LEL Year-Abroad Information

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 – these notes are relevant to this category
(4) optional International exchange – these notes are relevant to this category

Sources of information (not all of these are relevant to all students)
• 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
• Personal Tutor
• me! [the LEL International Coordinator] — patrick.honeybone@ed.ac.uk

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

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
  o http://www.ed.ac.uk/ppls/linguistics-and-english-language/current/undergraduate/study-abroad/erasmus

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:
  o http://www.ed.ac.uk/ppls/linguistics-and-english-language/current/undergraduate/study-abroad/international-exchange-programme

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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 Autonoma de Barcelona)
• Free University of Berlin (Freie Universitaet Berlin)
• Copenhagen University (Kobenhavns Universitet)
• Leiden University (Universiteit Leiden)
• Paris Diderot University (Universite Paris 7 V Denis Diderot)
• Tromso University (Universitetet i Tromso)
• Vienna University (Universitaet 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
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**
- 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...

- 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?