

Solutions: Advantages and disadvantages of taking a gap year

Advantages	Disadvantages
<p><u>Dr. Julia Lodge</u> <u>(Admissions Tutor, Biological Sciences):</u> Wisely spend gap years contribute to your university degree and your preparation for that and when you come to university, you'll be ready for your studies (e.g.: working on a conservation project when wanting to study biology)</p>	<p><u>Marcus Williams</u> <u>(Deputy Director of Student Recruitment):</u> If you spend a year out of the habit of learning, it might be more difficult to pick up once you join university.</p>
<p><u>Dr. Mike Ward</u> <u>(Senior Lecturer, Engineering):</u> Gap Years can be very beneficial to students: After a constructive gap year (e.g. working in industry) you are very much more mature when you start going to university. Better time management skills. See the importance of material the university is teaching them. Perform very well or even better than students without a gap year.</p>	<p><u>Dr. Austen Spruce</u> <u>(Admissions Tutor, Medical Science):</u> There is no big difference between those who have taken a gap year and those who haven't. So there is no advantage concerning admissions decisions.</p>
<p><u>Alice Baines (Third Year student, BA English and African Studies):</u> - unique experience - improve your CV - helps with getting into university and applying for graduate jobs afterwards - teaches lots of skills that help you at university and life afterwards: independence, self-reliance - high responsibility - confidence for studying at university: come forward, more socially active, a bit more life experience, more outspoken</p>	