Universities across the world work in various ways and have different award systems for grades and credits. UEL has made sure to partner up with universities where the credits you obtain are converted in a way that doesn’t add time to your degree.

Some students will choose to undertake a placement year. In this case you have one year extra added to your degree at a considerably reduced rate (£1,350 for the year) and is a great chance to get some work experience, study something a little different and live abroad for a year.

Congratulations on making a life-changing decision! With employers increasingly looking towards life experience in their future candidates, the benefits of studying abroad are invaluable and innumerable.

Boost your CV, broaden your horizons and build everlasting friendships. From a short stay to a full academic year, just a few hours away or one the other side of the planet.

The University of East London has a large number of partnerships with establishments across the globe, making the world well and truly your oyster.

This guide will give you a broad overview of what to expect on your adventure.

How does a year abroad impact my degree?

So, you’ve decided to study abroad
The first thing is choosing how long and how far you want to go. Whether you wish to stay in Europe or venture further out, take a short, study-related trip or settle at a partner university for a whole year, there are four options available to you.

**Stay in Europe**
The Erasmus+ is a programme funded by the European Commission to encourage student mobility by making the process as easy and attractive as possible. You can use the program to travel either for a single term or a full academic year. As an added bonus, students who use the Erasmus+ will receive an average monthly grant of 250€.

**Take a step further**
With the International Exchange programme students have the choice of taking a semester or a full academic year at any of our partners’ establishments in either of five continents.

ISEP offers students the exciting opportunity of choosing from over 100 universities in the US. It works pretty much the same as an International Exchange but gives the option of studying anywhere in the US. You simply pay for your application, then a one-off before you leave that sorts out your food and accommodation.

**Just for a little bit**
If you wish to take part in a short-term, study-related trip anywhere in the world then Going Global is the programme for you. You come up with a project you’d like to accomplish overseas, present it to your tutors and UEL will provide funding to help you realise your vision.

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**What are my options?**

The financial support from Going Global went a long way in supporting our proposal and helping us to be cost effective with the funds given. It was easy to access the money, and they were really helpful in answering any enquiries!

_Suleman Khalid_ Computer Science travelled to Tokyo
Sold! Where do I begin?

The process is very easy and straightforward but our Study Abroad team are there to guide you through the whole thing if you need.

If your application is successful, and once the list of modules for your chosen university has been released, you will be required to fill out a Learning Agreement. This is an official selection of the modules you will study abroad. For this you need to obtain the specifications for the UEL modules to be substituted, which contain the learning outcomes, as it will help you when making your selection. Your Module Leader/Programme Leader will be able to provide this. You will then arrange to meet with your Programme Leader who must approve the selection you have made, and sign the Learning Agreement. You must then return this to educationabroad@uel.ac.uk.

You must submit a ‘Confirmation of arrival’ shortly after you set foot at your partner university.
Erasmus+
1. Research your Erasmus+ options. Look at which institutions appeal to you, and find the ones which have modules that match your options at UEL.
2. Speak with your Programme Leader: check that the modules you like will fit into your UEL programme, and find out how going abroad will affect your degree programme.
3. Fill out the Study Abroad application form.
4. If successful, you will be notified and nominated to your host university, at which point you will be invited to select modules.
5. You will then fill out a Learning Agreement to confirm your modules and have them approved by your tutors at UEL.
6. We will then ask for your Bank Details so that we can pay your European Commission-funded Erasmus+ grant.
7. Have the time of your life.

International Exchange
1. Research your international options. Look at which institutions appeal to you, and find the ones which have modules that match your options at UEL.
2. Speak with your Programme Leader: check that the modules you like will fit into your UEL programme, and find out how going abroad will affect your degree programme.
3. Fill out the Study Abroad application form.
4. If successful, you will be notified and nominated to your host university, at which point you will be invited to select modules.
5. You will then fill out a Learning Agreement to confirm your modules and have them approved by your tutors at UEL.
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Going Global
• Students can apply either individually or as part of a group.
  • Individual students
    • Please find the Individual Form which has a full list of conditions you will need to meet in order to be successful
    • Complete your application form with the Going Global Help Text.
  • Group
    • Please find the Group Application, which has a full list of conditions you will need to meet in order to be successful
    • Complete your application form with the Going Global Help Text.
What’s it going to cost me?

Studying abroad doesn’t have to be expensive. You will pay your tuition fees to UEL as normal if you go away for one term. If you go away for a full year, full-time home/EU students will pay just £1,350 in tuition fees, and international students will pay 50% of their regular tuition fee – a significant reduction. You will receive any student finance you normally receive – and you may receive a slightly higher maintenance loan/grant, depending on where you go.

Costs to think about include travel fees, visa fees, accommodation in the host country and potentially a meal plan. These costs are not insignificant: a visa to the USA will cost around £250 for example, while flights to Australia may cost around £600-£900.

Can I get any help?

There is a means-tested Travel Grant available through Student Finance England. This covers reasonable costs of travel expenses during the academic year, to include compulsory medical insurance and visa costs. The first £303 of travel costs are disregarded so you will receive your travel/visa costs minus £303.

Student Finance England will send you a Course Abroad Form and a Reimbursement of Travel Expenses form when you tell them you will be studying abroad. Students who receive a UEL bursary may also be entitled to spend this on studying abroad.

Students studying in Europe will automatically receive an Erasmus+ student mobility grant, which is worth between €280-€330 per month you are abroad, depending on where you go. Students studying abroad outside Europe can apply for the Butex Scholarship.

Let’s talk money

Having experience abroad would show prospective employers that I can think outside the box, and see things from different perspectives

Carly Forsaith Early childhood education travelled to Australia
Our partners

**Erasmus+**

**SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE, COMPUTING AND ENGINEERING**
Braunschweig University of Art, Germany (Product Design, Industrial Design ONLY)
Fontys Academy for Creative Industries, Netherlands (Product Design ONLY)
University of Tromsø (excluding Architecture/Engineering)

**SCHOOL OF ARTS AND DIGITAL INDUSTRIES**
Braunschweig University of Art, Germany (Art, Art History, Media Sciences, Media Production ONLY)
Hellenic Open University, Greece (Art & Design Postgraduate ONLY)
Fontys Academy for Creative Industries, Netherlands (Advertising, Communications, Media ONLY)
University of Tromsø, Norway
Volda University, Norway (Advertising, Animation, Literature, Media, Photography ONLY)
CEU San Pablo Madrid, Spain (exceptions apply)

**SCHOOL OF BUSINESS AND LAW**
EPHEC University College, Belgium (Management, Business Law, French as a foreign language ONLY)
SKEMA Business School, France (Management, Finance, Marketing, HR ONLY)
Universita per Stranieri di Perugia, Italy (Italian Language & Culture: Placement Year only)
Universita ca Foscari Venezia, Italy (Economics, Management)
Fontys Academy for Creative Industries, Netherlands (Marketing, Music Industry Management ONLY)
University of Utrecht, Netherlands (Law ONLY)
University of Agder, Norway (Marketing, Finance, Economics ONLY)
Hedmark University College, Norway (Marketing, International Business ONLY)
University of Tromsø, Norway (excluding Accounting and Human Resource Management)
Volda University, Norway (Marketing ONLY)
University of Gothenburg, Sweden (Finance, Economics ONLY)

**CASS SCHOOL OF EDUCATION**
University of Tromsø, Norway (exceptions apply)

**SCHOOL OF HEALTH, SPORT AND BIO-SCIENCES**
University of Tromsø, Norway (excluding Health/Biomedical Sciences/Physiotherapy/Podiatry/Sports Coaching)

**SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCES**
SKEMA Business School, France (Globalisation, Negotiation, Multicultural Management ONLY)
University of Agder, Norway (Politics, Global Studies ONLY)
University of Tromsø, Norway (excluding Psychosocial Studies)
University of Gothenburg, Sweden (excluding Psychosocial Studies)
International Exchange

SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE, COMPUTING AND ENGINEERING
James Cook University, Australia (excluding Architecture/Engineering)
Duquesne University, USA (Computer Science ONLY)
Northern Kentucky University, USA (excluding Architecture/Engineering/Product Design)

SCHOOL OF ARTS AND DIGITAL INDUSTRIES
James Cook University, Australia (excluding Drama/Dance/Fashion)
University of the Fraser Valley, Canada (excluding History/Photography)
University of Colorado Boulder, USA (Drama, Applied Theatre and Performance ONLY)
Columbia College Chicago, USA (Drama, Applied Theatre and Performance ONLY)
Duquesne University, USA (excluding Performing Arts)
Loyola University New Orleans, USA (excluding Photography/Animation/Illustration/Fashion/Media)
Northern Kentucky University, USA (excluding Computer Games Design/Fashion)

SCHOOL OF BUSINESS AND LAW
James Cook University, Australia (excluding Accounting)
Senac University, São Paulo, Brazil (excluding Accounting)
University of the Fraser Valley, Canada (excluding Accounting/Finance/Events/Law)
Hanyang University, South Korea (excluding Accounting)
Korea University, South Korea (excluding Accounting)
University of Montevideo, Uruguay (excluding Accounting)
Duquesne University, USA (excluding Accounting/THEM)
Loyola University New Orleans, USA (excluding Accounting/THEM)
Northern Kentucky University, USA (excluding Accounting/Finance/THEM)

SCHOOL OF HEALTH, SPORT AND BIO-SCIENCES
James Cook University, Australia (excluding Health/Biomedical Sciences/Physiotherapy/Podiatry/Sports Coaching)
University of the Fraser Valley, Canada (excluding Health, Biomedical Science, Physiotherapy, Podiatry & Pharmacy students)
Northern Kentucky University, USA (excluding Health/Biomedical Sciences/Physiotherapy/Podiatry/Sports Coaching)

SCHOOL OF PSYCHOLOGY
James Cook University, Australia
University of Fraser Valley, Canada
Northern Kentucky University, USA

CASS SCHOOL OF EDUCATION
James Cook University, Australia
University of Fraser Valley, Canada
Northern Kentucky University, USA

SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCES
James Cook University, Australia (excluding Psychosocial Studies)
Senac University São Paulo, Brazil (excluding Psychosocial Studies)
University of the Fraser Valley, Canada (excluding Psychosocial Studies)
Loyola University New Orleans, USA (excluding Psychosocial Studies, Anthropology and Development Studies)
Northern Kentucky University, USA (excluding Psychosocial Studies)