

UNIVERSITY OF EDINBURGH INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE

Recommendations for students of Linguistics and/or English Language

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[NB: These notes are *not* intended for those who are required to spend a year abroad as part of a Combined Honours degree in a Modern Foreign Language and Linguistics or English Language. Such students should consult the notes which are relevant to them, downloadable from: www.lel.ed.ac.uk/lel_students/international/index.php]

The University has student exchange agreements with a large number of universities around the world, which could allow you to spend your third year studying abroad. The Department of Linguistics and English Language encourages its students to consider applying to both the International Exchange Scheme (for places mostly at universities in English-speaking countries) and the Erasmus Exchange Scheme (for places at universities in Europe). The Department operates the Erasmus Scheme itself, so we can be sure that the institutions that we have links with offer suitable courses. The International Exchange Scheme is run on a university-wide basis, and not all institutions that form part of the Scheme offer suitable courses for LEL students.

If you would like to apply to the International Exchange Scheme, you must make sure that you would be able to follow a suitable programme of study at all the institutions that you apply for. Once you have investigated this, you should discuss your choice of university with your Personal Tutor or the LEL International Coordinator, who will need to confirm that your application is acceptable in this regard. Here is how you can check which universities are suitable:

- check the LEL Honours handbook to find out what kind of courses you will be required to take during your Honours years check the requirements for the degree that you will be studying at Honours – the current version of the Honours handbook is available from this page:
 - http://www.lel.ed.ac.uk/lel_students/undergraduate/course_handbooks.php
- if you study abroad, you should aim to cover broadly similar kinds of courses to those that you would study if you stayed at Edinburgh – if you take a course which covers the same area as one of the Honours requirements for your degree, you will not have to take the required course during your fourth year at Edinburgh (you will need to confirm such course equivalences with the LEL Honours convenor and/or the LEL International Coordinator); no two universities teach quite the same courses, however, so you should not expect to be able to study exactly what you would study if you were to spend your third year in Edinburgh
- you should investigate the departmental webpages for the institutions that you would like to study at, to check that they have suitable, broadly equivalent courses – it may be worth checking both for a Department of Linguistics and a Department of English (especially the latter if you are studying English Language, although EL students may also take courses taught in ‘purely’ Linguistics departments); all institutions should have useful websites which should allow you to discover what they offer in terms of LEL-type courses; bear in mind that it *may* be possible for you to take a small number of postgraduate/graduate-level courses at some institutions
- you should also consult the notes available for all the institutions that are part of the International Exchange that have been prepared by the Go Abroad team; these should indicate how many courses you would need to take, and at what level, at each institution:
 - <https://www.ed.ac.uk/global/exchanges/where/partner-guidance>

LEL has also compiled the following list of institutions which are likely to be suitable for students of Linguistics and/or English Language. The list is divided into institutions that are ‘recommended’ and those that ‘may be possible’. These categories do *not* refer to the prestige of the institutions nor reflect any opinion of them. Those that are ‘recommended’ have large and/or well established Linguistics or English Linguistics/Language programmes where it is likely that you would be able to find suitable courses. You must still check the provision at these institutions, however – institutions can change their provision in a subject quickly. Those in the ‘may be possible’ category typically have smaller programmes, so it may not be possible for you to find enough suitable courses. On the other hand, it may just be possible to show that a suitable programme of study can be followed at some of the International Exchange institutions which are *not* listed here at all.

If you would like to apply to any of these institutions you will still need to demonstrate that there are suitable courses that would be available to you. Appearance of a university of this list does not

guarantee that you will be able find equivalent courses to those at Edinburgh. You *must* check out any institution that you plan to apply for.

RECOMMENDED

Most institutions listed here will be suitable for both students of Linguistics and English Language, although those with an asterisk* may be especially suitable for English Language (as well as for Linguistics).

AUSTRALIA

University of Melbourne
University of Sydney

CANADA

University of British Columbia*
McGill University
University of Toronto*

CHINA

Hong Kong University

NEW ZEALAND

University of Auckland

SINGAPORE

National University of Singapore

USA

University of California Berkeley
University of California Davis
University of California Los Angeles*
University of California San Diego
University of California Santa Barbara
University of California Santa Cruz
University of Chicago
Georgetown University
Michigan State University
University of North Carolina Chapel Hill*
University of Pennsylvania
University of Texas at Austin*
University of Washington

MAY BE POSSIBLE

AUSTRALIA

University of Adelaide
University of New South Wales
University of Queensland

CANADA

Carleton University

USA

University of California Irvine
University of Connecticut
University of Virginia