Enhancing an Undergraduate Degree with International Learning Experiences:

the Benefits and Challenges for Students and University Administrators

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Research indicates that a well-facilitated international learning experience can be a deeply transformative part of a student's university education. With educators and students alike increasingly supporting engaged learning, intercultural sensitivity, and global awareness, one would expect more and more students to include an international learning experience as part of their undergraduate studies, with university programs reflecting that demand and in some cases driving it by promoting curriculum development that enhances local and international intercultural experiences. With few exceptions this is not the case across Canada.

This presentation highlights some of the pedagogical benefits of international learning and some of the challenges that universities face in developing s state-of-the-art programs that facilitate this form of education. It also offers some best practices.

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