GLOBAL EXPERIENCES
- How to go abroad during your degree

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WHY STUDY OR WORK ABROAD
STUDENTS WHO GO ABROAD ARE:

20% LESS LIKELY TO BE OUT OF WORK

10% MORE LIKELY TO BE IN ‘GRADUATE’ JOBS
6 months after graduation

7% HIGHER AVERAGE WAGE EARNERS
6 months after graduation

COMPARED TO THOSE WHO DON’T

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GOING ABROAD AS PART OF YOUR DEGREE
Check your degree

- Does it already contain a Year/Term Abroad (study abroad) or a Year in Industry/Placement Year (work abroad)?

- If not, contact the Director of Studies for your degree programme to add this.

- Work abroad: contact the Placement Officer in your School

- Study abroad: apply online through Moodle module **DP6100** by **Friday 15th November**
  - Self-enrol on the module
Eligibility

- Attendance
- Good academic standing
- Stage 1 average mark
  - Minimum 60% Stage 1 average, maintained in Stage 2
  - University of California: minimum 70% Stage 1 average
  - All marks, including Wild modules, count in the calculation of the average. No special consideration is given for low marks on wild modules.

- Do you hold a Tier 4 visa?
  - Speak to Immigration Compliance if your degree does not already include a Year Abroad or Year in Industry/Placement Year

- Meet deadlines set by International Partnerships and/or the Placement Officer in your School
Language

- **Study Abroad**
  - Some exchanges are taught in English so additional language skills are not essential
  - Others require basic or advanced language skills

- **Work Abroad**
  - Employers will have their own requirements
  - Consider any language requirements for work permit

- **Language Express:*
  [https://www.kent.ac.uk/cewl/courses/world/language-express/index.html](https://www.kent.ac.uk/cewl/courses/world/language-express/index.html)
Partner universities

- A-Z list: [www.kent.ac.uk/goabroad](http://www.kent.ac.uk/goabroad)
  - Research them carefully
  - If you are taking two Humanities subjects (excluding Joint Honours Language degrees), you may choose between the destinations for each subject.
  - Consider location and environment

- Accommodation

- Insurance
  - Kent’s free Travel and Personal Accident insurance
  - Some US universities require students to pay for a specific policy.

- Support
Academic matters

- Different academic systems
  - Teaching styles, expectations and assessment

- Modules
  - Chance to take modules not studied/offered at Kent
  - Normally 2\textsuperscript{nd} or 3\textsuperscript{rd} year of Bachelors degree
    - e.g. 300-400 level at non-EU universities
  - 60 ECTS or equivalent

- Kent’s expectations
  - Pass/fail mark; participation and attendance
Apply online

Moodle module **DP6100**

**Deadline: Friday 15\textsuperscript{th} November**

While 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.

If you have any queries, contact us.

You will be emailed the allocation in **January 2020**
WORK ABROAD
Contact your School’s Placement Office

• If a Year in Industry/Placement Year is not already part of your degree, discuss this with them now.

• Find out their requirements and expectations for the Year in Industry

• Do they already have contacts with potential employers or internship offers?

• Follow any instructions and meet the deadlines!
Finding a work placement: Do your research

- What type of work do you want to do?
  - Do you want to work in a specific field?

- Where?
  - Do you want to go to a specific location? Are there relevant job opportunities there?
  - Will you need a visa/work permit?

- With whom?
  - Are you interested in working for a particular company? Do they have an internship programme?

- What skills and experience can you bring?
  - From previous jobs, your studies, extra-curricular activities…
  - Language skills
    - Sign up for Language Express: [www.kent.ac.uk/cewl](http://www.kent.ac.uk/cewl)
Once you have narrowed down your search

- Update your C.V. in the appropriate language/format
  - Remember formats vary from country to country and some require a photo
- Contact the Careers and Employability Service for advice:
  - Approaching potential employers
  - Preparing job applications
  - Interviews

  www.kent.ac.uk/ces

- Erasmus intern

  https://www.erasmusintern.org/
Fees and funding

• Payable to host university: None!

• Payable to Kent:
  • Year Abroad/Year in Industry: currently £1,385
  • Term abroad: Normal fees payable
  • Postgraduates: Normal fees payable

• Erasmus+

• Swiss-European Mobility Programme

• Student Finance funding
  • Reimbursement for travel costs
  • May be reduced for a paid work placement
Living costs

- Travel
  - To and from destination
  - Within host country
- Accommodation
- Food (meal plans at the US universities)
- Toiletries, medication, sundries
- Text books
- Social life
Visas and financial guarantee

If you are considering a country where you will need a visa or work permit to study/work:

- Consider costs for obtaining the visa
  - Travel to interview, cost of visa, medical if required

- Work Abroad
  - Check with the Embassy re the application requirements for a work permit

- Study Abroad:
  - For certain countries, students have to show they have access to specific amounts as part of their university application.
  - As a rough guide, current figures for study abroad:
    - Australia: A$18,610
    - Canada: full year = $10,000 CAD; one term = no guarantee needed
    - Hong Kong: £8,000
    - Japan: ¥1,000,000 - ¥1,200,000 (currently about £8,849)
    - US: full year = $10,000-$21,788; one term = $6,000-$10,894
    - All other non-European destinations: no or minimal guarantee
EXTRA-CURRICULAR OPPORTUNITIES
Summer Schools

At other universities

- Various subjects, levels, language courses
- Apply to the organising university
- Fees and funding
  - Be prepared to pay a fee for the course, plus accommodation and food costs;
  - For Summer Schools at our Erasmus partners, Kent can offer a contribution to funding

- List will be updated over next few months:
  https://www.kent.ac.uk/goabroad/opportunities/summer-schools.html

At Kent’s European campuses:

https://www.kent.ac.uk/summerschools/
Vacation internships

- Erasmus+ funding available for eligible placements
  - A contribution towards your costs
  - Minimum duration 2 months
  - In another Erasmus+ eligible country
  - Internship must be approved by the University

- Careers and Employability Service
  - https://www.kent.ac.uk/ces/

- Erasmus intern
  - https://www.erasmusintern.org/
Virtual mobility

- Kent Global Passport
  - An opportunity for people to be able to reflect and record their international experiences while at Kent while assessing and developing their own Cultural Intelligence:
  - **Friday 11th October, 11-12, Keynes SR 15**
    
    [https://www.kent.ac.uk/global/passport/index.html](https://www.kent.ac.uk/global/passport/index.html)

- GLO
  - GLO introduces you to cross-cultural learning via the Internet and other technology.

    [https://www.kent.ac.uk/global/glo.html](https://www.kent.ac.uk/global/glo.html)

- Erasmus+ Virtual Exchange
