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University of the Year for Student Experience

**Surrey has been ranked fifth out of 139 Higher Education Institutions (excluding specialists) across England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland, achieving 92 per cent overall student satisfaction.**

**Surrey has been ranked second for graduate employability when compared with all chartered universities in England, based on data from the Higher Education Statistics Agency (HESA).**
International study gives you a unique opportunity to broaden your horizons academically, socially and personally, and also provides an important advantage when you enter the job market.

In an increasingly globalised economy, employers are seeking graduates with an international perspective – those who can work with colleagues from a wide range of cultural backgrounds, embrace new perspectives and ideas, and demonstrate foreign language skills.

The University of Surrey runs an International Exchange Programme which opens the door for undergraduate students to study abroad at universities in other parts of Europe and around the world as part of their degree.

This guide is designed to give you an overview of the programme, including tips on choosing your destination, information on sources of financial support available and an application checklist.

How the programme works
The International Exchange Programme enables you to study abroad while earning credits (but not grades) that contribute towards your Surrey degree. Students on exchange pay no additional tuition fees to the partner university and pay a reduced fee to Surrey if they study abroad for the whole of their second year or during their Professional Training year. Students applying for a European exchange will be eligible for an Erasmus+ grant under the Erasmus+ programme (Europe’s biggest provider of study bursaries).

Students apply for an exchange during the January of their first or second year (depending on their degree programme) at Surrey and typically go on exchange in their second or third year, spending one or two semesters at their chosen university.

To see when study abroad is possible for your specific degree programme check the table on pages 6-7.

Bioscience students in particular, but also Chemists, MPhys students and Mechanical Engineers, tend to use their Professional Training year to work in a research laboratory abroad at a large range of partners.
Exclusions
Students studying for the following degrees will normally be unable to study abroad as part of their degree programme but other opportunities may be available such as summer schools or short-term placements.
» Paramedic Practice
» Operating Department Practice
» Midwifery
» Music and Sound Recording (Tonmeister)
» Most GSA programmes
» All Dietetics programmes
» Veterinary Medicine and Science

A year abroad challenges you to push yourself out of your comfort zone - personally, professionally and even culturally. It prepares you to deal with anything life can throw at you.

Ankur Banerjee,
BEng, Electronics and Computer Science.
Study exchange at Nanyang Technological University in Singapore.

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Discover where your degree can take you

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* Sociology/Criminology students can spend their second year at the University of Maryland College Park, USA for full credit and grade transfer. Limited places are available.

**Bioscience students can spend a semester studying at a very limited range of partner institutions in their second year.
Emma explains how the opportunity to study and work in Brazil enhanced her learning experience as a Veterinary Biosciences student.

Studying and living in Brazil was one of the best experiences I have ever had. I learnt so much from the professors and students.

I had been interested in science from a young age and gained a lot of veterinary based work-experience during sixth form, which helped me make the decision to study Veterinary Biosciences at University.

I was also offered an amazing opportunity to study abroad and take a scholarship to Brazil for two months where I experienced working in the Vet School in Sao Paulo and got my hands dirty working on traditional farms in Pirassununga.

Studying and living in Brazil, I have gained new friends and have since continued to learn Portuguese. I would highly recommend taking any opportunities to study abroad.

Emma Clayton
BSc (Hons) Veterinary Biosciences, Third Year, Brazil
I would highly recommend taking any opportunities to study abroad.
WHY STUDY ABROAD?

Enhance your employability
International study can really set you apart when it comes to looking for a job. In fact, research shows that graduates who have studied abroad earn higher starting salaries than those who have not. The skills you will gain – learning to integrate yourself into unfamiliar groups and situations, be sensitive to different cultures, and demonstrate self-reliance – are exactly the type of skills future employers will be looking for.

Expand your learning
Studying your subject in a different context is both challenging and rewarding and will give you a completely new perspective on your studies when you return home. You may have access to specialist modules or advanced facilities that are not available at Surrey, or you may benefit from alternative learning experiences – for example, laboratory classes are taught very differently in other countries. Assessment requirements are also different across the world.

Depending where you choose to go, immersing yourself in a foreign language environment will inevitably improve your language skills, giving you the competence and confidence to use another language in the future. You are, however, not normally expected to take modules in a foreign language unless you are a Language student at Surrey.

Broaden your horizons
We live in an internationally mobile world, with careers no longer constrained by where we grew up or studied. Living and studying in another country will give you an international network of contacts and a broader outlook for the future.

Improve your life skills
Living in a different country and meeting people from all kinds of backgrounds gives you the chance to grow as a person, increasing your confidence, self-reliance, communication and organisational skills.

Enjoy a once-in-a-lifetime experience
Studying abroad is not all work and no play. The opportunity to make new friends and explore another country is an experience you will never forget, and one which may be more difficult to achieve post-graduation when you have other commitments.
WHAT IS REQUIRED?

**Academic requirements**

Studying abroad is a rewarding but challenging experience, so prospective exchange students need to demonstrate that they can cope with the rigours of international study. To be eligible for exchange, students must normally have an average mark of 60 per cent or more for their first year, and consistently good marks for any further study completed when they apply. Applications are submitted at the end of January, with decisions made in March. If you are asked to take re-sit examinations/assessments following the end of the spring semester, you may not be allowed to continue with an exchange.

Once at the partner university, you must enrol on a specific number of modules and/or credits. Successful completion of each module adds credit to your student record at Surrey. Remember that grading systems are different in other countries and the pass mark may be set higher than in the UK system. This is part of the learning experience and your ability to adapt to a new study system.

**Language requirements**

All our partner universities teach in English unless stated otherwise. However, you may find it useful to gain a basic knowledge of the language used in your chosen country. Enrolling on the Global Graduate Award in Languages – a university-wide programme open to all students and free of charge – will enable you to start learning a new language or brush up on one you’ve previously studied. To find out more, go to [surrey.ac.uk/GGA](http://surrey.ac.uk/GGA).

If you study in another part of Europe you will also have access to the Online Linguistic Support (OLS) from the European Commission in the following languages: French, German, Spanish, Italian, Dutch, Portuguese, Polish, Danish, Swedish, Greek and Czech.
Khulani tells us how studying abroad in the USA and completing his Professional Training placement in Singapore helped him grow in ways he never thought were possible.

I made the decision to come to Surrey because of the international opportunities for personal development. During my time at Surrey I have studied at the University of Maryland in the USA in my second year as well as Nanyang Technological University in Singapore during my Professional Training year. My experiences abroad have made me grow in ways I never thought were possible.

The highlight of my experience studying abroad was when I met Ice Cube on campus. In the following week, Obama came to campus for a basketball game. He waved at me. Well, at least I think he did! Regardless, he waved and I was in the same direction.

The International Relations Office in Surrey is impressive. The team is professional, efficient and very good at building strong relationships with other offices in different countries. This makes the international student experience more fluid.

Khulani Gavin Nyathi
BSc (Hons) Sociology final year, Singapore and Maryland, USA
WHERE CAN I GO?

Our online Search Tool enables you to explore where you can study abroad, or if you are a Bioscience, Nutrition, Chemistry, Mechanical Engineering or Psychology student, where you can undertake a laboratory placement at a partner laboratory.

Discover more at: surrey.ac.uk/globalexchanges

Choosing a destination
Before deciding where you want to apply, you’ll need to consider a range of factors including study options, finances, the type of environment you will be living in and the extracurricular activities on offer. Even if you’re a seasoned traveller and have visited the country before, it’s worth doing some thorough research before making your final decision. The first step is to use the search tool and check the options for your programme.

Then you may want to:
» Look at the Erasmus+ and international exchange programme webpages on the Surrey International Relations’ website to find out more about the process in general: surrey.ac.uk/exchanges/outgoing
» Check out partner university websites, particularly the pages for inbound exchange students (links are available from the Search Tool), and look at partner universities’ module catalogues online to see modules that are being taught currently
» Go online to research your chosen destination and the surrounding area, and buy or borrow a guidebook such as Lonely Planet or Rough Guide. The Foreign Commonwealth Office (FCO) website (fco.gov.uk/en) also has useful advice on travelling and living in other countries
» Pick the brains of students who’ve already taken part in the exchange programme
» Go to the International Relations’ Study and Work Abroad Fair and Department Information Sessions
Finances
There’s sometimes a misconception that international study is prohibitively expensive. While there are additional costs to consider, there are also various sources of financial support. Whether you study in Europe or further afield at one of our 85 partners you won’t pay tuition fees to them, but continue to pay them to the University of Surrey. If you spend the whole of your second year studying abroad, your tuition fees will only be £1,350 (2017-18). If you receive a student loan or grant, you can still apply for this while on exchange.

Under the Erasmus+ programme, students registered at a UK Higher Education Institution are eligible for an Erasmus grant, which is currently €250-300 per month, with an additional monthly grant of €100 available to students whose household income is below £25,000 (these amounts may vary for future years). Your application for an Erasmus+ grant happens automatically when you fill in your application form for exchange. To find out more, go to surrey.ac.uk/exchanges/outgoing/erasmus/index.htm

There are also scholarships offered by external organisations for students attending universities in South Korea, Singapore, Hong Kong and the USA. Students with means-tested loans from Student Finance can apply for an additional loan and/or grant to put towards the cost of travel, medical insurance and visa expenses. For more information about sources of financial support, go to surrey.ac.uk/exchanges/outgoing/index.htm

The additional costs you need to consider when you are planning your exchange will include some or all of the following:

» Travel, including flights
» Accommodation (although remember that you do not pay for your Surrey accommodation whilst you are away)
» Living expenses (which will vary depending where you go)
» Additional medical insurance
» Visa expenses
» Immunisation expenses (for international destinations)
» Proof of finances (for international destinations)
The exchange aided my studies by making clear to me that I would like to work within the international law sector.

I gained a different attitude and approach to learning and working within an international sector. I learned a language and legal professional skills which I know will be applicable to both my future studies and career. I also gained invaluable advice from legal professionals which reaffirmed to me that a career in law is what I want to do. It has also shown me that I am able to be more independent than I thought and can adapt to different surroundings and culture.

The highlight of my study exchange was being able to meet so many new people who have now become friends for life. If I had the chance to do it again I would not hesitate in doing so.

Jessica Peck
LLB with International Studies
Stockholm University, Sweden
Since attending an Open Day at the University of Surrey, I had always wanted to undertake a placement training year abroad.

My interest was piqued when I heard of an opportunity to work at the Vision Group, Lund University, a world renowned centre for animal vision research. The particular project I was involved in was called ‘the cost of seeing in the vertebrate eye’. A thrilling opportunity indeed.

My placement was arranged through the Erasmus programme. I soon found myself packing a small suitcase and leaving. On my first day of work at the university I met my supervisor and lab head and we talked through the project.

After finishing my placement, I can say that I benefitted greatly from it. I learnt so much, especially about how to find and interpret research on a variety of subjects, allowing me to effectively learn about new subjects quickly.

Rowan Softley
Biochemistry graduate
Lund University, Sweden
MAKING AN APPLICATION

Checklist
Once you’re researched your exchange or overseas laboratory options and discussed your decision to study abroad with your family, you’re ready to make an application. Here are the next steps:

» Meet with your personal tutor and/or Exchange Coordinator to discuss the exchange (preferably before the winter vacation)
» Complete the application form online, which is available on the exchange website from December onwards, naming three universities in order of preference
» Submit your application by 31 January remembering to include:
  » Budget form
  » Personal statement (approx. 200 words) explaining why you want to study abroad or work in an overseas laboratory

Applications are then reviewed by the Exchange Coordinators in the Faculty and recommendations are made to the International Relations Office (IRO) who allocates places on the strength of your overall application. You may be invited to attend a short interview before a decision is made. Whilst we try to offer students a place at their first choice partner university this may not always be possible as it depends on demand and places available each year. The selection process is based on the quality of your application, your grades to date and the support from your Department/School.

You will be notified of the outcome of your application via the application portal in March. If you’ve been successful you will then have one week to confirm whether or not you’d like to accept the place.

If you don’t want to accept the place at the recommended partner university you may decline the offer and ask to be placed at a different university. These requests will be considered on a case by case basis. However, the chance of this being possible is rare. Once you have accepted a place, you will need to apply formally to the partner university. Details of this process are contained in TOTTO (Tick off to Take Off), an online pre-departure guide, to which you will have access via the Let’s Go Abroad module on SurreyLearn, the University of Surrey’s new Virtual Learning Environment.

I loved exploring a new environment and the sense of achievement of surviving a year in a foreign country.

Corinne Taylor
BA German and Translation, 2014
Summary of exchange application procedure

1. Research exchange opportunities
2. Meeting with Personal Tutor and Exchange Coordinator to discuss exchange
3. Write personal statement
4. Submit completed application documents online
5. Confirmation of place on Applicant Portal
   - Accept: Official nomination to partner university. Application to partner university with support from the International Relations Office and/or Faculty Exchange Team
   - Decline: End of Process
Mathematics graduate Richard explains how the support he received from Surrey’s International Relations Office made possible the best experience of his life.

Studying in Florida was, by far, the best experience of my life. The exchange scheme was fantastic; I met amazing people from all over the world and spent a year loving life in the beautiful Floridian weather! Whilst studying, I had the opportunity to take part in American traditions such as Thanksgiving, Black Friday and Spring Break.

With the support offered by the University of Surrey’s International Relations Office, application for the exchange programme couldn’t have been easier. Before this exchange I was never very interested in seeing the world, I simply wanted to live and work in America. Now I have an even stronger desire to work there and a new urge to travel, meet new people and immerse myself in other cultures.

My experience helped me improve my interpersonal and communication skills and I became proficient in budgeting for a long period of time and learnt to live independently. I learnt a lot that will help me through life but most importantly I had a lot of fun! Seeing how others lived, meeting people from a variety of backgrounds and being a part of their traditions was an unbelievable experience and I honestly wish I could have stayed longer.

I would highly recommend to any student presented with the opportunity to study abroad during their degree to do so. It will make you more appealing to potential employers, it provides an opportunity to experience a new culture and you will be taught invaluable transferable skills that will assist you in the future. The list of benefits from taking part in an exchange programme is never ending, the only way to truly discover this is to take part yourself. ❤️

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Richard Winstone
MMath (Hons) Mathematics, 2015
University of Central Florida, USA
WORKING ABROAD FOR YOUR PROFESSIONAL TRAINING PLACEMENT

Students have worked in companies all over the world in placements facilitated by the University and if you go to another part of Europe you’ll be eligible for Erasmus+ funding.

Where you choose and what you do really depends on you and the subject you are studying. For example, you may choose to study Maths or Business Management in Singapore or the USA in your second year or work on the next skyscraper with Ove Arup, the global firm of consulting engineers in Hong Kong. Alternatively, you might work at Airbus in Toulouse or teach children English in Madagascar. As long as you meet the requirements for the Professional Training placement programme, you can go anywhere.

**Erasmus+ funding**

All European Union placements attract Erasmus+ funding, which is currently €350-400 per month, depending on the destination country. This is in addition to any payment you may receive from the company.

So, a tourism student could work at the Hotel Arts in Barcelona and a lawyer at a legal practice in Bulgaria and receive an Erasmus+ grant and a salary, and be eligible for their student loan.

During the placement year, the tuition fees will be £1,800 (2017-18), but reduced to £1,350 if you are undertaking an Erasmus+ placement. As with a placement in the UK, you’ll have the support of your Professional Training Tutors and will be visited at least once.

Some students decide that they want the best of both worlds and spend one semester studying at one of our partner universities – for example, seeing Politics from the Danish perspective or taking Theatre Studies in Australia – and then either return for a UK placement in an NGO or work in a theatre in another part of the world. When studying abroad, you’re expected to take a number of courses at the partner university and to pass them.
Hayley shares highlights from her time as a student nurse and explains how an Erasmus placement in Norway enhanced her University experience.

As an adult nursing student, I have been fortunate to work in many practice areas, both medical and surgical, as well as with district nurses.

During the summer, I took part in an Erasmus exchange and went to Stavanger, Norway. I felt that it was a perfect opportunity to discover how another country’s health system works, and offered me the chance to explore a different culture - learning some of the language was definitely one of the highlights. I also learnt how different hospitals can be and how techniques and procedures can differ in different countries.

I would definitely recommend going on an Erasmus exchange. I met many other international exchange students, and it was nice to be able to socialise with them. Living and working in another country for twelve weeks was an opportunity of a lifetime.

I am passionate about working in healthcare. I love the rewarding feeling I get on a shift, knowing that the people I’m looking after are getting the good care that they deserve.

The University of Surrey is the perfect place to start a new journey, a new life and a new career. I would advise others to enjoy every moment, study when you need to study and enjoy making lifelong friends.

Hayley Dyos
BSc Adult Nursing, Norway
Living and working in another country for twelve weeks was an opportunity of a lifetime.
Wonderful things happen here.

Come and see for yourself.
OPEN DAYS
Book a place on one of our Open Days where you can meet students and academics, explore our campus and discover more about the courses that have fired your interest.

Friday 24 June 2016
Saturday 25 June 2016
Friday 9 September 2016
Saturday 10 September 2016

To book your place, please visit:
surrey.ac.uk/opendays

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We advise all applicants to view the website prior to making any application.