

# Are you considering an Intercalated Year?

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## Key Information

- Information for students, including details of assessment:  
<https://warwick.ac.uk/fac/sci/dcs/teaching/intercalated/>
- Study Abroad Office: <https://warwick.ac.uk/study/studyabroad/>
- Student Opportunity: <https://warwick.ac.uk/services/careers/>
- Senior Careers Consultant: Sam Merrix  
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Two Options: Industrial placement or Study abroad

## Hints on Finding Placements

- You may already have ideas — try to research companies you know or sectors you find interesting
- Use online and printed resources — hearing about a company that offers positions can be half the battle
- Check MyAdvantage for vacancies
- Visit careers fairs and speak to your colleagues — unless you know exactly what you want to do, don't focus too much on the nature of graduate roles
- Applying early is a positive indicator and a requirement for competitive positions
- Do your research before applying to any company

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## Getting Started: Resources

▼ Understand yourself & your needs

▼ Find work experience

▼ Ace applications and interviews

## Getting Started: Activities

▼ Workshops & events

▼ Recordings

▼ Drop-in sessions

## Getting Started: Opportunities


▼ External opportunities

**Thu 17 Oct, '24**

**[STEM Careers Fair 2024](#)**

11am - 4pm

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The STEM Careers Fair caters for students interested in careers within STEM in a range of organisations.


The STEM Careers Fair features around 65 high-profile recruiters. This event is open to all students interested in a careers within the Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths sectors.

**Tue 22 Oct, '24**

**[Careers Drop-in](#)**

12pm - 2pm

*DCS Atrium*

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This careers drop-in clinic is available to help you with careers and application queries, from CVs, to finding jobs to interview questions.

This drop-in clinic is designed to support you with careers queries and questions! Come along for support with finding jobs, CVs, making applications and interview preparation.

Departmental Careers Consultant Samantha Merrix will be available between 12-2pm in the DCS Atrium. You do not need to book a specific time/appointment please just come along on the day!

## Before the Placement

- You need to complete the Placement Approval form, available at <https://warwick.ac.uk/fac/sci/dcs/teaching/intercalated/industrial-placement/application/>
- Submit the form *after* receiving a firm offer for the placement
- Submit the form as soon as possible, latest by 31st August
- This form authorises us to transfer you to a 'With Intercalated Year' degree course
- Unlikely to be rejected if all our checks go through

## **Placement needs to be Approved**

- We need to ensure the placement is appropriate and relevant to your degree course. You can discuss this with your Personal Tutor
- We need confirmation your placement will be financially viable
- Your employment should be full-time, for at least nine months, and with a salary which is not below the legal minimum wage.
- We shall ask the placement provider to confirm that they will meet their responsibilities for ensuring your health and safety.
- Course transfer only occurs after successful completion of the year of study

## During the Placement

- Monitoring will continue, through Teams meetings and email check-ins
- In Term 1 (ideally) or Term 2 during the placement, Personal Tutor will visit the student in placement to ensure quality and relevance
- Report of meeting is included with Intercalated Year assessment



## After the Placement

- Returning students from Intercalated Year, need to submit reports (1500 words) via Tabula by the end of May
- Exam Board approves continuing in ‘With Intercalated Year’ or in the case the report is not adequate then moving back to standard degree
- Student must also make arrangements to fit in to next year of studies—for example by arranging Final year project supervision

## Study Abroad

The Study Abroad Office holds regular information meetings and has an information on the process <https://warwick.ac.uk/study/studyabroad>

- DCS only allows full-year exchanges
- Must study at least equivalent of 90 CATS credits
- Must take local assessments and pass equivalent of 60 CATS credits
- Must write Report on Intercalated Year, due end of May
- Degree awarded 'With Intercalated Year'

EVENT	MONTH	DAY	DATE	TIME	VENUE	WHO THE EVENT IS FOR
<i>Student Mobility Information Session</i>	<i>Outbound Students for 2025/26</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	24th October 2024	13:00-14:00	<a href="#">Online Teams</a>  Meeting ID: 329 156 013 694 Passcode: JEPYqE	An online information session for students eligible for study abroad in 2025/26 (primarily for second year students)
<i>Student Mobility Information Session</i>	<i>Outbound Students for 2025/26</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	30th October 2024	14:00-15:00	<a href="#">Online Teams</a>  Meeting ID: 382 755 189 094 Passcode: 5WWgQC	An online information session for students eligible for study abroad in 2025/26 (primarily for second year students)

<i>Europe Regional Event</i>	<i>November</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	12th November 2024	10:00-12:00	Student Opportunity Hub SH0.06	An information session for students interested in studying a year abroad in Europe, particularly in <i>Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Gibraltar, Hungary, Ireland, Malta, Monaco, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Slovenia.</i>
<i>Australia Regional Event</i>	<i>November</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	12th November 2024	15:15-16:15	Student Opportunity Hub SH0.06	An information for students interested in studying a year abroad in Australia.
<i>The Americas Regional Event</i>	<i>November</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	19th November 2024	15:00-16:00	Student Opportunity Hub SH0.06	An information for students interested in studying a year abroad in The Americas.

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<i>Singapore, South Korea &amp; Japan Regional Event</i>	<i>November</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	21st November 2024	14:00-16:00	Student Opportunity Hub SH0.06	An information for students interested in studying a year abroad in Singapore, South Korea or Japan.
<i>Mainland China &amp; Hong Kong Regional Event</i>	<i>November</i>	<i>Friday</i>	22nd November 2024	14:00-16:00	Student Opportunity Hub SH0.06	An information for students interested in studying a year abroad in Mainland China or Hong Kong.
<i>Europe Regional Event</i>	<i>November</i>	<i>Monday</i>	25th November 2024	14:00-16:00	Student Opportunity Hub SH0.06	An information session for students interested in studying a year abroad in Europe, particularly in Austria, France, Italy, Luxembourg, Martinique, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland.

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## 10 reasons to study abroad

### 1. Enhancing employment opportunities

Employers tell us that they are constantly looking for ways to differentiate between applicants. Developing the skills that international mobility provides is one of the ways you will be able to set yourself out from the crowd.

### 2. Language skills

Studying overseas can help you to develop your existing knowledge of a language, or to learn a new one. In an increasingly internationally-focused business world, language skills can be highly sought after by graduate employers.

### 3. Cultural understanding

Spending time immersed in a new or different cultural setting will provide you with an opportunity to develop a fresh understanding and outlook on culture. It may also help you to develop your communication and networking skill set.

### 4. Personal development

Taking part in a student mobility opportunity has helped other students to grow and develop as individuals in a global world. Confidence and independence has been seen to increase when students are taken out of their comfort zone.

### 5. Added value

Whether you are a language student or have included a year abroad in your degree, the depth of non-academic knowledge and the level of experience gained through student mobility has proven invaluable to students who have taken part.

## 6. Expanding your horizon

Studying overseas anywhere in the world can provide you with a fresh outlook and can expand your global network giving you access to friends and mentors across the globe.

## 7. Alternative study route

Different universities have different modules or subjects, this could mean that you are able to tailor your placement to your interests or career goals. By expanding your knowledge, you might return to Warwick with a different perspective for your final year.

## 8. Choose how

At Warwick (depending on your degree regulations), you may be able to study, work or teach abroad. This means that you can apply to take part in an opportunity that best suits your needs or future plans.

## 9. See the world

With opportunities in over 40 countries you may be able to take the opportunity to fit in some time exploring and travelling during your time abroad.

## 10. Most previous Study Abroad students say "it's the best year of your life"

Go to Warwick [Study Abroad Students FB](#) [↗](#) [↗](#) and [our Instagram](#) [↗](#) [↗](#) and find out what study abroad students have been up to

## Applying for Study Abroad

- Slightly competitive: limited places offered to DCS, some sites have multiple applicants
- Personal statement: mention how this fits in career/personal plans, relevant background (in particular language skills)
- Requires at least a 2.1 in Year 1 and all Second year modules must be passed without Resits
- After nomination by Warwick, must apply to host University
- Finance: Warwick fees of 15%. Warwick Bursary of at least £600. After Brexit limited mobility funds.



## Application Deadlines

Industrial placement: latest by 31st August, but the earlier the better.

Study Abroad: mid December

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Apple tech talk at 2:30pm upstairs in OC1.05!