Study abroad: the practicalities

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• Visit Academic adviser before 13 December
• University Christmas closing 20 Dec – 2 Jan
University-wide

- Module choices
- Personal statement
- Academic reference
- Alternative destinations
- Minimum academic mark 60%
- Extenuating circumstances
- Outcome: Friday 21 February
- Apply to host university: March - May
Inter-campus

- Application emailed to school/department academic adviser
- Learning agreement required for Ningbo Campus
- School/department makes the decision and notifies student and study abroad team
- Notification by the end of February
- Julie Sowter from Study Abroad Team will contact students with application and pre-departure information
- Apply to campuses in March
Summer Schools

- Summer Schools Fair and application: **Wednesday 5 February**
- Summer Schools presentation: **Wednesday 12 February**
- Up to three destinations
- Personal statement
- Minimum academic mark: 40%
- Application deadline: **Friday 21 February**
- Outcome: **Early-mid March**
- Apply to summer school: **March – June**
University-wide

- Make sure you have your passport in Nottingham and it’s valid at least 2 years in advance from now
- Check your immunization records and take copies
- English language evidence (non-native English speakers)
- Financial evidence: bank statements, student finance statements, letters of support from parents/guardians
- Original hardcopy documentation
- Early deadlines (prior to 15 March):
  - University of Queensland
  - Waseda University
  - Kyoto University
  - Monash University
  - Oregon State University
  - University of North Carolina
Malaysia

- The application requires submission of several paper documents
- It is important that documents are submitted in the required format otherwise they will be rejected
- It is especially important that passport copies and photos are correct as these are often rejected, pay close attention to the application instructions
- The application will require certain health information and in some cases, medical tests.

Ningbo

- Learning agreement
- Passport copy
Summer Schools

- Make sure you have your passport in Nottingham and it’s valid until at least 28 February 2021
- Check your immunization records
- English language evidence (non-native English speakers)
- Financial evidence: bank statements, student finance statements, letters of support from parents/guardians
- Original hardcopy documentation
- Early deadlines (mid-March):
  - Some European partners, to be confirmed
- The majority of summer school applications are online with uploaded supporting documents.
Finance

Tuition fees

• No tuition fees are paid to the host university/campus
• The University offers tuition fee reductions:
  • £1,385 instead of £9,250 HEU Full Year
  • £6,475 instead of £9,250 HEU Semester
• Students may be eligible for an increased overseas rate of loan from Student Finance
• Process for notification to Student Finance
Bursaries and scholarships

• **Global Travel Bursary (means-tested):** £750 depending on household income for students starting from 2016. £750 or £500 for students starting before 2016.

• **Vice-Chancellor bursary (Inter-campus exchange):** £750

• **Country or university specific scholarships:** Santander, Waseda, Korea University, NUS, UWA etc.

• **Student Finance Travel Grant (means-tested):** Expenses reimbursed after first £303

• **Summer School bursaries:** Means-tested for partner university summer schools, automatic for China and Malaysia Campus summer schools

• **Cohort summer schools:** Majority funded.
Expenditure

- Visa
- Health checks/vaccinations
- Host university administration, student union fees
- Insurance: compulsory host university insurance and individual travel/health insurance
- Flights
- Accommodation
- Travel
Personal funding

- **Your own income**
  - Student loan
  - Bursaries e.g. University Core Bursary
  - Part-time employment
  - Personal savings
  - Financial support from parents/guardians/relatives

- **Budget and make a plan**
  - Think about your current expenditure
  - Making a weekly or monthly budget plan
  - If you can, start saving towards your study abroad
  - [https://www.nottingham.ac.uk/ugstudy/budgetplanner/index.php](https://www.nottingham.ac.uk/ugstudy/budgetplanner/index.php)

- **Budget during your study abroad**
  - Make an estimate budget for whilst you’re studying abroad
Credit transfer (University-wide)

- The grades you receive at your host university will be converted to Nottingham grades.
- Mark conversion is processed by your academic school/department.
- Academic performance.

Summer Schools

- Non-credit-bearing. Assessment results from a summer school do not count towards your degree programme.
Visas

- Independent process
- Entry requirements vary and may change at any time
- Embassy website/Moodle/host university website
- Freedom of travel and freedom to work
- Time consuming
Things to be aware of:

- Passport validity: at least 18 months from now
- Immunisations/health checks
- Evidence of finance
- Passport sized photos
- Travel to other countries
Accommodation for one semester abroad

- Sign a house anyway
- Wait to sign for a house until you receive the outcome of your application
- Back to halls for your other semester?
- Sublet your spot in the house!
Let your landlord know ASAP if you’ve applied or have been successful
  ○ Sort out how you’d sublet
Advertise your room!
  ○ Facebook: Notts Buy/Sell; Study Abroad Page
  ○ Unipol
  ○ Include pictures and weekly prices incl/excl. bills
Once accepted, will get list of outgoing students for your year- can find someone going for the other semester

“Room available in 7-bedroom house on Harlaxton Drive starting September 2018 for semester 1 as I’m studying abroad. Large spacious rooms, each with a double bed, 3 bathrooms and big living space. Living with 3 girls and 3 boys going into second year Uni of Nottingham. £90 a week excluding bills, message me if you're interested!!”
On-campus/University arranged accommodation

- Accommodation is **not** guaranteed everywhere - check beforehand!
- The application process is online (university portals, remember your passports, have you got all your documents?)
- Keep track of your deadlines - these will be different for each university
- Are there any prerequisites?
Types of university accommodation

- Apartment-style
- Traditional Halls
- Suite
- En-suite

- Do you want to live in international student halls?
- Do you want to be catered or non-catered?
- Do different halls have different ‘personalities’?
- Location / Do most students live on campus?
- How much time will you spend in your room?
- What’s your budget?
- Do you have special requirements?
- Do you mind having a roommate/sharing a bathroom?

Consider the best fit for you!
Different Types of Private Accommodation:

- houses
- housing agencies
- private halls
- non campus uni’s
Private accommodation

Consider

• scams - don’t sign before seeing
• arriving early
• utilise accommodation office
• research - different demand in each place
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Drop in

Drop in sessions

Tuesday and Thursday
2pm - 3.30pm

Various locations across campus, see website for details:
www.nottingham.ac.uk/go/studyabroadevents
Summer Schools Fair
Wednesday 5 February 2020, 12-2pm
The Atrium, Engineering and Science Learning Centre

Summer Schools presentation
Wednesday 12 February 2020, 2pm
B14, Engineering and Science Learning Centre