



Norman Career Services

# Graduate School Abroad

Providing an introduction to graduate programs outside of the USA.



University of Oxford, UK



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# Today's Agenda



**Why consider going abroad for graduate school.**



**Differences between foreign & domestic institutions.**



**Guidelines for navigating different types of foreign institutions.**







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How applications are similar and different.



Logistics of going abroad for graduate school.



Benefits of going abroad for graduate school.





National University of Singapore

Why  
consider  
going  
abroad?



# REASONS TO CONSIDER



## *Personal Experience*

Looking to challenge yourself  
in a new environment or  
connect personal interests.



University of Cape Town, South Africa

## *Returning Home*

International student looking to  
pursue degree in home country  
or domestic student looking to  
study in country they studied  
abroad in.



University of Cambridge, UK

## *Program's Reputation*

The top programs in your field  
are actually located abroad.



## *Start International Career*

Jump start your international  
career with building  
connections in a foreign  
setting.





ETH Zurich, Switzerland



# Differences

## Research vs. Taught Programs

In the US, graduate programs tend to be a mixture of research and practice, but abroad, they tend to differentiate.

## Program Size

In the US, graduate programs tend to range in class sizes, but abroad, they tend to be of the smaller size.

## Funding

Securing funding as an international student to a foreign university can be extremely difficult. Usually, scholarships are externally secured or are large, very competitive university-wide scholarships, rather than partial.



Lund University, Sweden



University of Oslo, Norway



# Types of Institutions

Being familiar with the different types of foreign institutions can help you understand your potential experience.

Tsinghua University, China





Sorbonne University, France

# **Selecting Options**

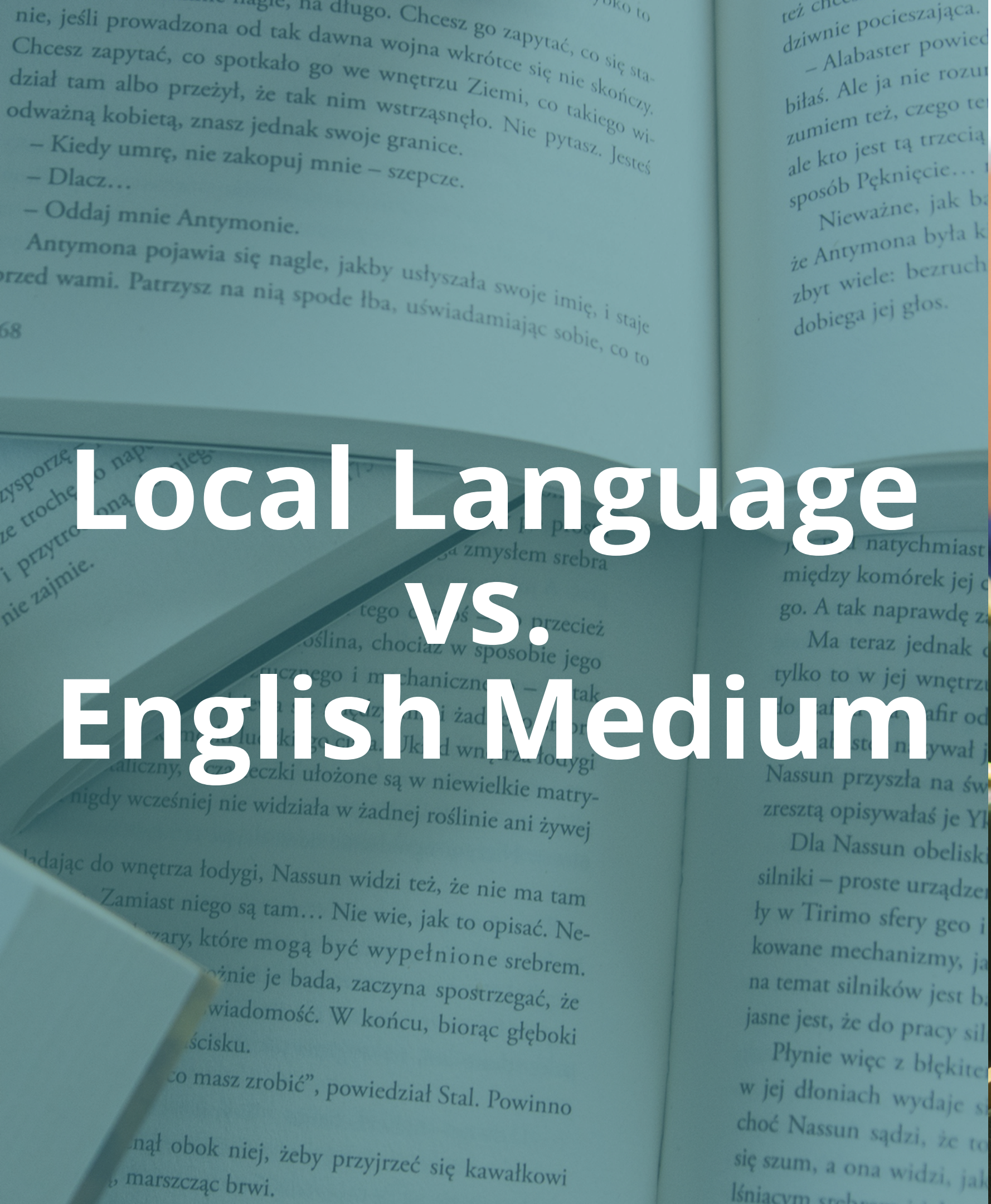
**Local vs. English Medium**

**American Style School/Program**

**American Overseas Campus**

**Half/Half Program**





# Local Language vs. English Medium







# Local Language Medium

## Courses Taught Fully in Locally Language

May need to submit language proficiency scores to attend. May need to submit application materials in local language.

## Personal Comfortability

How comfortable will you be learning and working in a foreign language when there are stakes involved (grades and degrees)?

## Additional Language Training

Does the university provide additional language courses to help improve language skills?





# English Language Medium

## Courses Taught Fully in English

Some programs, even in non-English speaking countries, have entire graduate programs in English and even the entire university operates in English.

## English Qualifications

Check to make sure you still don't need to submit proof your undergraduate degree was taught in English or you require a TOEFL score.

## Local Language Requirements

Some programs, despite being an English medium program, may still require you to learn the local language as brought of the curricula.



# American-Style Universities vs. Overseas Campus

Central European University, Austria





# American-Style Universities

**American structure, curricula, experience, but outside the US.**

- American-accredited universities existing outside of the United States that deliver American higher education academic/student affairs experience.
- Are not associated with a campus present in the US.



KAUST, Saudi Arabia



# Overseas Campus

**An American university with a campus in another country.**

- American school with physical campus in another location.
- Operated independently from main campus.
- Degree is conferred from home campus (sometimes).



Webster University Geneva, Switzerland



# US Graduate Programs with International Component

Columbia University, USA





# USA Grad Program + International Experience

- Semester Abroad
- International internship
- International Project





# Applications

Similarities &  
Differences



McGill University, Canada



# Application Components

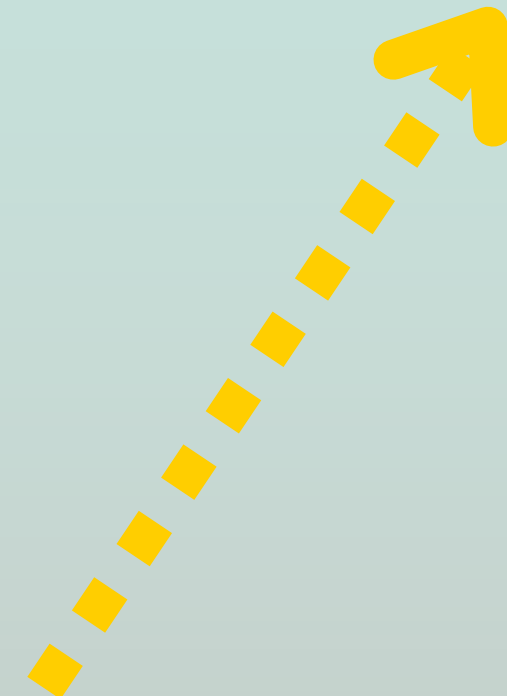
## General Components:

- CV
- Personal statement
- Transcripts
- References
- Online application form
- Application fee
- Writing sample



## Additional Components:

- Portfolio
- Diversity statement
- Research statement
- Grade explanations
- Credential evaluations
- Standardized exams or language exams







American University in Cairo, Egypt

# Logistics of Graduate School Abroad





University of Sydney, Australia



Kyoto University, Japan



KU Leuven, Belgium

# Logistics to Consider

What does the university assist with?

- Student visa
- Local bank account
- Transportation
- Local healthcare
- Vaccinations
- Housing



A wide-angle photograph of Trinity College in Dublin, Ireland, taken at sunset. The central focus is the main entrance, a large stone archway topped by a tall, ornate clock tower with a cross on its roof. The sky is a vibrant mix of orange, yellow, and pink. The foreground is a wide, cobblestone-paved walkway that leads directly to the entrance. On either side of the path are green lawns, black metal posts connected by chains, and several black lampposts with glowing lights. To the left, a row of multi-story stone buildings with many windows lines the path. To the right, more stone buildings are visible, some with bicycles parked in front of them. The overall atmosphere is serene and historic.

# Benefits of Graduate School Abroad

Trinity College, Ireland



# Benefits

- Jumpstart your international career
- Expand your network
- Build independence & confidence
- Increase global awareness
- Learn a language & culture



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**Thank You!**

