

Tips for Considering Further Studies

1. Determine Your Future Goal and/or Career

You should plan and decide your career while choosing the study subject, such as industry and occupation, and choose the course that may facilitate your future career planning and support you to achieve your desire career.

Several directions should be considered before considering further studies. For instance, labour market trend or the area(s) that you want to pursue (qualification? skill? knowledge? a higher level of degree?). It would be better to determine your goal and/or career while planning further studies in order to make yourself clear about your future pathways.

2. Recognition of the Programme

There are many postgraduate programmes and courses for further studies. You should consider the recognition of the programme in your future working place or study location/home country in advance.

For instance, some enterprises would tend to hire graduates from local colleges rather than overseas and/or some industries may only consider graduates who obtained professional qualification. As such, you should find more information towards the target industries and job market so as to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness for getting into the next step.

3. Time and Financial Consideration

You should assess the feasibility and affordability of the chosen course. For instance, some students would choose a part-time master's degree while working full-time, which may underestimate the time allocation for balancing his/her current job and study. Therefore, you should plan your time and assess financial condition when you consider further studies.

In addition, it is recommended to check any subsidy, student/grant loan that provided by the local government and/or university which may help your financial condition.

4. Aware of Study Visa Requirement when Studying Overseas

Immigration policies of the local/overseas countries should be read thoroughly. Some countries offer various policies to attract overseas talents to live in their countries after graduation as well as working in local companies for a few years. If you would like to stay and/or live afterwards, it is important to check and understand the related polices in details.

5. Conduct Detailed Research

Apart from getting basic information for further studies, you must also do extensive research. For example, you should compare different universities, ranking, browse various forums for reference. If possible, visit the university may be recommended to know whether the university's environment is suitable or not.