FACTORS INFLUENCING STUDENTS' DECISION TO STUDY ABROAD (Domestic and External Factors)

Economics

- state of home and host country economy

Immigration Policies

ease of obtaining student visaability to obtain work while studying

Supply of Quality Higher Education

availability of home country programs
name recognition of educational institutions

availability and perceived value of host country education
admission requirements in home and host country's institution

Affordability of Education

- cost of home country education

availability of scholarships to study in host country
host country's policy in regard to differential fees

Marketing and Promotion

- degree of educational marketing activities by host country

- availability of information on host country educational programs

Environment

- personal safety issues

- perceived openness to foreign cultures and people

Bilateral Relations

- historical relationship with host country

- knowledge of host country relevant to career opportunities

- general perception of host country

Climate