GO ABROAD! / SCHOOL OF MUSIC AND FINE ART

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Why go abroad?

- Opportunities and challenges
- Increase your employability
  - Employers increasingly consider international experience to be important for employability\(^1\)
  - British employers need staff who have international experience and language skills\(^2\)
- Develop personal skills
- Enhance your studies

Sources:
\(^1\) European Commission: Erasmus Impact Study September 2014
\(^2\) British Chamber of Commerce
Long-term benefits

Students who study or work abroad tend to, on average...

- Get better degree results
- Have higher employability skills
- Have lower rates of unemployment in the 6 months after graduation and longer term
- Have a higher starting salary

...than those who don’t

Sources:
UK Higher Education International Unit: “Gone International” report 2015
European Commission: Erasmus Impact Study September 2014
Options

- Year abroad
  - Fourth year of a four-year degree

- Placement year
  - Fourth year of a four-year degree
  - Contact the placement coordinator for your school
Eligibility

- Stage 1 average mark
  - Minimum 60%
  - Maintained in Stage 2
- Attendance
- Good academic standing
Study Abroad

- Excellent host universities
  - [https://www.kent.ac.uk/goabroad/opportunities/az.html](https://www.kent.ac.uk/goabroad/opportunities/az.html)
- Different academic systems
- Accommodation
- Support
  - Disability, mental health and medical conditions
- Kent’s expectations
  - Attendance
  - Credits: 60 ECTS or equivalent
  - Higher level modules (300-400 level)
  - Completion of assessment
- Assessment of Study Abroad period
  - Pass/fail
Finance

- No tuition fees payable to host university
- Tuition fees payable to Kent (2017/18)
  - Full year study placements: £1,350
  - One term study placements: normal fees apply

- Student Finance

- Plan your budget
  - Cost of living
  - Student questionnaires
  - Estimated costs: [https://www.kent.ac.uk/goabroad/cost.html](https://www.kent.ac.uk/goabroad/cost.html)
  - Host university websites
  - Discuss your plans with whoever supports you financially
Erasmus+

• All EU member states, plus FYR Macedonia, Iceland, Lichtenstein, Norway and Turkey

• Study or work placements

• Grant
  • Top-up grant
  • Not your main source of income

• Brexit
Visas

- Non-EU destinations
- Non-EU nationals travelling to EU
- Consider costs
  - Cost of visa
  - Travel to embassy
- Ensure passport is valid for the necessary period
  - Six months after travel
  - Renew now
- Tier 4 visa
Financial guarantee

- Non-EU destinations
- Requirement for visa
- Bank/building society statements
- Student Finance
- Canada: $10,000 CAD
- USA: $10,000 - $20,000 USD
Making your choices

- Destinations for your subject
- Research
  - Websites
  - Questionnaires
  - Kent students
- Be pragmatic
  - Budget
  - Mental and physical health support
  - Modules
  - Location and environment
- If in doubt, get in touch
How to apply

• Change your programme of study
  • Deadline: **Friday 27 October**

• Apply on Moodle
  • DP6100 Essential Study and Work Abroad Preparation
  • Deadline: **Friday 3 November**

• **Five** choices of destination

• Allocations confirmed January 2018

• Nomination

• Application to host university

• Acceptance and visa application
Allocations

- Availability of places
- Stage 1 average mark
- Attendance
- Personal circumstances
  - Language skills
  - Family locally
  - Special interest
Event and Experience Design

- **USA**
  - California State University, Long Beach
  - University of South Carolina
  - Towson University
  - University of Wisconsin Milwaukee
Fine Art

- Canada
  - Concordia University

- Ireland
  - University College Cork

- Turkey
  - Sabanci University

- USA
  - University of Wisconsin Milwaukee
  - Indiana University Bloomington
  - Towson University
  - University of Tennessee at Knoxville
  - University of Virginia
  - West Virginia University
Music, Music Technology and Popular Music

- Canada
  - Concordia University (Music only)

- Ireland
  - Maynooth University

- Turkey
  - İstanbül Teknik Üniversitesi

- USA
  - Belmont University (Music and Music Technology only)
  - University of Wisconsin Milwaukee
  - Indiana University Bloomington
  - University of Tennessee at Knoxville
  - University of Memphis
  - Towson University (Music only)
  - West Virginia University (Music only)