Study Abroad Information Session

Wednesday 7th October



Photo taken by Petra Peussa who studied in Madrid, Spain 2013-2014





Today's session...

- General information which are the benefits?
- Are you a 1st or 2nd year?
- Finances
- What's next
- Specific region talk: Europe, Central / South America, Asia

Who is talking today?

- Ester Aventin, general enquiries (<u>E.Aventin@sussex.ac.uk</u>)
- David Brimage, Europe and C / S America enquiries (<u>D.Brimage@sussex.ac.uk</u>)
- Lucy Cahalin, Asia and Summer School (<u>L.Cahalin@sussex.ac.uk</u>)

WHY STUDY ABROAD?

- Opportunity to have an interesting and enjoyable experience;
- Broaden your horizons;
- Enhance employability and career prospects;
- Improve prospects of working abroad in the long term;
- Personal development independence and self-confidence;
- Widen your academic horizons;
- Learn/improve foreign language skills;
- Chance to travel.

ABOUT YOU...



IF YOU ARE...



Academic side (1/2)

What can you study?

- As a 1st year going for a term only Modules need to be from subject area.
 Watch for core modules!
- Full additional year Flexibility.

Please note all modules are approved within your department.



Elana Levin Schtulberg (Physics) Year abroad in University of Amsterdam 12/13

How this will affect my degree?

- As a 1st year going for a term only Marks brought from abroad DO count towards your degree.
- Full additional year Marks brought from abroad DO NOT count*. Your title degree will change and incorporate (with a Study Abroad Year).

FINANCE

- Tuition Fee You pay the usual Sussex tuition fees if you go for one semester. You only pay 15% of Sussex tuition fees if you go for the full year. You never pay tuition fees to the host institution.
- Student Loan If you already receive these, you can still apply for a student maintenance and tuition fee loan for the term or the additional year abroad.
- Travel Grant Managed by Student Finance England, this reimburses costs of flights, visa and insurance over £303 (this is means-tested).
- Erasmus Grant For Europe only (for those abroad in 2014/15 this is €350-400/month).

WHAT IS NEXT?

TO DO LIST!



- 1. Visit our <u>webpages</u>.
- 2. Research destinations.
- 3. Select your preferred universities.
- 4. Start an application.

ARE YOU READY?

1st year students applying for the term and

2nd years applying for the full year...

... please submit your application forms by Friday 27th November



How to apply: http://www.sussex.ac.uk/study/sabroad/forsussexstudents/howtoapply



Please think very carefully before applying!



WITHDRAWING FROM YOUR STUDY ABROAD PLACEMENT

Fully consider the implications of studying abroad at the beginning. Discuss your plans with family and friends **before** you apply.

Withdrawing late in the academic year may mean that:

- a place will be lost;

- you may have already arranged / purchased certain things that cannot be refunded (i.e. insurance, flights);

- you may have missed the opportunity to register for Sussex modules of your choice.

WHERE TO FIND US:

Where are located in Hastings Building.

- Specific region enquiries:
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 - Lucy Cahalin Asia <u>L.Cahalin@sussex.ac.uk</u>
 - Liz Wingfield Australia and North America <u>E.Wingfield@sussex.ac.uk</u>
- General enquiries:
 - Ester Aventin (<u>E.Aventin@sussex.ac.uk</u>)
 - Christine Feest (<u>C.Feest@sussex.ac.uk</u>)





What Sussex students say about studying abroad...

An exchange experience filled with a mosaic of people and culture. What more could you want!

James Crowley BA International Relations and Anthropology, University of British Columbia, Canada

Showed me how small and diverse the world is; amazing international friends and learnt much about American and other cultures! Samb van den Hoogen BA Film Studies, Unwersity of Rochester, USA

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You can learn a lot about yourself when taken out of your comfort zone. Melbourne is a diverse and exciting city that I won't forget!

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Louise Mowatt BA Economics and Politics with a study abroad year, Monash University, Australia Best experience of my life beautiful campus, mellow friends, delicious food.

Chen Shaoheng BSc Finance and Business with a study abroad year, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, Hong Kong

International friends, a new language and a real respect for Asia! Make sure you try the deep fried crab.

Michael Gray BA Politics and International Relations, Korea University, Korea

Progress is impossible without change, and if you can't change your mind, you can't change anything. So, go, travel, explore & change your mind! <u>Giovanna Machado</u> <u>Bi International Pelations</u> and Development, University of Amsterdam, the Netherlands

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Beautiful nature.

dog sledging in the Arctic, Swedish

'fika' everyday and

a great social life in

Summer

beaches all

week alone

is worth it.

Nicolo D'Anzi LLB Law with a study abroad year, University of Valencia, Spain

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all year

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student 'nations'.

I could not have

chosen better!

Georgia Donati Clarke BSc Geography, University of Uppsala, Sweden