YEAR ABROAD OPTIONS
2016-17 / PHYSICAL SCIENCES

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The Study Abroad Team

Study Abroad Team: all study placements outside Europe

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Why study 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 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
“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

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

Study Abroad:

- Stage 1 average mark
  - Minimum 60% Stage 1 average
  - University of California: minimum 70% Stage 1 average
  - Minimum 55% Stage 2 average

- Attendance

- Good academic standing
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
- Assessment of Study Abroad period:
  - Pass/Fail mark
  - Contact the Internationalisation Adviser in your School for more information.
“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 are payable to host universities
- Tuition fees payable to Kent: £1,350 for full year undergraduate study placements (current 2014/15 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, 2014/15 figures are:
  - Hong Kong: £8,000
  - Canada: $10,000 CAD
  - US: $10,000- $20,000
“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 2015
• If you don’t have a choice of host university…
  • We will ensure that there is a place for you at the appropriate host university
• If you have a choice of host university…
  • 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
  • Do choose several universities that you would be happy to go to
How the allocations are made…

…if your degree offers a choice of host university

- Stage 1 average marks
- Attendance/Academic standing
  - Taken into account in the case of over-subscribed exchanges
- Suitability of exchange
- Availability of places at partner universities

Whilst 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.
Every day became an education, broadening my mind academically, geographically, culturally, and socially. It was one of the best years of my life.

Anna
Astronomy, Space Science and Astrophysics

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

- **USA**
  - Indiana University of Bloomington
  - State University of New York Buffalo
  - University of California (UC Irvine, UC Berkeley, UCLA and UC San Diego)
  - University of North Carolina Charlotte
  - University of Tennessee at Knoxville
Physics

- Hong Kong
  - Chinese University of Hong Kong
  - City University of Hong Kong
- Canada
  - University of Calgary
  - Trent University
- USA
  - Indiana University of Bloomington
  - State University of New York Buffalo
  - University of California (UC Irvine, UC Berkeley, UCLA and UC San Diego)
  - Marquette University
  - University of North Carolina Charlotte
  - University of Tennessee at Knoxville
Any questions?