

# Study Abroad - Frequently Asked Questions

## 1. Can I study abroad on my course?

There are many exciting long- and short-term opportunities available to study, work or volunteer abroad during your time at NTU. We believe that all students at NTU should have the opportunity to have an international experience.

Exchanges are open to most full-time undergraduate students during the second year of a three-year course, or the third year of a four-year course. Study abroad opportunities might also be available on some PG courses.

[www4.ntu.ac.uk/current\\_students/study\\_abroad/how\\_do\\_i\\_apply/index.html](http://www4.ntu.ac.uk/current_students/study_abroad/how_do_i_apply/index.html)

## 2. When do I go on study abroad?

Exchanges are open to most full-time undergraduate students during the second year of a three-year course, or the third year of a four-year course. You have the option to go for one semester (3-year course) or for a full year (4-year course), depending on your course of study.

Some courses may also offer the opportunity to combine work and study during your year abroad.

Short study opportunities like summer schools and international volunteering projects can be taken in the Easter or Summer break. There are fully and part-funded opportunities to enable all students to participate.

## 3. Where can I study abroad?

There are two main options for NTU students interested in studying abroad:

- Study abroad at one of NTU's partner universities in Europe and beyond.

OR

- Study abroad via the International Student Exchange Programme (ISEP) network, which will give you access to over 300 member institutions across the world.

You can use the NTU website to check which destinations are available via **NTU partner exchange**: [www4.ntu.ac.uk/current\\_students/study\\_abroad/where\\_can\\_i\\_go/in-dex.html](http://www4.ntu.ac.uk/current_students/study_abroad/where_can_i_go/in-dex.html)

This study abroad option is based on exchange agreements between NTU and overseas universities.

If department doesn't have many partners in the country you want to go to, or if spaces are limited, then you may wish to consider **ISEP Exchange**. ISEP is a study abroad provider and made up of a network of colleges and universities from many different countries. This exchange option offers more geographical destinations as you can study at one of the over

140 member universities in the United States, and across the world:

[www.isepstudyabroad.org/](http://www.isepstudyabroad.org/)

Short-term study / work / volunteering opportunities abroad are based all over the world!

#### **4. How do I find accommodation overseas?**

Housing arrangements vary depending on the institution or programme of study. If you go abroad through Erasmus+ or International Exchanges, you'll be responsible for your accommodation abroad, so you're encouraged to start looking for suitable options early in the process. Many host universities offer university accommodation or can advise you on the best accommodation to suit your needs.

NTU also has an agreement with Housing Anywhere, a student housing platform that offers NTU students a discount on secure bookings. The platform enables you to search for accommodation available at your destination, provide real-time notifications on new listings, and support you all the way through to booking. If you'd like to use this platform, please contact NTU Global first for more information on the services and discount provided.

If you're going abroad through ISEP or to an international summer school accommodation is usually included in the package.

NTU Global is also here to support and give advice on the options available.

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#### **5. What will it cost? Do I have to pay extra tuition?**

Studying or working abroad during your studies can be an exciting and invaluable experience. Before you decide, you should also think through the cost and funding implications of your time abroad. It is worthwhile to note that going abroad is not necessarily an expensive option. The cost of living in many countries is lower than the UK and will also depend on your personal lifestyle.

All UK and EU students on a full academic year study abroad, work placement, or British Council language assistantship (BCLA) will pay a reduced tuition fee – in the 2020/21 academic year this will be £1385.

If you spend a term studying or working abroad, your tuition fee will be the same as if you completed the full year at NTU.

**You will be applying for your tuition and Maintenance loan as normal as every year. This could help towards some of your study abroad costs.**

There is no tuition fee to pay to the host university, although there may be some other fees and charges (e.g. insurance, student union membership, sports membership, travel passes). Some of these will be optional, some mandatory.

Short-term, external and volunteering opportunities normally carry a fee, however, there are fully and part-funded scholarship opportunities too.

[www4.ntu.ac.uk/current\\_students/study\\_abroad/how\\_much\\_will\\_it\\_cost/index.html](http://www4.ntu.ac.uk/current_students/study_abroad/how_much_will_it_cost/index.html)

## **6. How can I learn a language?**

The University Language Programme (ULP) at Nottingham Trent University (NTU) provides a range of language courses to students, staff and members of the general public. You'll have the opportunity to learn a new language or improve your existing foreign language skills.

You can also to our 'Language in Tandem' scheme and join in with the 'Language Café'. Both options are free and are run by our Student Experience Team in our Global Lounges.

## **7. What will the impact of Brexit be on Erasmus funding and exchange?**

As you know the UK has now left the EU and we are in a transition period until the end of Dec 2020. The current Erasmus+ programme comes to an end at the end of the 2020-21 academic year. A new Erasmus programme will then be launched for the next period, which will be 2021-27. At the moment the UK cannot be part of that programme because we do not meet the criteria, i.e. the UK is no longer part of the EU. The UK Government however has been negotiating with the EU to continue to be part of the Erasmus programme, or limited parts of the programme. Unfortunately, negotiations are still ongoing so we are unable to say at this point what the outcome will be. NTU will still retain our European partnerships and will continue to offer the opportunity to our students to undertake an exchange with one of our European partners. If we do not get to be part of the future Erasmus programme however it will mean that we will not be able to offer the Erasmus grant which contributed towards the living and travel costs

## **8. Does my study abroad year count towards my degree?**

It depends from your course. However, Studying abroad adds value to your degree and will give you a once in a lifetime chance to experience another culture and enhance your employability skills. You'll have a unique opportunity to meet new people and build a new network of friends and practitioners in your chosen subject, and even learn a new language. Going abroad during your degree is an exciting experience and a chance for you to develop personally, academically, and professionally.

## **9. Why should I study abroad?**

Students who study or work abroad during their studies are more likely to:

- Earn a first class or upper second-class degree
- Be in a graduate level job or further study
- Earn more than non-mobile peers
- Have stronger employability and transferable skills

## **10. Will I still be able to travel to Europe visa-free?**

Unfortunately, the answer to this question is not known at this point as negotiations around the terms of the UK's exit from the EU are still ongoing.