THE UK’S EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY

YEAR ABROAD OPTIONS
2018-19 / SOCIAL SCIENCES

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Appropriate for…

Students following Single or Joint Honours degrees in the:

- School of Anthropology and Conservation
- School of Economics
- School of Psychology
- School of Social Policy, Sociology and Social Research
- Kent Business School
The Erasmus and Study Abroad Teams

Erasmus Team: study and work placements within Europe
- Janet Wilson-Sharp, Erasmus Placement Co-ordinator
- Françoise McKee, Erasmus Placement Officer
- Brechje Klok-White, Erasmus Placement Officer

Study Abroad Team: all study placements outside Europe
- Hazel Lander, Study Abroad and Exchanges Officer
- Sophie Baker, International Support and Placement Co-ordinator
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Why study or work 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
“I would encourage anyone to take the opportunity, because the things that you experience, the places you see and the people you meet become the best memories of your life.”

Lauren
Eligibility

To add a Year Abroad or Year in Industry to your degree, contact the Director of Studies for your degree programme.

Study Abroad:

- Stage 1 average mark
  - Minimum 60% Stage 1 average
  - University of California: minimum 70% Stage 1 average

- Attendance

- Good academic standing
Study Abroad

- Excellent host universities
  - [www.kent.ac.uk/goabroad](http://www.kent.ac.uk/goabroad)
  - Listed by subject area
- Different academic systems
- Language
- Accommodation
- Support
- Kent’s expectations
  - 60 ECTS or equivalent
- Assessment of Study Abroad period:
  - Pass/Fail mark
  - Contact the Internationalisation Adviser in your School for more information.
Work Abroad

- Year in Industry or Placement Year
  - Contact the Placement Officer in your School
  - Placement must be approved by your School.

- Research and preparation:
  - What type of work? Why? Where? With whom?
  - Language
  - Get advice from the Careers and Employability Service:
    - www.kent.ac.uk/ces

- Assessment of Work Abroad period
  - Pass/Fail
  - Through a project, report or essay set by Kent
“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
Finance

• No tuition fees are payable to host universities
• Tuition fees payable to Kent (current 2016/17 figures):
  • Full year undergraduate study/work placements: £1,350
• Student Finance
• Plan your budget
  • Cost of living
  • Student questionnaires
  • Host University website
Erasmus+

- Eligible countries
- Study or Work placements
- Brexit
- Grant rate
  - Top-up grant
  - **Not** your main source of funding

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Financial guarantee

- Requirement for visa
- Students have to show they have access to required amounts
- Amounts vary according to country/university.
- As a guide, 2017/18 figures are:
  - Australia: A$18,610
  - Chile: no or minimal guarantee
  - China: no or minimal guarantee
  - Hong Kong: £8,000
  - Korea: no or minimal guarantee
  - Japan: ¥1,000,000 (currently about £5,300)
  - Canada: full year = $10,000 CAD; one term = no guarantee needed
  - US: full year = $10,000- $20,000; 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
Applying for a Study Abroad place

- The application process will open in October 2017
- If you don’t have a choice of host university…
  - We will ensure that there is a place for you at the appropriate host university
- If you have a choice of host university…
  - Choose from the list of partner universities for your subject: www.kent.ac.uk/goabroad
  - Research those universities carefully.
  - Be pragmatic and consider all aspects: environment; finance; modules; teaching language
- Allocation process if you don’t have a choice of host university…
  - 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.
  - Stage 1 average marks, academic standing, attendance
Every day became an education, broadening my mind academically, geographically, culturally, and socially. It was one of the best years of my life.

Anna
Anthropology outside Europe

(Social) Anthropology with a year in Japan
- Kansai Gaidai University
- Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University
- Waseda University
- Musashi University

Biological Anthropology with a year abroad
- University of Calgary, Canada
- Trent University, Canada
- California State University, Long Beach, USA
- University of California (very limited places), USA
- Indiana University Bloomington, USA
- State University of New York Buffalo, USA
- University of Tennessee at Knoxville, USA
(Social) Anthropology in Europe (*all Erasmus+*)

Taught in host language
- Aix-Marseille University, France
- Johannes-Gutenberg University, Mainz, Germany
- University of Siena, Italy
- Universidad Complutense de Madrid, Spain

Taught in English
- University of West Bohemia, Czech Republic
- University of Copenhagen, Denmark
- Jyvaskyla University, Finland
- Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, The Netherlands (limited space)
International Business outside Europe

Taught in English

- UTS, Australia
- Universidad Adolfo Ibanez, Chile
- Renmin University of China
- City University of Hong Kong
- Hong Kong Baptist University
- University of Hong Kong
- EWHA Woman’s University, School of Business, Korea (open to male exchange students)
International Business in Europe (*all Erasmus+*)

Taught in either English or host language

- Université Jean Moulin – Lyon 3, France
- EBS University, Germany
- Sant’ Anna, Scuola Universitaria Superiore Pisa, Italy
- IE University (Madrid campus), Spain
Economics

• Keio University, Japan (new)
  – Taught in English, basic Japanese required

Erasmus+

• Athens University of Economics and Business, Greece
  – Taught in English
• Universidad Carlos III Madrid, Spain
  – Taught in Spanish and English
• Aix-Marseille University, France
  – Taught in French
• Philipps University Marburg, Germany
  – Taught in German
Psychology (all Erasmus+)

Taught in English

• University of Helsinki, Finland
• Warsaw School of Social Sciences and Humanities (SWPS), Poland

Taught in host language

• Université Libre de Bruxelles, Belgium
• Université Blaise Pascal Clermont-Ferrand II, France
• FSU Jena, Germany
• Universitat Wurzburg, Germany
• University of Padova, Italy
• Universidad Autonoma de Madrid, Spain
SSPSSR

Taught in English

- University of Tampere, Finland (*Erasmus+*)
- Maynooth University, Eire (*Erasmus+*)
- Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, The Netherlands (*Erasmus+*)
  - Limited spaces
- Concordia University, Canada
- Mount Allison, Canada
- Chinese University of Hong Kong
- Singapore
- New Mexico State University, USA
- Towson University, USA
Taught in host language

- Spanish: Universidad de Granada (Erasmus+)
- Italian: Universita di Trento (Erasmus+)

Criminology (Term Abroad, taught in English)

- San Diego State University
- University of Wisconsin-La Crosse
Any questions?