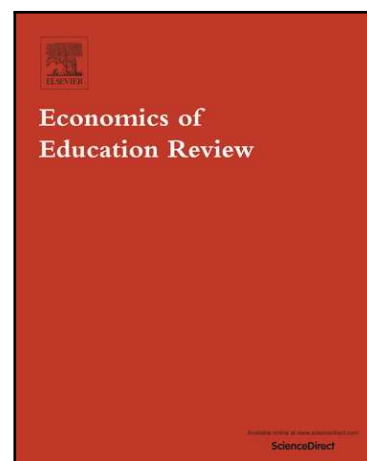


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## Highlights

- We investigate the impact of spending one or two semesters abroad during the university career on the acquisition of foreign language proficiency
- The effect of studying abroad is remarkable for Italian graduates, but it is extremely heterogeneous across different languages
- Linguistic distance and the number of available slots for each destination country shape this heterogeneity
- Languages less rewarded by the labor market are the ones most affected by studying abroad

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