YEAR ABROAD OPTIONS
2020-21 / LANGUAGE DEGREES

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Key responsibilities

• Provision of information and advice
• Student support
• Administration of Erasmus grant (if applicable)

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The long-term benefits

*Students who study or work abroad are more likely to…*

- Earn a first or upper second class degree
- Have higher employability skills
- Be in employment or further study
- Be in a graduate level job or earning 5% more

*…than those who don’t study or work abroad.*

Source:
Gone International report March 2017

British employers need staff who have international experience and language skills.

Source:
British Chamber of Commerce
"As for my year abroad in general, I am having the most amazing time and don't think I'll ever want to come home!"

Rachel

O Melvin, Granada
Finance

- No tuition fees are payable to host universities
- Tuition fees payable to Kent (current 2019/20 figures): £1,385
- Student Finance
- Plan your budget
  - Cost of living – student questionnaires
  - Discuss with whoever supports you financially
  - Outside Europe: costs of travel, visas etc
Erasmus+ and SEMP

- Erasmus+
  - Current situation
  - Eligible countries
  - Study or Work placements
  - Grant rate
    - **Not** your main source of funding

- Swiss-European Mobility Programme
  - Study placements
  - Grant rate and payment

- Non-Erasmus:
  - Quebec
  - Latin America
“My expectations in September were that I would improve my French and have some fun in the meantime but I did not realise the immense impact living abroad can have on your life perspective, independence and wellbeing.”

Amelia, Geneva
Choices: Degrees with one language

Full year in one country

- Study
- Work placement
- Assistantship

Some study placements are only for the full year, e.g. Granada
Choices: Degrees with one language

Split year between two countries (same language):
French, German, Hispanic Studies

Study + Work

Work + Assistantship*

Study + Study

Study + Study

One semester in each country, for example:
• Study in Quebec + Work in Belgium
• Study in Spain + Study in Uruguay
• Study in Germany + Assistantship in Austria

* One semester assistantships are only offered in Germany, Austria and Argentina
Choices: Joint Honours Language degrees

Split year between two countries (one in each language)

- Study + Work
- Work + Assistantship*
- Study + Study
- Study + Assistantship*

* One semester assistantships are only offered in Germany, Austria and Argentina
"Don't put pressure on yourself. It is the most incredible experience, embrace it. It's OK to be homesick but try and get as stuck in as possible. Try and speak as much German as you can. Have fun“
Elizabeth, Freiburg
Credits and assessment

- 60 ECTS or equivalent
- Attendance
- Work placements and assistantships: long essay
- Study placements: completion of exams at host
- Year Abroad will be assessed as Pass/Fail by Kent.
British Council Language Assistantship

- [https://www.britishcouncil.org/study-work-abroad/english-language-assistants](https://www.britishcouncil.org/study-work-abroad/english-language-assistants)

- Eligibility criteria
  - No teaching experience required
    - Exceptions: Switzerland and Latin America

- Locations
  - Some areas have more places than others

- Accommodation

- Support

- Timetable:
  - Briefing: November 2019
  - Application process: December 2019
  - Placement details sent May 2020
  - School details sent June-August 2020
Work Abroad

• Research and preparation:
  • What type of work? Why? Where? With whom?
  • Contact the Careers and Employability Service: www.kent.ac.uk/ces
  • Write C.V. in appropriate language/format
  • Start job search as early as possible

• Submit job documents to the Erasmus Team by **28 February 2020**

• Placement must be approved by Kent

• Accommodation

• Support
Study Abroad

- Excellent host universities
  - Details of partners and available places in Options booklet
  - Student questionnaires

- Academic matters
  - Different teaching styles
  - Different expectations of students
  - Assessment and exams

- Accommodation

- Support

- Application
  - September-October
“I can’t decide which part of my placement I love the most, whether my job or the summer camps! Also you get the chance to travel around South America which is just an amazing continent…
A year abroad gives you knowledge and language skills you simply can’t get in class, I loved every second of my year abroad and wish this would never end!”
Carla, Teach Argentina
Making your choices

• Do…
  • Read the Options booklet
  • Visit our office to read the student questionnaires
  • Research your options carefully over the summer
  • Discuss your plans with whoever supports you financially

• Don’t…
  • Pick university choices at random!
  • Choose work/assistantship just because you want a break from university
  • Leave your job hunt until the last minute
How the allocations are made

- First or second choices as far as possible, BUT this is subject to the availability of places at partner universities
- You should be prepared to go to any of your four choices
- If you declare specific student support needs, the suitability of each partner university will be considered
  - The student support facilities vary between universities

Whilst every effort will be make to allocate students to their first or second choices, the University reserves the right to decide otherwise based on the suitability of the exchange or the availability of places.
“You have to embrace the changes though and give yourself time to get used to it. I’ve found it to be an enriching experience so far and I’m learning a lot”

Sophie, British Council Assistantship Spain
FRENCH – France and Belgium (Erasmus+)

Université Charles de Gaulle Lille 3
Université Paris-Diderot
Université de Poitiers
Université d’Avignon et des pays de Vaucluse
Université Paul-Valéry Montpellier 3

Université de Namur
Université de Reims Champagne-Ardennes
Université Jean Moulin Lyon 3
Université Grenoble Alpes

Sciences Po Paris Regional campuses - Dijon, Menton, Reims, Nancy & Poitiers NOT Paris
FRENCH – Canada (non-Erasmus+)
“The country is magnificent and has allowed me to meet so many new people and travel... Don't overlook Switzerland as a country, it is truly amazing.”

Matthew, Neuchatel
GERMAN (Erasmus+)

- Philipps-Universität Marburg
- Ruprecht-Karls Universität Heidelberg
- Albert-Ludwigs Universität Freiburg
- Friedrich-Schiller Universität Jena
- Friedrich-Alexanders Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg
- Universität Salzburg
ITALIAN (Erasmus+)

Università di Parma

Università di Torino

Ca’ Foscari Venezia

Alma Mater Studiorum Università di Bologna

Università di Palermo

Università di Pavia

Università di Salerno
Good opportunity for those interested in Portuguese as well as Spanish
SPANISH

Chile (non-Erasmus)
- Universidad Adolfo Ibáñez

Peru (non-Erasmus)
- Pontifica Universidad Catolica del Peru

Uruguay (non-Erasmus)
- ORT Uruguay
Any questions?