

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**
- 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
 - <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

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

'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 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?