



Study abroad and student success: What's the connection?

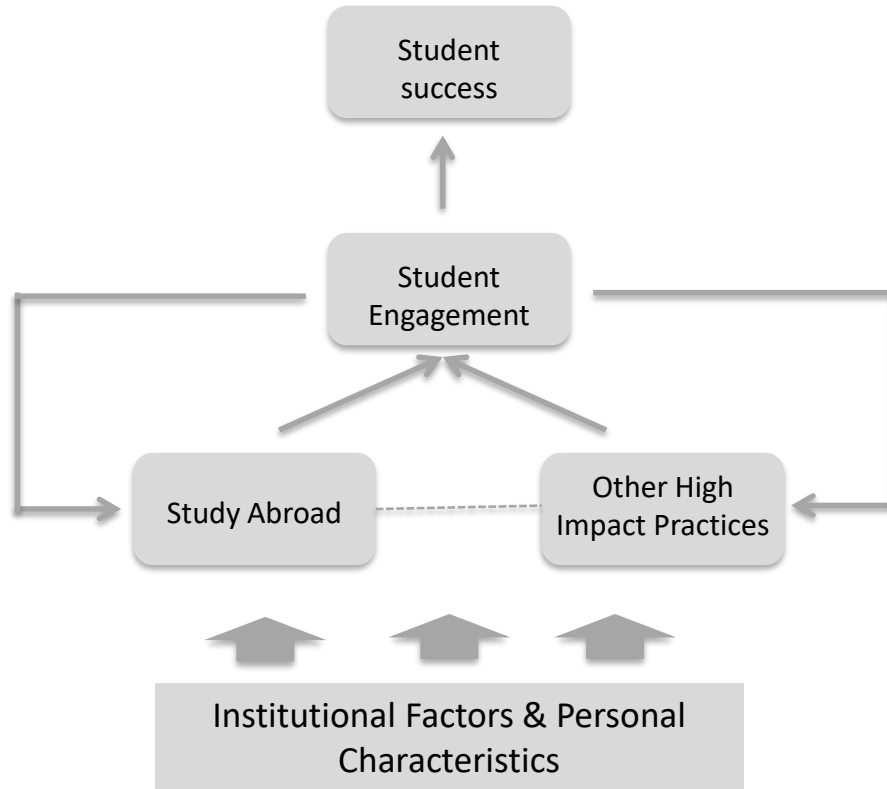
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What is student success?



“...broadly defined to include satisfaction, persistence, and high levels of learning and personal development”

(Kuh et al., 2011)

Success and Study Abroad

Study abroad participants....



- show an **increased rate of retention and graduation**



- **progress** through their degree **quicker**



- have a **higher rate of engagement** in other high impact practices which are also shown to lead to increased retention



- of **low SES background** are more likely to graduate (and in shorter time) than non-participants of low SES background



- of a **minority background** are more likely to graduate than minority non-participants

...but are we preaching to the converted?

Considering that engagement is a critical factor in determining student retention and success, our research is aimed at measuring the difference as a direct result of study abroad participation.

- Quantitative study
- Areas examining:
 - Respondent's background
 - Overseas program
 - Motivations to study abroad
 - Intention to leave university
 - Engagement
- Collected prior to departure (Time 1), AND
- Followed by a post-study abroad survey to measure difference (Time 2)

We are currently at Time 1 stage and expect collect Time 2 data in March 2018.

Measuring engagement



Academic

4.07



Peer

4.22



Beyond-class

4.47



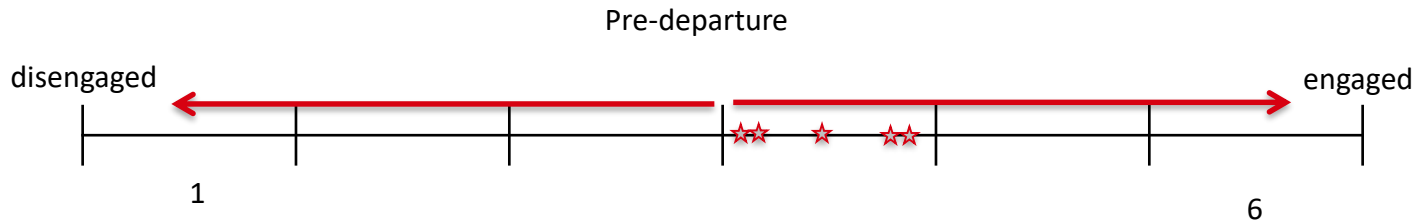
Student-staff

4.73



Intellectual

4.76



n = 132

Many institutions are already implementing great initiatives when it comes to study abroad and student success, however there is progress to be made with forming **cohesive and inclusive strategies** to address both.

What can global mobility practitioners do?

- Continue to reduce barriers to study abroad
- Start and maintain dialogue with other university elements (no more silo mentality)
- Produce more evidence-based research around engagement and retention of study abroad participants

What can other university elements do?

- Include global mobility in student success strategies
- Let the mobility team know who your students are and what support they need
- Cross-promote overseas programs through your channels



THANK YOU

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