YEAR ABROAD OPTIONS
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Why study abroad?

- Opportunities and challenges

- Increase your employability
  - Employers increasingly consider international experience to be important for employability
    - British employers need staff who have international experience and language skills

- Develop skills and attributes

- Enhance your studies

Sources:

1 European Commission: Erasmus Impact Study September 2014
2 British Chamber of Commerce
The long-term benefits

*Students who study or work abroad tend on average to…*

- 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 study or work abroad.*

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

• To add a Year Abroad to your degree, contact the Director of Studies for your degree programme

• Stage 1 average mark
  • Minimum 60% Stage 1 average, maintained in Stage 2

• Attendance

• Good academic standing
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
Study Abroad

- Excellent host universities
  - [www.kent.ac.uk/goabroad](http://www.kent.ac.uk/goabroad)
  - Listed by subject area

- Different academic systems

- Accommodation

- Support

- Kent’s expectations
  - 60 ECTS or equivalent
  - Modules at 300-400 level (**check** if unsure)
  - MPhys students **must** adhere to specific academic requirements – see Moodle for details

- Assessment of Study Abroad period:
  - Pass/fail mark
  - Contact the Internationalisation Adviser in your School for more information
Finance

- No tuition fees are payable to host universities
- Tuition fees payable to Kent: £1,350 (15% of standard fee) for full year undergraduate study placements (current 2017/18 figures)
- Student Finance
- Cost of Living
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:
  - Canada: $10,000 CAD
  - Hong Kong: £8,000
  - US: $10,000- $20,000
Visas

- Consider costs
  - Travel to interview
  - Cost of visa
  - Medical if required
- Ensure your passport is valid for the necessary period (six months after travel)
- Students on a Tier 4 visa, make yourselves known
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
Applying for a Study Abroad place

- The POS change deadline is **Friday 27 October**
- The application deadline is **Friday 3 November**
- Choose from the list of partner universities for your subject area: [www.kent.ac.uk/goabroad](http://www.kent.ac.uk/goabroad)
- Do research those universities carefully
- Be pragmatic and consider all aspects
  - Environment and climate
  - Finance
  - Modules offered
- Check the teaching language
- Specify **five** choices
Application Form

• Application Form can be found on Moodle within DP6100 ‘Essential Study and Work Abroad Preparation’

• A budget plan will also need to be submitted

• Moodle is designed to help you prepare and make your choices
How the allocations are made

- Stage 1 average marks
- Attendance/academic standing
  - Senior tutor warnings and repeated non-attendance will be considered if an exchange is over-subscribed
- Suitability of exchange, taking into account
  - your subject area
  - your language skills
  - any student support needs, if applicable
- Availability of places at partner universities

*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.*
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
Astronomy, Space Science and Astrophysics
Physics with Astrophysics

- **Canada**
  - University of Calgary
  - Trent University

- **USA**
  - Indiana University of Bloomington
  - State University of New York Buffalo
  - Towson University
  - University of Kansas
  - University of Tennessee at Knoxville
  - West Virginia University (Physics with Astrophysics only)
Physics

- Hong Kong
  - Chinese University of Hong Kong
  - City University of Hong Kong

- Canada
  - University of Calgary
  - Trent University

- USA
  - Indiana University of Bloomington
  - Marquette University
  - State University of New York Buffalo
  - Towson University
  - University of Kansas
  - University of North Carolina Charlotte
  - University of Tennessee at Knoxville
  - West Virginia University
Every day became an education, broadening my mind academically, geographically, culturally, and socially. It was one of the best years of my life.

Anna
THE UK’S EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY

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