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 1\textsuperscript{st} or 2\textsuperscript{nd} year?
- Finances
- What’s next
- Specific region talk: Europe, Central / South America, Asia

Who is talking today?
- Ester Aventin, general enquiries (E.Aventin@sussex.ac.uk)
- David Brimage, Europe and C / S America enquiries (D.Brimage@sussex.ac.uk)
- Lucy Cahalin, Asia and Summer School (L.Cahalin@sussex.ac.uk)
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...

• Are you 1\textsuperscript{st} or 2\textsuperscript{nd} year?
IF YOU ARE...

A 1\textsuperscript{st} Year student

A) TERM* (only specific subjects)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>1\textsuperscript{st} year Sussex Application process</th>
<th>2\textsuperscript{nd} Year</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Term 1 OR Term 2 ABROAD</td>
<td>3\textsuperscript{rd} and Final Year at Sussex</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

OR

B) FULL ADDITIONAL YEAR

| 1\textsuperscript{st} year Sussex Application process | 2\textsuperscript{nd} year at Sussex | 3\textsuperscript{rd} year ABROAD | 4\textsuperscript{th} and Final Year at Sussex |

* Not possible to extend

A 2\textsuperscript{nd} Year student
Academic side (1/2)

What can you study?

• As a 1\textsuperscript{st} year going for a \textbf{term} only – Modules need to be from subject area. \textit{Watch for core modules!}

• \textbf{Full additional year} – Flexibility.

Please note all modules are approved within your department.
How this will affect my degree?

- As a 1\textsuperscript{st} year going for a \textbf{term} only – Marks brought from abroad \textbf{DO count} towards your degree.

- \textbf{Full additional year} – Marks brought from abroad \textbf{DO NOT count*}. Your title degree will change and incorporate (with a Study Abroad Year).

*(except for students in an integrated Masters replacing a 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 [webpages](#).
2. Research destinations.
3. Select your preferred universities.
4. Start an application.
ARE YOU READY?

1\textsuperscript{st} year students applying for the term and 2\textsuperscript{nd} years applying for the full year...

... please submit your application forms by Friday 27\textsuperscript{th} 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:
  - David Brimage – Europe and Latin America D.Brimage@sussex.ac.uk
  - Lucy Cahalin - Asia L.Cahalin@sussex.ac.uk
  - Liz Wingfield – Australia and North America E.Wingfield@sussex.ac.uk

- General enquiries:
  - Ester Aventin (E.Aventin@sussex.ac.uk)
  - Christine Feest (C.Feest@sussex.ac.uk)
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!
Sarah van den Hoogen
BA International Studies, Universiteit van Rochester, USA

Beautiful nature, dog sledding in the Arctic, Swedish ‘fika’ everyday and a great social life in student ‘nations’. I could not have chosen better!
Georgia Daniel Clarke
BSc Geography, University of Uppsala, Sweden

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!
Louise Moynihan
BA Economics and Politics with a study exchange year, Monash University, Australia

Best experience of my life - beautiful campus, mellow friends, delicious food.
Chen Shaoxiong
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 Croy
BA Politics and International Relations, Kona University, Korea

Summer all year long, beaches all year long, ‘Fallas’ week alone is worth it.
Nicola D’Amato
LLB Law with a study abroad year, University of Valencia, Spain

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!
Giovanna Mischak
BA International Relations and Development, University of Amsterdam, the Netherlands

US
University of Sussex

Sussex Abroad office, Sussex Rise
www.sussex.ac.uk/studyabroad/erasmusstudents

Erasmus+