

Nottingham Law School

# Student study exchange schemes: 2016/17 information



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## Explore. Dream. Discover. (Mark Twain)

If you've ever dreamed of living in another country, but always thought that it would be impossible, then taking part in a student study exchange scheme could be your opportunity to make it happen.

Studying overseas gives you the chance to experience life in another country, make a global network of friends, and grow as a person.

Depending on your course, your exchange will take place in either the second semester of Year Two, or for your third year.

Your study exchange can take place within Europe and Australia. Or if you decide you want to study in the U.S, you can do so through the ISEP exchange programme.

Don't worry if you can't speak a foreign language; a number of our partner universities teach in English.

Studying overseas gives you a valuable learning experience and at the end of your exchange you will have:

- gained a new perspective of Law within the EU or further afield;
- improved your existing language skills, or developed new ones;
- experienced a different culture and way of life;
- built an international network of friends;
- developed transferable employment skills;
- improved your jobs prospects, enhanced your CV; and
- taken part in a once in a lifetime experience.

You can email Tracey Watson, Study Exchange Manager, at [tracey.watson@ntu.ac.uk](mailto:tracey.watson@ntu.ac.uk) for more information. There is also further information in your Course Learning Room on NOW.

# Why study abroad?

See what the students say about their experiences while studying abroad:

“My advice to students planning on studying abroad is to definitely get involved with everything the University has to offer!

“The best thing about the trip was that I became much more confident. Before the year abroad I was extremely shy and quite socially awkward, but going out there taught me a lot about myself and pushed me outside of my comfort zone.

“I have definitely come back with some lifelong friendships. I still keep in contact with a lot of people and have met up with a few of them a couple of times – when I went interrailing, I knew a student from Erasmus+ in each country!”

**Vidhya Panchal**

LLB (Hons) International Law

**Studied at:** Radboud University, Nijmegen, Netherlands



“I chose the University of Lucerne because I could practise and expand my French, as well as learn some German. If sitting along lake Lucerne and enjoying Swiss architecture is not beautiful enough, the surrounding mountains make for a great hiking trip or quick ski trip with everyone. I was initially worried about language barriers given that I had no prior knowledge of German. The university offered a free German course for beginners to help, and everyone is friendly and speaks enough English to help you get by.”

**Christina Calafatis**

LLB (Hons) Law (Sandwich)

**Studied at:** University of Lucerne, Switzerland



## Will I be taught in English?

This depends on the university that you choose, but in most cases, yes. Most of our partner universities teach in English.

# Erasmus+ partner universities

University	City	Country	Language of instruction	Semester Two	Academic Year
Karl-Franzens-Universität Graz	Graz	Austria	English	Yes	Yes
Masaryk University	Brno	Czech Republic	English	Yes	Yes
Lille Catholique University	Lille	France	French	No	Yes
SRH Heidelberg	Heidelberg	Germany	English/German	No	Yes
Aristotle University of Thessaloniki	Thessaloniki	Greece	English	Yes	No
Torino University	Turin	Italy	Italian	No	Yes
University of Groningen	Groningen	Netherlands	English	No	Yes
Radboud University	Radboud	Netherlands	English	Yes	Yes
Jagiellonian University	Krakow	Poland	English	Yes	Yes
Kozminski University	Warsaw	Poland	English	Yes	Yes
University of Silesia	Katowice	Poland	English	Yes	Yes
University of Valencia	Valencia	Spain	English/Spanish	No	Yes

## Erasmus+

The Erasmus+ study exchange scheme is an EU initiative that allows students to study at a partner university within the EU. Depending on your course, your exchange will last for one semester during your second year, or your third year can be spent at one of the partner universities. After your study exchange, you will return to Nottingham Law School to complete your LLB.

## Study abroad

Students enrolled on the LLB (Hons) Business Law or LLB (Hons) Law (Full-time), can apply to take part in a semester exchange (February to July) at the Queensland University of Technology (QUT), Brisbane, Australia. This exchange counts towards your final degree classification.



## ISEP (International Student Exchange Program)

If you dream about having the chance to live in the U.S for a year, then the ISEP exchange programme could be for you. Nottingham Trent University is a member of ISEP, an American organisation that specialise in student exchange agreements across the world. NTU has a specialist ISEP Coordinator who will help you with the application process. Please remember that in the U.S, and a number of other countries, law can only be studied at postgraduate level and therefore you may have to study subjects that complement law e.g. international relations or politics. All ISEP exchanges take place in your third year and last for an academic year. You can only study in the U.S for a year. It is not possible to study in the U.S or Canada for Year Two, Semester Two. There are additional application fees.

## Visa information

If you intend to study in Australia, the U.S, or you are an international student who wants to study in Europe, it is your responsibility to apply for the relevant student visa.

## Who can take part in a study exchange and when does it take place?

Course	Exchange Period
LLB (Hons) Law (Full-time)	Semester Two, Year Two
LLB (Hons) Business Law	Semester Two, Year Two
LLB (Hons) International Law	Year Three
LLB (Hons) Law with Business	Year Three
LLB (Hons) Law with Criminology	Year Three
LLB (Hons) Law with Psychology	Year Three

## Application advice and process

Study exchange places are limited, and student selection is based on a personal statement that shows a desire and commitment to study abroad, and class attendance. Full details on how to apply can be found in your Course Learning Room on NOW.

## How to apply

- Research all the partner universities. Make sure you look at their websites, their accommodation, and the courses they offer.
- Find out about the university, the city, and the country you will be living in.
- Meet with Tracey Watson, Study Exchange Manager, to discuss your options.
- Do some more research once you have a clearer idea of your options.
- Complete and submit your application form by the stated deadline.

If your application is successful, your nomination to take part in an exchange will be sent to your host university, who will then send you details of their application process. It is your responsibility to meet the application deadline set by your host university.

## Key requirements

- Semester only exchange students must pass their Year One assessments at the first attempt. If you have to re-sit any of your Year One exams, you will be transferred to the Year Two year-long pathway.
- Students taking part in a year-long exchange in Year Three, must pass their Year Two assessments at the first attempt.

# Fees and Funding

If you are taking part in a semester exchange in Year Two, you pay your normal tuition fee to NTU. If you are taking part in a year-long study exchange then you pay a reduced tuition fee to NTU, ~~currently £900.00~~. You should apply to Student Finance England in the usual way for your tuition fee funding. You must supply the full information of your study exchange to Student Finance England, failure to do so may affect your final-year funding.

**You do not pay tuition fees to your host university.**

## Student loans (UK students)

If you normally apply for a UK student loan, then you should still do so for the forthcoming academic year. Please visit the Student Finance England website at [www.gov.uk/student-finance/continuing-fulltime-students](http://www.gov.uk/student-finance/continuing-fulltime-students) for current information relating to student loans and grants.

## Student tuition fees: advice and help

If you need help or advice in completing your student finance forms, visit [www.ntu.ac.uk/fees](http://www.ntu.ac.uk/fees) to make an appointment to see an NTU Student Finance Adviser.

## Student Finance England: travel grant

You may be eligible to receive a travel grant that will cover some of your travel expenses associated with studying abroad. Visit [www.gov.uk/travel-grants-students-england](http://www.gov.uk/travel-grants-students-england) to find out more. This grant is means tested. However, it is still worth applying, especially if you are spending a year overseas.

## The Erasmus+ grant

Students who take part in an Erasmus+ study exchange will receive the Erasmus+ grant. While this grant is not means tested, the amount you will receive depends on which country you study in and your personal circumstances. The Erasmus+ grant should not be relied upon for essential living expenses such as food and rent, it is there to assist with the additional expenses incurred while living abroad. The rates of the Erasmus+ grant can change each year, the current rates are between ~~£250 to £300~~ per month.

## Costs

You are responsible for all your living expenses, for example:

- travel;
- accommodation;
- medical / health insurance;
- insurance for your personal belongings e.g. laptop;
- food;
- books, library costs;
- study Visa (if applicable);
- resident permit;
- sight-seeing and socialising.

It is impossible to tell you how much money you'll need during your exchange. It is important that you give careful consideration to your financial situation before you apply to join the scheme. In your Course Learning Room in NOW you'll find a budget calculator to help you to consider all your costs and expenses.

Just like at NTU, if you incur debts of any kind at your host university, it is possible that they will withhold the official release of your grades (transcript) until your debt is paid off.

## Accommodation

If you are taking part in an exchange during your second year, then please make sure you don't enter into a year-long accommodation lease. If you enter into a year-long lease and then take part in a semester study exchange scheme, your landlord may not allow you to sublet your accommodation, meaning that you will be liable for the full rent payment for this year.

Your host university will provide you with information about accommodation, and how to apply once you have been nominated by Nottingham Law School.

# Travel arrangements

You are responsible for making your own travel arrangements. You should not book your flights or pay for a study visa until you know that you are definitely taking part in the exchange. You must arrive at your host university in time for their Welcome Week (induction week). Please also note the following advice:

- Your passport should be valid for at least six months beyond your return date.
- You should try to arrive during business hours.
- If you arrive on a Sunday, don't assume that the shops will be open.
- Download a map and some directions before you leave the UK.
- Make sure you know when you can collect your keys.
- Find out if there is a 'meet and greet' service that you can use.

## Medical insurance

The European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) does not cover you for all of your medical expenses, it only provides you with the same benefits as citizens of your host country. Your EHIC will not cover you for incidental hospital expenses, repatriation by air ambulance, and travel costs of family members. Therefore, it is compulsory to take out medical insurance for the duration of your study exchange. This insurance must be in place before you leave the UK.

If your exchange is taking place in an EU member state or an associated country e.g. Switzerland, you must also take your EHIC with you. Visit the NHS website at [www.nhs.uk/NHSEngland/Healthcareabroad/EHIC/Pages/about-the-ehic.aspx](http://www.nhs.uk/NHSEngland/Healthcareabroad/EHIC/Pages/about-the-ehic.aspx) to obtain or renew your EHIC for free.

If your exchange is taking place outside of Europe, you'll not be able to apply for your visa without the necessary medical insurance.

## Personal insurance

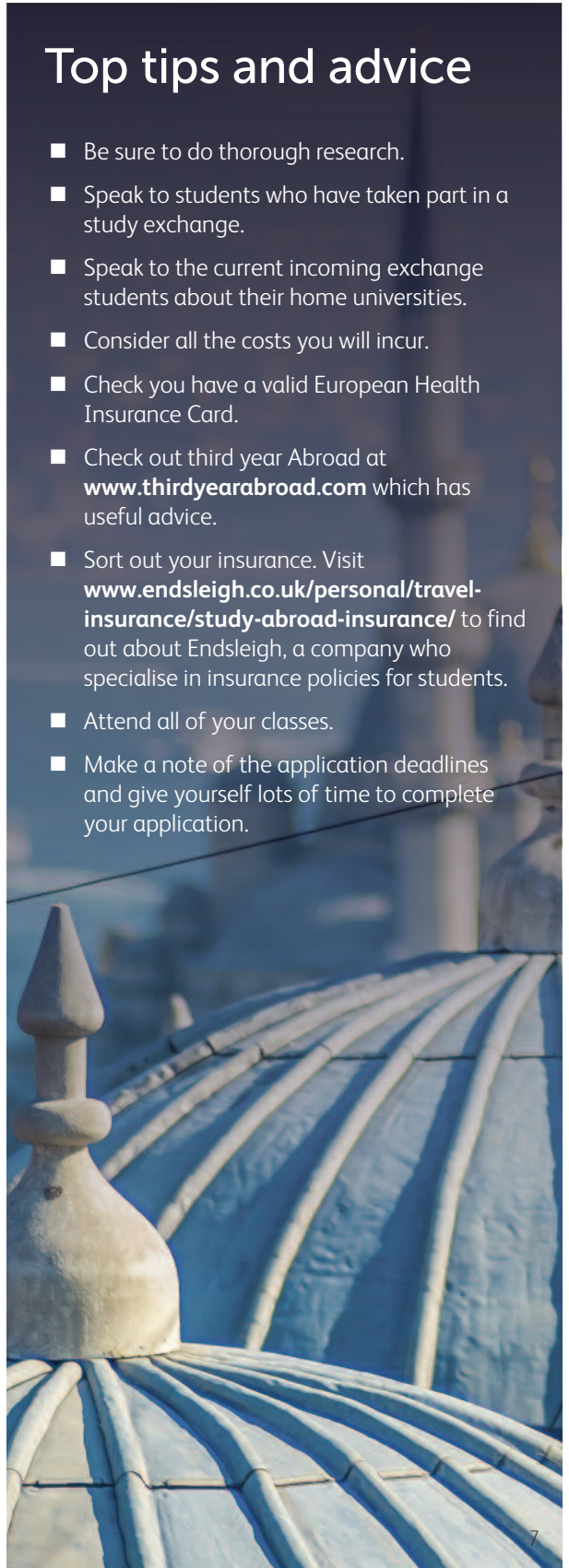
You are also advised to take out an insurance policy that will cover your personal possessions.

## Third party liability insurance

Your host university may require you to take out third party liability insurance as part of their registration process. This insures you against injury or damage that you may cause to someone else.

## Top tips and advice

- Be sure to do thorough research.
- Speak to students who have taken part in a study exchange.
- Speak to the current incoming exchange students about their home universities.
- Consider all the costs you will incur.
- Check you have a valid European Health Insurance Card.
- Check out third year Abroad at [www.thirdyearabroad.com](http://www.thirdyearabroad.com) which has useful advice.
- Sort out your insurance. Visit [www.endsleigh.co.uk/personal/travel-insurance/study-abroad-insurance/](http://www.endsleigh.co.uk/personal/travel-insurance/study-abroad-insurance/) to find out about Endsleigh, a company who specialise in insurance policies for students.
- Attend all of your classes.
- Make a note of the application deadlines and give yourself lots of time to complete your application.





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