YEAR ABROAD OPTIONS
2018-19 / LANGUAGE DEGREES

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Key responsibilities
• Provision of information and advice
• Student support
• Administration of Erasmus grant

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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
Finance

- No tuition fees are payable to host universities
- Tuition fees payable to Kent (current 2016/17 figures): £1,350
- 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+**
  - Eligible countries
  - Study or Work placements
  - Brexit
  - Grant rate
    - *Not* your main source of funding

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

- **Non-Erasmus:**
  - Quebec
  - Latin America
“Best year of my life, never have change and education in my life been so significant.”
Ryan
Choices: Degrees with one language

Full year
- Study
- Work
- Assistantship

Split year (one language)
- Study + Work
- Study + Study
  - French degrees: Quebec/Europe
  - Hispanic Studies: Latin America/Europe or two Latin American universities
- Study or Work + Assistantship
  - 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 + Study
  - The order in which you do these placements will depend on hosts’ academic calendars.
- Study + Work
- Study + Assistantship
  - One semester assistantships are only offered in Germany, Austria and Argentina
- Work + Assistantship
  - See note above
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.
“…coming to Spain to study was the best decision I have ever made. It has moved me greatly outside of my comfort zone, and has taught me that I am more than capable of relying on myself...”
Megan
British Council Language Assistantship

- www.britishcouncil.org/language-assistants/become

- Eligibility criteria

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

- Locations
  - Some areas have more places than others

- Accommodation

- Support

- Timetable:
  - Briefing: November 2017
  - Application process: December 2017
  - Placement details sent May 2018
  - School details sent June-August 2018
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 2018

• 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
“A wonderful experience that I would strongly recommend, have met some extraordinary people and had a great time living in a foreign city.”

Eliot
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.
  • Pick a university just because it’s famous or your friend has chosen it.
  • 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.
"It’s the best experience I’ve ever had so far and it’s only getting better… It’s transformed me into a brave person and has given me a lot of confidence."
Michaela
FRENCH

Belgium (Erasmus+)
- Université de Namur

Canada (Non-Erasmus)
- Université de Montréal
  - Minimum language requirements:
    - **C1 level** for programme in French Language and Literature;
    - **B2 level** for Minor programme in Arts and Sciences
France (Erasmus+)

- Université d’Avignon et des pays de Vaucluse
- Université Charles de Gaulle Lille 3
- Université Jean Moulin Lyon 3
  - Particularmente good for French-Business Administration
- Université Grenoble Alpes
- Université Paul-Valéry Montpellier 3
  - Minimum B1 in French
FRENCH

France (Erasmus+) continued

- Université Paris-Diderot
  - Particularly good for French-Film

- Sciences Po Paris
  - Regional campus NOT Paris
    - Dijon, Menton, Reims, Nancy, Poitiers and Reims
  - Particularly good for European Studies (French)
  - Minimum B1 in French

- Université de Poitiers

- Université de Reims Champagne-Ardennes
FRENCH

Switzerland (SEMP)

- Université de Genève
- Université de Lausanne
  - Excellent French as a foreign language course
- Université de Neuchatel
GERMAN (Erasmus+)

Austria
- Universität Salzburg

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

- Università degli Studi di Bologna
  - Not recommended for post-beginners
- Università degli Studi di Parma
  - Chance to do assistantship as part of studies.
- Università degli Studi di Pavia
  - Good student support re autism, disabilities etc
- Università degli Studi di Salerno
- Università degli Studi di Torino
  - Not recommended for post-beginners
- Ca’ Foscari Venezia
SPANISH

Spain (Erasmus+)

- Universidad de Alicante
- Universitat Autónoma de Barcelona
  - Catalan needed
- Universidad de Castilla-la-Mancha
- Universidad de Cordoba
- Universidad de Deusto

Alicante
Deusto
Barcelona
Spain (Erasmus+) continued

- Universidad Carlos III Madrid
  - Study programme primarily Communication/Film Studies
- Universidad de Granada
  - One full year place only
- Universidad de Oviedo
- Universidad de Vigo
  - Good opportunity for those interested in Portuguese as well as Spanish.
- Universidad de Zaragoza
SPANISH

Chile (non-Erasmus)
- Universidad Adolfo Ibáñez

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

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