YEAR ABROAD OPTIONS
2018-19 / POLITICS AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, LIBERAL ARTS

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Why study abroad?

- Opportunities and challenges
- Increase your employability
- Develop skills and attributes
- Enhance your studies
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
“It’s fantastic!...I am loving everything about the year abroad: the people, the work, the city, the travel opportunities…I would recommend this opportunity to everyone.”

Olivia
Grade requirements for Year Abroad

Liberal Arts

- Pass Stages 1 & 2

Politics and International Relations with...

- A language
  - Minimum 50% average in Language modules
  - Minimum 50% overall average in Stages 1 & 2

- A year in Continental Europe
  - Minimum 50% overall average in Stages 1 & 2

- A year in China/Hong Kong; A year in Japan
  - Minimum 60% average in Stages 1 & 2

- A Year in North America
  - Minimum 60% overall average in Stages 1 & 2
  - University of California: Minimum 70% overall average Stage 1
Other eligibility requirements

Students must:

- Have a good attendance record
- Be in good academic standing
  - E.g. no Senior Tutor warnings
Study Abroad

- Excellent host universities
  - www.kent.ac.uk/goabroad
- Different academic systems
- Accommodation
- Support
- Kent’s expectations:
  - Attendance
  - Credits: 60 ECTS or equivalent
  - Completion of assessment
- Assessment of Study Abroad period:
  - Pass/Fail mark
  - Contact the academic co-ordinator in the School for more information
“Erasmus has encouraged me to learn for myself and not for a grade which is a teaching I shall keep with me for life. I have engaged much more with my course at Kent since returning.”

Roxana
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+

- Eligible countries
- Grant rate
  - Top-up grant
  - Not your main source of funding
- Brexit

The University of Kent is pleased to acknowledge the support of the European Commission within the framework of the Erasmus+ Programme.
Financial guarantee

- Non-European destinations
- Requirement for visa
- You must show you have access to required amounts
- Amounts vary according to country/university. 2015/16 figures are:
  - Australia
  - China: no or minimal guarantee
  - Hong Kong: £8,000
  - Japan: ¥1,000,000 (currently about £5,300)
  - Taiwan:
  - Latin America: no or minimal guarantee
  - Canada: full year = $10,000 CAD; one term = no guarantee needed
  - US: full year = $10,000- $21,000; one term = $6,000-10,000
“Brilliant and invaluable experience; I would recommend it to all. Really good life learning, a great time to have fun and widen your perspective...”

Seema
POLIR with a Language (Erasmus+)

- French
  - Université Libre de Bruxelles
  - Sciences Po Grenoble
  - Sciences Po Lille
  - Sciences Po Paris
    - Students will study at the regional campuses not in Paris:
      - Dijon (Central and Eastern Europe)
      - Le Havre (Asia)
      - Menton (Middle-East and Mediterranean)
      - Nancy (Europe and Franco-German Region)
      - Poitiers (Latin America (Fr))
      - Reims (Africa, North America)
POLIR with a Language (Erasmus+)

- German
  - Freie Universität Berlin
  - Philipps-Universität Marburg
- Italian
  - Università degli Studi di Siena
  - Università degli Studi di Torino
- Portugal
  - Universidade de Coimbra
- Spanish
  - Universidad Autonoma de Madrid
  - Universidad de Valencia
POLIR with a Language (non-Erasmus+)

• French
  • Université de Montréal
    – Minimum B2 level of French, C1 preferred

• Spanish
  • Argentina: Universidad de San Andres
  • Colombia: Universidad del Rosario
  • Peru: Pontifica Universidad Catolica de Peru
  • Uruguay: ORT
POLIR with a Year in Continental Europe

- Czech Republic: Charles University, Prague
- Finland: Tampere University
- Norway: University of Oslo
- Poland: University of Warsaw
- Turkey: Bogazici University

A space at VU Amsterdam may become available but this cannot be confirmed yet.
POLIR with a Year in China/Hong Kong/Taiwan

• China
  • China Foreign Affairs University, Beijing
  • Renmin University of China, Beijing
  • United International College, Zhuhai

• Hong Kong
  • City University of Hong Kong
  • University of Hong Kong
  • Hong Kong Baptist University

• Taiwan
  • National Taiwan University
POLIR with a Year in Japan

- Aoyama Gakuin University
- Musashi University
- Kyoto Sangyo University
- Nagoya University of Foreign Studies
- Okayama University
- Waseda University
POLIR with a Year in North America

- **Eligibility**
  - 60% Stage 1 average needed
  - 70% Stage 1 average needed for University of California

- **Canada**: Brock University

- **USA**: see [www.kent.ac.uk/goabroad](http://www.kent.ac.uk/goabroad)
  - Check availability of US universities on list
Liberal Arts

- France: Sciences Po Paris
  - Regional campuses
- Germany: FU Berlin
- Spain: Universidad Autonoma de Madrid
- Italy: Sapienza University of Rome
- Portugal: Universidade de Coimbra
  - (Politics exchange)
- Japan:
  - Kyoto Sangyo University
  - Nagoya University of Foreign Studies
  - Okayama University
Making your choices

- The application process will open in October 2017
- Choose from list of universities for your subject area:
  - www.kent.ac.uk/goabroad
- Research the university options carefully.
  - Don’t pick a university just because it’s famous
- Be pragmatic and consider all aspects…
  - Environment and climate; Finance; Modules offered
- POLIRCONTEUR and POLIRNA:
  - choose five universities that you’d be happy with.

If in doubt, contact goabroad@kent.ac.uk
How the allocations are made

- Stage 1 average marks
- Availability of places at partner universities
- Attendance/academic standing will be considered for over-subscribed exchanges
- If necessary, allocation will take into account any student support needs

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.
Any questions?