)
US (regional accredited)
5. Overseas distance learning institution

Remarks for Studying Abroad

1. Open your heart for new environment, new friends
2. Part time job
3. Appreciate the support from your family members (don't use up the family's money)
4. Keep contact with your family members



Thank you and Good Luck!