The Reflective Journal (Law students)

As part of the assessment for the year abroad law students are required to write a 1500-word reflective journal in the foreign language. The objective of the reflective journal is to relate, critically and constructively, the learning experience abroad.

In preparing their reflective journal students are advised to keep a diary of their experiences during the course of the year and to use this when drafting their submission. This diary might typically include entries about the student’s arrival at the host University and destination country, the choice of modules, the teaching and learning style in the host University, the different modes of assessment, relationships with fellow students, cultural experiences, leisure time and thoughts on departure from the host country and the return to Sussex.

The aim is to enable the student to evaluate their experience of living and studying abroad and to compare this experience to living and studying in a UK University. Students are encouraged to reflect critically and honestly on their experiences and to seek to convey their thoughts about the year abroad in a lucid, well argued and well structured manner and to the best of their linguistic ability.