GO ABROAD! / SCHOOL OF SOCIAL POLICY, SOCIOLOGY AND SOCIAL RESEARCH
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Why go abroad?

- Opportunities and challenges
- Increase your employability
  - Employers increasingly consider international experience to be important for employability¹
  - British employers need staff who have international experience and language skills²
- 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
  - Third year of a four-year degree

- Year in industry
  - Third 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: £1,350 (2017/18)
- Student Finance

Plan your budget
- Cost of living
- Student questionnaires
- Estimated costs: 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
- Hong Kong: £8,000
- Singapore: none or minimal
- 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
Destinations

- Canada
  - Concordia University
  - Mount Allison University
- Finland
  - University of Tampere
- Germany
  - University of Hamburg (Criminology and Criminal Justice only)
- Hong Kong
  - Chinese University of Hong Kong (Social Sciences only)
  - The University of Hong Kong
- Ireland
  - Maynooth University
Destinations

- **Italy**
  - Università degli Studi di Trento (taught in Italian)

- **Netherlands**
  - Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam (Social Sciences only)

- **Singapore**
  - Nanyang Technological University

- **Spain**
  - University of Granada (taught in Spanish)

- **USA**
  - New Mexico State University
  - San Diego State University (Criminology and Criminal Justice only)
  - Towson University
  - University of Wisconsin La Crosse (Criminology and Criminal Justice only)