STUDY OR WORK ABROAD AS PART OF YOUR DEGREE
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Why study or work abroad?

- Opportunities and challenges
- Enhance your studies
- Develop skills and attributes
- Increase your employability:
  - *Students who study or work abroad are more likely to…*
    - Earn a first or upper second class degree
    - Have higher employability skills
    - Be in employment or further study
    - Be in a graduate level job or earning 5% more
  
  …than those who don’t study or work abroad.

Source: Gone International report March 2017

- British employers need staff who have international experience and language skills.

Source: British Chamber of Commerce
“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
Eligibility

- Stage 1 average mark
  - Minimum 60% Stage 1 average
  - University of California: minimum 70% Stage 1 average, if available

- Attendance

- Good academic standing

- To add a Year/Term Abroad to your degree, contact the Director of Studies for your programme.
Every day became an education, broadening my mind academically, geographically, culturally, and socially. It was one of the best years of my life.

Anna
Study Abroad

• Excellent host universities
  • www.kent.ac.uk/goabroad
• Different academic systems
• Accommodation
• Support
• Kent’s expectations:
  • Attendance
  • Credits: 60 ECTS or equivalent
  • Completion of assessment
• Assessment of Study Abroad period:
  • Pass/Fail mark
  • Contact the Internationalisation Adviser in your School for more information.
Work Abroad

- Research and preparation:
  - What type of work? Why? Where? With whom?
  - Contact the Placement Officer in your School
  - Get advice from the Careers and Employability Service:
    - [www.kent.ac.uk/ces](http://www.kent.ac.uk/ces)

- Start job search as early as possible

- Placement must be approved by your School.

- Assessment of Work Abroad period
  - Pass/Fail
  - Through a project, report or long essay set by your School at Kent
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 or a credited language module
“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
Finance

- No tuition fees payable to host universities
- Tuition fees payable to Kent (2019/20 figures):
  - Full year study/work placements: £1,385
  - Term Abroad study placement: Normal fees apply
- Student Finance
- Plan your budget
  - Cost of living
  - Discuss your plans with whoever supports you financially
Erasmus+ and SEMP

- **Erasmus+**
  - Current situation
  - Eligible countries
  - Study or Work placements
  - Grant rate
    - Top-up grant
    - *Not* your main source of funding

- **Swiss-European Mobility Grant**
  - Paid by the Swiss Government
  - Study placements at Swiss universities
  - Amount similar to Erasmus+ grant

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Financial guarantee

- Non-European destinations
- Requirement for visa
- Students have to show they have access to required amounts
- Amounts vary according to country/university.
- https://www.kent.ac.uk/goabroad/cost.html
“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
Applying for a Study Abroad place

- The application process will open in October 2019
- Choose from list of universities for your subject area:
  - www.kent.ac.uk/goabroad
  - Check list for availability of US universities
- Research the university options carefully now.
  - Check the teaching language and courses offered…
  - Be pragmatic and consider all aspects: environment and climate; finance; additional support needs…
- Choose five universities that you’d be happy to go to.

If in doubt, contact goabroad@kent.ac.uk
Any questions?