

LEARNING OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM

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ABSTRACT

Experience is the best teacher -We've all heard about immersion, learning by doing, experiential learning. Excursions are an excellent way to involve students in an experiential learning activity. This ideas exchange will explore what students' learnt on a 2 week study tour program to China and begin a discussion on how these activities can be integrated into degree programs for greater benefit to the student

THE ISSUE

Students come to university to study and develop skills so that they can succeed in life. Life and a career for the majority of them occur outside of campus, how do we innovate and include real world activities in our teaching?

THE APPROACH

Study tours have been around for many years, so have excursions, incursions and real life case studies.

This ideas exchange displays the variety of learning that took place on a 2 week study tour to China.

Questions to discuss:

- 1) What value do these programs hold?
- 2) How do we integrate these programs into whole degrees?

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