

# STUDY IN INDIA VERSUS STUDY ABROAD

**W**ith over 3,000 colleges to choose from in the United States alone and so many universities almost like the metro stations in London, it can be a daunting task to decide on where to study, leave alone study in India or abroad. Here are some distinctive features of international education.

**ACADEMIC RIGOUR**

Don't be surprised if you find that your yoga teacher is also a photographer. We as individuals also enjoy variety, not just in life but also in the exploration of subjects and majors that we choose. This is given in the case of most international universities, especially in the U.S.



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**FINANCIAL INDEPENDENCE**

There are more than a 100 independent scholarships that most Indian students can apply to. Moreover, universities internationally also offer merit or need-based scholarships. "Thanks to being away from home, my child has learnt money management skills and takes

decisions on her own," says a mother whose daughter studies abroad.

**PERSONAL GROWTH**

It is not uncommon to come across highly motivated students, wanting to 'change the world.' Globalisation is not just a concept that these students study in geography, it is their everyday reality.

**EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING**

Parents would want to send an 18-year-old to a far-off country and a different culture. Emotional stability and a preparation for what is to follow in the months and years to come is very important.

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