1. **Title of the module**

BIOS7960 (BI796) - Year Abroad

1. **School or partner institution which will be responsible for management of the module**

Biosciences

1. **The level of the module (Level 4, Level 5, Level 6 or Level 7)**

Level 6

1. **The number of credits and the ECTS value which the module represents**

120 credits (60 ECTS)

1. **Which term(s) the module is to be taught in (or other teaching pattern)**

Yearlong

1. **Prerequisite and co-requisite modules**

None

1. **The programmes of study to which the module contributes**

Biochemistry with a Year Abroad

Biology with a Year Abroad

Biomedical Science with a Year Abroad

1. **The intended subject specific learning outcomes.  
   On successfully completing the module students will have:**
2. Demonstrated ability to study and learn effectively at an international institution, adapting to the teaching and assessment methods to achieve a pass at a minimum.
3. Enhanced academic knowledge and skills through the study of bioscience-related and supplementary modules.
4. Gained an appreciation of teaching and learning at a university outside of the UK.
5. Gained experience and knowledge of the scientific working practices and culture of another country.
6. **The intended generic learning outcomes.  
   On successfully completing the module students will be able to:**

1. Study, learn, and communicate effectively within a different cultural setting.

1. **A synopsis of the curriculum**

The Year Abroad involves delivery of taught content and assessment of student learning at an academic institution abroad. To achieve the subject specific and generic learning outcomes students are expected to undertake a full-time load (as defined by the host institution) during the academic year of approved study at one of the designated partner universities with which UoK has a Memorandum of Understanding that allows the transfer of ECTS academic credit.

Material studied will be relevant to the student's degree programme. It will be determined jointly by the student, the School, and the host institution and is subject to availability within agreements made between UoK and the host institution.

Students may elect to take courses to address areas of weakness or areas of special interest, especially where there are recognised to be particular strengths or unique emphases in teaching practices or content at the host institution compared with those in the student's UoK modules.

1. **Reading list (Indicative list, current at time of publication. Reading lists will be published annually)**

The reading lists will be provided by the host institution depending on the modules chosen.

However, students must read carefully all documents (handbooks, guidelines, course descriptions, local regulations etc.) provided by the Go Abroad and Erasmus Offices (UoK) and the host institution about the details of their year abroad and their programme of studies there.

1. **Learning and teaching methods**

Learning and teaching methods are determined by the host institution. For all modules and associated assessment, students are expected to follow the arrangements and regulations in place at the university abroad.

1. **Assessment methods**
   1. Main assessment methods

Assessment methods are determined by the host institution. Students are expected to complete all assessments for modules taken. Year Abroad is awarded as Pass/Fail. Achieving passes in at least two-thirds of the credits taken as part of the full-time load will be regarded as sufficient for award of Pass of the period abroad. Such passes must be confirmed by the official transcript of the host institution. There will be no compensation, no condonement and no concessionary adjustment of marks awarded by the host institution.

* 1. Reassessment methods

Any reassessment, while abroad, is determined by the host institution. Students achieving passes in at least one third of the credits may be offered the opportunity to undertake further assessment at Kent proportionate to the failed credits, subject to approval by the degree accrediting body (bodies). Where a student is deemed to have failed the period abroad s/he will be eligible for transfer to the 3-year degree programme i.e. without ‘A Year Abroad’.

1. **Map of module learning outcomes (sections 8 & 9) to learning and teaching methods (section12) and methods of assessment (section 13)**

Not relevant as these refer to modules taken at the host institution abroad.

1. **Inclusive module design**

The School recognises and has embedded the expectations of current equality legislation, by ensuring that the module is as accessible as possible by design. Additional alternative arrangements for students with Inclusive Learning Plans (ILPs)/declared disabilities will be made on an individual basis, in consultation with the relevant policies and support services.

The inclusive practices in the guidance (see Annex B Appendix A) have been considered in order to support all students in the following areas:

a) Accessible resources and curriculum

b) Learning, teaching and assessment methods

1. **Campus(es) or centre(s) where module will be delivered**

Designated partner institutions with whom UoK has a Memorandum of Understanding that allows the transfer of ECTS academic credit.

1. **Internationalisation.** Bioscience is an international discipline. This module provides students with the opportunity to live and study abroad, to experience and appreciate education in a different cultural setting, and to develop their knowledge and skills in an international context.

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