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!
  - 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
- keep in touch with us!

Where can you go?

**Erasmus exchange**: study at a university in Europe
- LEL has some great ‘subject-specific’ places – some available to all LEL students, some only to those studying English Language, and some only to those studying Linguistics
- 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

**International exchange**: study at a university in America, Canada, Australia, NZ, Asia
- the university has exchanges with lots of great universities
- only some of these universities are suitable for LEL students – check the list here:
‘Optional exchanges’

The optional subject-specific 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 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)

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.**

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**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?