

*When considering a Year abroad, there is more to consider than simply where to go. Here are some key points which you might want to consider in your planning. Remember to start early and use all support channels available to you! Please note that this is not an exhaustive list!*

- Have you considered the teaching structure, does it fit with how you want to learn?
  - Do the module options interest you? Is there a particular field you want to study?
  - If you wish to study at two different Universities, have you checked the term dates don't overlap?
  - Have you done research into previous students' experiences?
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- Does the host University guarantee accommodation or do you need to source it independently?
  - Is the accommodation within your budget range?
  - Is the accommodation close to campus and local amenities? Will you need to budget public transport?
  - What are the deadlines for applying for accommodation?
  - Do you have any individual accommodation requirements?
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- Have you considered the average cost of living for the country you want to visit?
  - Have you researched any available grants or scholarships?
  - Have you considered any additional costs, such as printing, purchasing books, phone bills, internet costs, transport etc?
  - Can you work part time in the evenings or weekends?
  - Are you able to afford any unexpected costs that may arise?
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- Have you considered the logistics of living in a country where you may not be familiar with the language?
  - Have you considered learning any key phrases before you go or enrolling in Language courses with the Language centre?
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- Do you want to study at a city university or a campus university?
  - Is there a country, location or culture that you have always wanted to visit?
  - Have you considered the climate of the region you will be studying in?
  - Have you checked the FCO guidance for the country you will be travelling to?
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- Have you considered travel costs to and from the country?
  - Have you purchased health insurance?
  - Are there any visa costs?
  - Do you need any vaccinations before your travel?
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- Will there be appropriate medical support/mental health services if required?
  - Do you have a disability or any special requirements? If so are there facilities in place to support you?
  - Have you considered LGBTQ+ attitudes and rights (if applicable)?
  - Are there any religious or cultural differences in the country that you need to be aware of (consider age, gender, race etc)?

