LEL Year-Abroad Information: studying while abroad

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 (not all of these are relevant to all students)
- DELC handbook + DELC year abroad handbook
- 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
- PPLS Student Support Officer + LLC Student Support Office
- Personal Tutor
- me! [the LEL International Coordinator] — patrick.honeybone@ed.ac.uk
- a planned LEL year-abroad Learn site

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...

I can help you with:
- any academic problems that crop up while you're abroad

- NB: stay in touch with us in LEL/PPLS (and your other department if you have one)
- let us know if you have any problems

Things to do while abroad

If you are studying courses for LEL, you must confirm you course selection with me
- you do not have completely free choice of courses
- some of you have already discussed course choices with me
- you will need to have this confirmed on a Learning Agreement, stored with the Go Abroad Office — you may well also need to submit a Learning Agreement to your host university
Things to do while abroad

Modern European Language and LEL (except for Russian and LEL)  
- courses for credit

The marks that you get while abroad count towards your degree classification; you need to choose one of these options for LEL:
- **20 ECTS** credits in LEL-related courses (we recommend around 25 ECTS)
- **10 ECTS** credits in LEL-related courses (we recommend around 15 ECTS) and a dissertation in LEL during year 4, when you return to Edinburgh

You need to make this decision now!
- your decision will be registered by the start of your third year

You need to agree your LEL-relevant courses with me and your MEL-relevant courses with your MEL department
- your choice (10 or 20 ECTS) will be registered on your course record (visible in MyEd) and may only be changed with the consent of both departments

Things to do while abroad

optional Erasmus exchange  
- courses not for credit
optional International exchange  
- courses not for credit

If you are on an optional Erasmus exchange you need to do the following
- 60 ECTS credits

If you are on the International exchange, you need to do the following
- check the number of courses and that you need to take through information provided by the Go Abroad Office

You need to agree these courses with me
- you should try to take broadly equivalent courses to an Edinburgh third year, but may take advantage of specialities of the university you are visiting
Things to do while abroad

Issues relevant to all:

- any list of courses that you fix before you go may need to be **provisional**
- you **cannot count courses that do not have assessment attached** (ie, which will not give you a mark) without explicit approval from me
- you may need to be **flexible** in course choice
- you may take one ‘**outside**’ course (ie, not relevant to LEL) — this may be a course teaching the language of the country that you are in
- you may need/want to take **Masters**-level courses
- NB: if you are told that you cannot take a course that you would like to take let me know — very often in the past we have been able to negotiate a change of mind with the university

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
- NB: any courses studied abroad can count as **Honours requirements for LEL**, if your degree has any (eg, an advanced phonology course can count as the equivalent of *Phonological Theory* or *Phonological Theory and English Phonology*) — check the LEL Honours Handbook to see if your degree has Honours requirements

Dissertation?

- some of you will be **required** to do a dissertation in year 4
- some of you will be able to **opt** to do a dissertation in year 4
- if you do a LEL dissertation, you will need to propose a topic while abroad, but you will work on it mainly after your return, during your 4th year