Freshmen and Study Abroad Programs in Europe at Stephen F. Austin State University

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Objective:
To discover the attitudes among Freshmen at Stephen F. Austin State University towards study abroad programs in Europe.

Methodology:
32 face to face questionnaires conducted on campus (Library, Baker Patillo Student Center and Freshmen dorms). Then, the data have been analyzed using SPSS.

Results: SFA Freshmen love their mums!

75% of respondents disagree to pay more than SFA tuition for a study-abroad program.

TOP DESTINATIONS:
England
Germany
France
Italy

Recommendations to the Office of International Programs:
- Promotion must emphasize Study Abroad Programs.
- Organize conferences by exchange students to speak about their own school to promote exchange programs.
- Organize special Study Abroad Fairs.
- Hold Study Abroad meetings during the Sophomore year.
- Promote how valuable Study Abroad Programs are on resumes.

Would you participate in a study abroad program...

- Taught in foreign language: Agree 56%, Neutral 31%, Disagree 13%
- Taught in English: Agree 80%
- One year length: Agree 80%
- One semester length: Agree 60%
- One month length: Agree 50%

Business and Education majors most likely to participate in study abroad programs.