YEAR ABROAD OPTIONS
2018-19 / SOCIAL SCIENCES
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International Partnerships
Appropriate for…

Students following Single or Joint Honours degrees in the:

- School of Anthropology and Conservation
- School of Economics
- School of Politics and International Relations
- School of Psychology
- School of Social Policy, Sociology and Social Research
- Kent Business School
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www.kent.ac.uk/goabroad
Why study or work abroad?

“Graduates who were mobile during their degree were less likely to be unemployed…more likely to have earned a first class or upper second class degree…and be in further study…Those in work were more likely to be in a graduate-level job…and [on average earned] 5% more than their non-mobile peers”.

Universities UK International, ‘Gone International: mobility works’

https://globalgraduates.com/articles/100-reasons-to-study-abroad
In the job market

“The UK needs graduates who have the skills and confidence to compete globally, and can compete against foreign talent that may speak more languages and have wider international experience.”

British Council ‘Broadening Horizons’ report 2015

“…university students who spend a longer period of time abroad (i.e. 9 – 12 months) either on study or work placements have a real advantage over students who stay in the UK for the whole of their degree when it comes to the UK job market.”

Klaus, A. and S. Mentchen, ‘Why we cannot afford to lose Erasmus+’ 2016
“…alongside widely-valued international competences such as language skills, cultural knowledge and tolerance, employers increasingly valued productivity, resilience and curiosity from candidates. All of these desirable skills can be developed during periods abroad on an outward mobility programme.”

Centre for International Mobility, Finland ‘Hidden Competencies’ (2014), quoted in UUKi ‘Gone International: mobility works’
Eligibility

To add a Term/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, maintained in Stage 2
  • University of California: minimum 70% Stage 1 average

• Attendance

• Good academic standing
Year Abroad

• Excellent host universities: [www.kent.ac.uk/goabroad](http://www.kent.ac.uk/goabroad)

• Different academic systems
  • Teaching styles
  • Work and assessment

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

• Accommodation

• Support

• Kent’s expectations
  • Participation
  • Pass/fail mark
Year in Industry

• Opportunities abroad
• Research and preparation needed
  • Start as early as you can!
  • What type of work? Why? Where? With whom?
• Accommodation
• Support
• Contact your School’s Placement Officer
• Visit Careers and Employability Service: www.kent.ac.uk/ces
• Notify Erasmus Team if internship is confirmed in an Erasmus+ eligible country
Work Abroad – where to start?

Title: Working abroad – where do I start?

Date: Thursday 19 October 2017

Time: 1-2.30pm (1 hr presentation followed by Q&A)

Room: KLT6, Canterbury campus
Language

Study:

- See [www.kent.ac.uk/goabroad](http://www.kent.ac.uk/goabroad) for universities’ teaching languages
  - Some partner universities offer teaching in English in all subjects
  - Others offer teaching in English for some subjects
    - A basic understanding of the host language may be required.
  - Others teach all subjects in the host language
    - A good prior knowledge of the language will be required

Work:

- Check what requirements potential employers have
- Will you need to meet language requirements for a work permit or visa?

Consider Language Express
Finance

- No tuition fees payable to host universities
- Tuition fees payable to Kent (2017/18 figures)
  - Full year placements: £1,350 (15% of standard fee)
  - One term study placement: normal fees apply
- Student Finance
- Plan your budget
  - Cost of living
    - Student questionnaires, host university websites
  - Discuss your plans with whoever supports you financially
Erasmus+

• Eligible countries:
  • EU member states plus Norway, Iceland, Lichtenstein, FYR Macedonia and Turkey

• Study or Work placements

• Grant rate
  • Top-up grant
  • Not your main source of funding

• Brexit

The University of Kent is pleased to acknowledge the support of the European Commission within the framework of the Erasmus+ Programme.
Financial guarantee

- Non-European destinations
- Requirement for visa
- Students have to show they have access to required amounts
- Amounts vary according to country/university
- As a rough guide, 2017/18 figures are:
  - Australia: A$18,610
  - Canada: full year = $10,000 CAD; one term = no guarantee needed
  - Hong Kong: £8,000
  - Japan: ¥1,000,000 (currently about £6,600)
  - Singapore: no or minimal guarantee
  - South Africa: no or minimal guarantee
  - South Korea: no or minimal guarantee
  - US: full year = $10,000- $20,000; one term = $6,000-10,000
Visas

- Non-EU destinations
- Non-EU nationals travelling to EU
- Consider costs for obtaining the visa
  - 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
Considering Study Abroad

• Choose from the list of partner universities for your subject: www.kent.ac.uk/goabroad

• Research the university/those universities carefully

• Be pragmatic and consider all aspects: budget, modules, health, language, environment

• Use our Moodle module: DP6100 Essential Study and Work Abroad Preparation

If in doubt, contact us

If the Year Abroad is not yet part of your degree, contact your School now!
Apply through Moodle

DP6100

‘Essential Study and Work Abroad Preparation’

Deadline: **Friday 3 November**

Applications received after this date will not be considered.
How the allocations are made

• If you have a choice of destination:
  • Stage 1 average marks
  • Attendance/academic standing
  • Suitability of exchange, e.g. subject area, language, provision of support
  • 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.

• If you don’t have a choice of destination…
  • Europe: the Erasmus Team will make sure that there is a place for you at the appropriate university.
  • If there are any difficulties, we will notify those affected.

• You will be emailed the allocation in January 2018
(Social) Anthropology

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 – not Social Anthropology
- University of Copenhagen, Denmark
- Jyvaskyla University, Finland
- Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, The Netherlands
- Kansai Gaidai University, Japan
- Ritsumeikin Asia Pacific University, Japan
- Waseda University, Japan
- Musashi University, Japan

Japanese destinations are not Erasmus+
Biological Anthropology

- University of Calgary
- Trent University
- California State University, Long Beach
- University of California (limited places)
- Indiana University Bloomington
- Purdue University
- State University of New York Buffalo
- University of Tennessee at Knoxville
- University of Virginia
Economics

All Erasmus+
Taught in English
• Athens University of Economics and Business, Greece
• Universidad Carlos III Madrid, Spain
• Innsbruck University, Austria TBC
• Radboud University Nijmegen TBC

Taught in host language
• Université Grenoble Alpes, France
• Philipps Universität Marburg, Germany
• Universidad Carlos III Madrid, Spain
• Université Aix-Marseille, France TBC
Psychology

All Erasmus+

Taught in English

- University of Helsinki, Finland
- Warsaw School of Social Sciences and Humanities (SWPS), Poland
- Bogazici University, Turkey
- Radboud University, Nijmegen TBC

Taught in host language

- Université Libre de Bruxelles, Belgium
- Université Clermont Auvergne, France
- FSU Jena, Germany
- Universitat Wurzburg, Germany
- University of Padova, Italy
- Universidad Autonoma de Madrid, Spain
International Business

Taught in English

Non-Erasmus+

- UTS, Australia
- Universidad Adolfo Ibanez, Chile
- Renmin University of China
- United International College, China
- City University of Hong Kong
- Hong Kong Baptist University
- University of Hong Kong
- EWHA Woman’s University, School of Business, Korea

Erasmus+

- Innsbruck University, Austria TBC
- ESC Rennes, France
- EBS University, Germany
- Sant’ Anna Pisa, Italy TBC
- IE University (Madrid campus), Spain
- Stockholm Business School, Sweden

For European destinations and Chile, it is beneficial to have basic skills in the appropriate language
International Business

All Erasmus +

Taught in host language

- Innsbruck University, Austria TBC
- Université Jean Moulin – Lyon 3, France
- EBS University, Germany
- FU Berlin, Germany
- Sant’ Anna Pisa, Italy TBC
- University of Florence, Italy TBC
- IE University (Madrid campus), Spain
All Erasmus+

Taught in English
- University of Tampere, Finland
- Maynooth University, Ireland
- Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, The Netherlands
- Radboud University Nijmegen, The Netherlands TBC

Taught in host language
- Universidad de Granada, Spain
- Universitá di Trento, Italy
Non-Erasmus
Taught in English

- Concordia University, Canada
- Mount Allison University, Canada
- Chinese University of Hong Kong
- University of Hong Kong
- NTU, Singapore
- New Mexico State University, USA
- Towson University, USA
- San Diego State University, USA (Criminology Term Abroad)
- University of Wisconsin-La Crosse, USA (Criminology Term Abroad)
Any questions?