

## Parent & Family Pulse Poll – January 2014: Study Abroad Opportunities

Results (139 responses)

My student is a:		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
High school student	2.2%	3
Freshman	41.0%	57
Sophomore	25.2%	35
Junior	18.7%	26
Senior	10.1%	14
Grad student	2.9%	4

If your student told you that he or she is interested in studying abroad, what would be your reaction?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
I would be excited for my student and offer my full support for studying abroad	46.0%	64
I would support my student's interest in studying abroad, but with reservations	45.3%	63
I would be neutral about it	3.6%	5
I would not support my student's interest in studying abroad	5.0%	7
Other (please specify)		5

What questions do you have or what information do you need about studying abroad? (please check all that apply)		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Safety	73.4%	102
Expense	82.7%	115
Academic quality of programs	52.5%	73
Missing my student	9.4%	13
None	6.5%	9
Other (please specify)		15

[Most parents and family members surveyed would support their student's interest in studying abroad. The most common questions about studying abroad were about the expenses involved and safety.]

### Tips from TTU's Study Abroad Department:

- Discuss with your student the reasons he/she wants to study abroad. The focus should be on the academic aspect of the program.
- Support them in their decision. Although you may have some reservations, your support is crucial to your student's success abroad.
- Stay in touch, but not as much. Study Abroad can be not only academically fulfilling, but a chance for your student to become more independent and self-sufficient. It's important that students 'take ownership' of their study abroad experience.
- Study Abroad's web site, [www.studyabroad.ttu.edu](http://www.studyabroad.ttu.edu), has great information on paying for study abroad, student safety while abroad, and student health while abroad.
- Encourage your student to attend the Study Abroad Fair, offered February 5, 2014, visit the Study Abroad website, and attend a Study Abroad information session offered Monday – Friday at 4 p.m. in the International Cultural Center on campus at 601 Indiana Ave.