

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!**
 - <https://www.ed.ac.uk/ppls/linguistics-and-english-language/current/undergraduate/handbooks>
 - NB: the regulations for which courses LEL Honours students are required to take will change for next year
- University of Edinburgh 'Go Abroad' office ('Edinburgh Global')
 - <https://www.ed.ac.uk/global/go-abroad>
- Student Support Officers
- 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
 - <http://www.ed.ac.uk/ppls/linguistics-and-english-language/current/undergraduate/study-abroad/Erasmus>
- the current advice from the university is to proceed on the assumption that places will be available at the partners that we have Erasmus agreements with, no matter what happens in terms of UK EU membership

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>

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
- the marks for work abroad will not count towards your final degree classification
- NB: LEL-only Erasmus places allow you to study for either **a year** or **a semester**

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)

Joint Honours students need to consult with both departments

- NB: Joint Honours students may only go for one semester if both subjects agree.

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!

Optional exchanges

The optional **International** exchange is run through Edinburgh Global

- Edinburgh Global decide who gets which place
- you need to apply through Edinburgh Global's web-application system
- 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

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?