LEL Year-Abroad Information: Third-Year Project

Categories of student with different regulations:
(1) Modern European Language and LEL (except for Russian and LEL)
(2) Russian or Chinese or Japanese and LEL
(3) optional Erasmus exchange
(4) optional International exchange

Sources of information:
• DELC handbook + DELC year abroad handbook
• Asian Studies information
• LEL Honours handbook — READ THIS! — [+ LEL year abroad information]
• University of Edinburgh ‘Go Abroad’ office (‘Edinburgh Global’)
  o https://www.ed.ac.uk/global/go-abroad
• LLC Student Support Office (+PPLS Student Support Office)
• Personal Tutor
  • Patrick! [the LEL International Coordinator] — patrick.honeybone@ed.ac.uk
  • Pavel! [the Third-Year Project Coordinator] — pavel.iosad@ed.ac.uk

Remember:
• while abroad you are still a student of LEL
• you must check your University of Edinburgh email account every week

Things to think about

The Go Abroad Office (‘Edinburgh Global’) should be able to give some advice on:
• visas, travel, insurance — but they may tell you to use your own intelligence...

We can help you with:
• writing up a Project — you will also need to consult your supervisor
• any academic problems that crop up while you’re abroad

• NB: stay in touch with us in LEL/PPLS (and your other department)
• let us know if you have any problems (especially if you have problems meeting a Project deadline)

Things to prepare while abroad for year 4

Course choices for year 4
• all of you will need to make course choices for year 4 while abroad
Writing a Third-Year Project

You must confirm the topic before the end of the semester
- you will need to arrange your topic with Pavel
- you should do some reading and find relevant resources before you leave Edinburgh — libraries abroad may not be as good — also, make sure you know about accessing Edinburgh library while you’re away
- you will be allocated a supervisor in LEL and you should be in touch with your supervisor throughout the whole year that you are abroad
- your supervisor will give you advice on reading and on structuring, and will read drafts of sections of your project and give you advice on improvements
- you will need to meet intermediate deadlines during the year for draft sections of the project
- you will need to submit the project around week 3 of the first semester of year 4
- the project needs to be c. 8,000 words long

Which topic will you choose...?
- you could write an ‘extended-essay’ which focuses on the discussion of previous material on a topic — if so, make sure you focus on a small area in detail
- or you could collect your own data and analyse it
- NB: if you collect data from people, you will need to apply for ethical approval for your project before you start data collection

Third-Year Project deadlines

1. before the end of the semester: submit a preliminary discussion of a topic for your project (around 100 words)
2. late Oct/early Nov: submit a draft title and draft table of contents for the project
3. January: submit a draft section/chapter outlining the approach that you are taking in the project and your current table of contents
4. March: submit a further draft section/chapter

If you miss any deadline, 5 marks will be deducted from the final mark for the project (5 marks for each deadline missed)
- don’t miss the deadlines!
- material is to be submitted through Learn
- if you have problems – let us know! Pavel may be able to grant you an extension
- the work submitted for the intermediate deadlines is not formally marked, but your supervisor will give you feedback
- the mark for the project is determined only by the final submission