

Dennis Schneider

From Gilman scholar to Fortune 500 employee

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“Living and studying abroad helps develop skills that are crucial to professional development.”

Dennis considers himself fortunate to have obtained cross-disciplinary studies during his undergraduate studies in business and engineering. While having managerial and professional work experience is very important, he believes that living and studying abroad helps develop crucial professional skills such as networking, understanding complexities of diversity in the workforce, self-advocacy, and setting priorities. Another skill Dennis is happy to have practiced while abroad is working in challenging and fast-paced environments. Learning to change the way you proceed through day-to-day life is very challenging, but it allows you to learn to adapt and succeed. Dennis believes that studying abroad enabled him to obtain his dream job as a global material planner for a fortune 500 company shortly after graduation. Though the world is very large, it is becoming very connected through globalization. For young professionals, it is very advantageous to embrace the challenge of learning to work with individuals much different from themselves. Studying abroad presents ambitious individuals an incredible amount of opportunity to grow, and Dennis would highly recommend embracing the journey.

- ★ Studied Industrial and Entrepreneurial Engineering with International Business Skills
- ★ Studied in Utrecht, Netherlands for six months
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