Deciding to study abroad is a huge step for any college student. The endless time spent preparing for your “new” life, numerous meetings, and words of wisdom are not nearly enough to prepare for life abroad. Living abroad is quite a unique experience but living on a ship is simply unheard of...

I studied abroad through the University of Virginia with Semester at Sea. It allows students and faculty from all over the world to co-exist on a 591 foot ship. It is a floating campus which provides an interactive living and learning community.

Over the course of my trip, I visited 11 countries: Bahamas, Dominica, Brazil, Ghana, South Africa, Mauritius, India, Singapore, Vietnam, Hong Kong, China, Japan, and lastly explored the United States in Hawaii and California. I gained a glimpse of cultures and a taste of the rest of the world. My semester was transitional with only six straight days of class all semester.

This experience was different than most due the living quarters; however any study abroad experience is smiled upon. Whether it is a simple interest in other cultures, the need to get away, or seeking independence... being abroad gives you a whole new perspective on life and schooling. Step one is simply committing to studying abroad, location can be determined later. Escape the monotony of college to explore the globe for less.

NEEDLESS TO SAY GO ABROAD!