

LEL Year-Abroad Information

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Sources of information:

- LEL year abroad information:
 - <http://www.ed.ac.uk/ppls/linguistics-and-english-language/current/undergraduate/study-abroad>
- Edinburgh Global 'Go Abroad'
- DELC handbook + DELC year abroad handbook
- Asian studies information
- Student Support Officers in schools
- Personal Tutor
- me! [the LEL International Coordinator]

What would/will you need to do while abroad?

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Where can you go?

Erasmus exchange: study at a university in Europe

- LEL has some places – some available to all LEL students, some only to those studying English Language, and some only to those studying Linguistics
- <http://www.ed.ac.uk/ppls/linguistics-and-english-language/current/undergraduate/study-abroad/erasmus>
- DELC has a lot of Erasmus places (and similar study abroad places)
- if you are studying a DELC+LEL degree, you can opt for an Erasmus place from either department – exactly the same degree regulations apply
- make sure the places you apply for are suitable for LEL-like courses

International exchange: study at a university in America, Canada, Australia, NZ, Asia

- the university has exchanges with lots of universities
- only some of these universities are suitable for LEL students – check the list here:
- <http://www.ed.ac.uk/ppls/linguistics-and-english-language/current/undergraduate/study-abroad/international-exchange-programme>

Work placements

- students on DELC+LEL degrees are in principle allowed to work (as a language-teaching assistant or other job) during their third year
- LEL recommends that students study during their year abroad
- if you do a work placement instead, you will need to write a Third-Year Project for LEL

Optional exchanges

The optional **Erasmus** exchange for LEL students is run through LEL

- you need to apply through Edinburgh Global's web-application system **and** you will need to apply directly to me, by email
- deadline: end of November
- Joint Honours students need to consult with both departments
- the marks for work abroad will not count towards your final degree classification

Universities where you should be able to study in English:

- University of Amsterdam (Universiteit van Amsterdam)
- Aristotle University of Thessaloniki
- Autonomous University of Barcelona (Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona)
- Free University of Berlin (Freie Universität Berlin)
- Copenhagen University (Københavns Universitet)
- Leiden University (Universiteit Leiden)
- Paris Diderot University (Université Paris 7 V Denis Diderot)
- Tromsø University (Universitetet i Tromsø)
- Vienna University (Universität Wien)

NB: Your choice of courses in English will be restricted

- don't go abroad if you're not prepared to fit around what's available!

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You may not go to a university where you cannot study suitable courses

- you need to assure yourself (and me if needs be) that suitable courses are available

The main criteria used for allocating places on both schemes are:

- personal statement + first-year marks

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If you are in category (1), the marks that you get while abroad **count** towards your degree classification; you need to do one of these options **for LEL**:

- 20 ECTS credits in LEL-related courses (we recommend 25 ECTS credits)
- 10 ECTS credits in LEL-related courses (we recommend 15 ECTS credits) and a dissertation in LEL during year 4, when you return to Edinburgh

You need to agree your LEL-relevant courses with me and your MEL-relevant courses with your MEL department

- your choice (20 ECTS or 10+dissertation) will be registered on your course record (visible in MyEd) and may only be changed with the consent on both departments

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If you are in category (3), you need to do the following

- 60 ECTS credits of LEL-relevant courses

If you are in category (4), you need to do the following

- check the number of (LEL-relevant) courses and that you need to take through information provided by Edinburgh Global

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

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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
- students in categories (3) and (4) 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

Writing a Third-Year Project while abroad

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You will need to do the following

- confirm the topic with LEL before leaving Edinburgh – keep the topic small and focused
- you will need to arrange your topic with **the Third-Year Project organiser**
- you will be allocated a supervisor in LEL
- 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 should be around 8,000 words in length

Things to think about

Edinburgh Global should be able to give some advice on:

- visas, travel, insurance — but they may tell you to use your own intelligence...
- Erasmus grants (if applicable to you)

I can help you with:

- advice on where to go
- course choices — my advice on this is **obligatory**
- writing up a Project — you will also need to consult your **supervisor**
- any academic problems that crop up while you're abroad
- NB: everyone who is abroad needs to **stay in touch** with us in LEL (and your other department if you are doing a Combined Honours degree)

You will need to arrange your own **accommodation**.

If you're considering an optional exchange...

Some of this may have been a bit technical and possibly off-putting...

- don't be put off!
- most students say going abroad is the best thing they've ever done
- spending a year abroad opens up all sorts of opportunities
- we have exchange links with many of the finest universities in the world
- we will support you while you are abroad, and when you come back
- many students have gone on to get first class degrees after spending a year abroad

ANY QUESTIONS?