Is studying abroad right for you?
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What are the benefits?

- World class teaching from respected academics
- Wide range of different topics and modules
- International experience and insight
- Gain in confidence and independence
- Understand a new culture
School Factsheets –
www.nottingham.ac.uk/go/studyabroadfactsheets
• University-wide exchange
• Inter-campus exchange
• School exchange
• Summer Schools programme
• Other opportunities
Who are you?

- Your priorities
- Your budget
- Are you comfortable being away from support networks
- Any additional support needs or disabilities
- Preferred learning and assessment styles
- City or country person
- Choose the programme and destination that best matches these – not where everyone else is going

What do you want to get out of the experience?
Study Abroad for Disabled students webpage
Advice for students who have a physical disability, a long-term medical condition, a Specific Learning Difference (SpLD), a sensory impairment or mental health issues.

• Make an appointment to talk to DLO or Disability Support case worker
• Look at the disability and welfare provision at the partner you are considering
• Think about the different attitudes towards disability across the world
DIFFERENT LEARNING STYLES AND WHAT MIGHT SUIT YOU
- 24th in the world, 1st in Canada (QS 2015 Rankings)
- Engaging professors
- Students driven to achieve
- Varied classes
- Midterms
- Support network (Facebook groups, peer-taught tutorials)
UNIVERSITY OF COPENHAGEN

- Module choices available
- Different learning style
- Societies and extra-curricular activities
- Examination style
Smaller classes
Teaching in English
Much more interactive
● Exams are less formal and more frequent
● Much more like being at school
● Timetable runs from 8am to 10pm
Close to home or far away?
BENEFITS OF GOING FAR AWAY

- Affordability of locations such as Asia and South America
- Exposure to a completely different culture
- Unique experiences
- Challenge yourself
DRAWBACKS OF GOING FAR AWAY

- Loss of home support network
- Potential homesickness
- May be unable to visit home
- Leaving commitments and responsibilities
- New culture can be overwhelming
THINGS TO BEAR IN MIND

• Don’t worry about ‘FOMO’
• University Support
• Your initial choice may not be the best choice
• Use resources to make informed decision
• Consider your personality
BENEFITS OF STAYING CLOSER TO HOME

- Opportunity to travel across Europe
- Potential to work
- Proximity to the UK
- Financial Support (Erasmus Grant)
DRAWBACKS OF STAYING CLOSER TO HOME

- Similarities to the UK
- Climate
- Unique travel opportunities
Academic attainment – University-wide

- What are you currently achieving, what do you think you will achieve?
- 60% minimum academic average required for the University-wide programme
- The popularity of some partners will mean you need a much higher average to be selected
- Look at the application success rate on the partner profiles to judge competitiveness
- Think about having a range of destinations but DON’T APPLY for somewhere YOU DON’T WANT TO GO TO

If in doubt apply – until you know your marks you won’t know if you are eligible
Costs
- Cost of living
- Exchange rates
- Accommodation, travel, visa, insurance
- Summer school excursions/trips

Tuition fees and loans
- Reduced tuition fees
- Overseas rate of loan/grant

Scholarships and bursaries
- Global Travel bursary £750 – means-tested
- Student Finance Travel grant – university-wide
- Country or partner-specific scholarship
- Summer school scholarships £500 – means-tested (non-overseas campuses) and competitive (overseas campuses)
- Global Leaders programme – majority funded
Short-term option

**Study**
- New subjects or expand on current study areas
- Non-credit-bearing
- Experiential learning

**Costs**
- One week to six weeks
- Hospitality packages
- Costs covered by summer school vs. student
- Distance from home country
- Cost of living

**Personal**
- Limited or no previous international travel experience
- Long-term family or work commitments
- Access to funding
- Practical arrangements
Drop-in sessions

Drop-in

Tuesdays and Thursdays:
2pm - 3.30pm

Peer Advisers available for questions, see our webpage for details on exact dates and locations.
Study abroad: the practicalities
Wednesday 5 December, 2-4pm
A42, Sir Clive Granger

Summer Schools Fair
Wednesday 6 February 2019, 12-2pm
The Atrium, Portland building

Summer Schools presentation
Wednesday 13 February 2019, 2pm
A4, Law and Social Sciences
Any questions?
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