

DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY

STUDY ABROAD HANDBOOK

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<https://warwick.ac.uk/fac/soc/philosophy/intranets/undergraduate/handbook/study-abroad>

Introduction and Academic Planning

This handbook outlines the academic procedures and requirements relating to the Philosophy Year Abroad. All non-academic information about studying abroad is provided by the Student Mobility Team (see Appendix 1).

The department endeavours to ensure that the information in this handbook is as accurate and up-to-date as possible. Any significant changes to the procedures and requirements detailed in this handbook will be notified to students by email.

We hope that your year abroad is a fulfilling experience both personally and academically. We encourage you to make the most of your year abroad by embracing opportunities to study and travel in the country you have chosen. If you encounter any problems while you are abroad, or have any questions that are not answered in this handbook, please contact the Philosophy Department or the Student Mobility Team.

Key Contacts

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Student Mobility Team

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Contact Information: [Contact us \(warwick.ac.uk\)](http://warwick.ac.uk)

Types of Study Abroad Year

All students on 3-year Philosophy courses may be permitted to undertake a study abroad placement either as an intercalated year abroad, or an integrated year abroad.

Intercalated Year Abroad

Philosophy students have the option of taking an **intercalated** year, usually to spend a year at a University in continental Europe under the Erasmus scheme between your second and final year. This will add a year to your overall period of study and you will thus complete your degree in four years. The Department has existing Erasmus-links with universities in Rome, Turin, Madrid, Seville, Dijon, Jena, Cologne and Vienna. Students will typically be expected to have completed at least level 3 in the target language (or equivalent) prior to studying at these Universities. We also have Erasmus-links with universities in Istanbul, Rotterdam and Copenhagen where the language of instruction is English, as well as university-wide links with Monash university and universities across Asia. Places are always limited, and admission to an exchange programme is competitive.

Integrated Year Abroad

As part of your Philosophy degree, you may choose to replace your second year at Warwick with an **integrated** study year abroad at a partner university as part of the North American Exchange Programme. In past years, places have been available at universities such as Queen's University and the University of Waterloo in Canada and the University of Wisconsin-Madison in the United States.

This enables second year Philosophy students (Single or Joint Honours) to spend a full year studying abroad. Modules and examinations taken at the host university will usually count towards the Warwick degree, and applications from first year students who wish to spend their second year at one of these universities will be invited towards the end of Term 1. However, if you think you might be interested in participating in the programme, it would be worthwhile discussing the matter with your Personal Tutor before then.

Even if you are selected for the North American Exchange Programme, permission to participate in it may be withdrawn in cases of unsatisfactory module performance (e.g., loss of monitoring points). Furthermore, to qualify for the exchange, students need to pass their first year exams at the first attempt, since resits cannot always be arranged before the start of the North American academic year.

Although primarily an exchange year, it may be possible for second year students to spend a year in North America as an intercalated year abroad.

Academic Aspects of Year Abroad

Aims of the Year Abroad

1. To demonstrate the ability to study or work abroad for a year at a host institution approved by your department;
2. To experience and gain a deeper understanding of the social and cultural diversity of the country where you will undertake your year abroad;
3. To travel abroad and engage with continual personal and professional development;
4. To develop your spoken, written, and communication skills in the language of the country where you undertake your year abroad, if appropriate;
5. To further your academic knowledge as directed by your department.

Learning Outcomes

1. On completion of this year you will have:
2. Broadened your knowledge and understanding of your subject specialism(s);
3. Developed the qualities and transferable skills necessary for working or studying in another country and in a different academic system;
4. Developed enhanced oral and written language skills through the demands of study in a different country;
5. Developed transferable skills in terms of culture and intercultural competencies.
6. Specific learning outcomes and aims for your module are set out below.

Academic Requirements for taking a Year Abroad

1. You will pursue the aims of the year abroad as set out in this handbook.
2. You will check your Warwick email regularly.
3. You will keep in regular contact with the [departmental year abroad coordinator](#). They may also be your Personal Tutor for when you are abroad.
4. You will observe the academic calendar of your host institution, and remain at that institution for the duration of your agreed exchange period.
5. You will abide by all of the rules, regulations and practices of the host institution. This includes submission deadlines, attendance requirements, codes of conduct, use of plagiarism software etc, as well as non-academic regulations.
6. Your attendance at classes is a requirement of your exchange.
7. You must comply with Warwick's Attendance and Engagement Monitoring Plan, set by your department.
8. You must respect the laws and customs of your host country and comply with all requirements of your visa.
9. Tier 4 students will also need to keep in close contact with the [Student Mobility Team](#) (see the later section).
10. You must register as a student at Warwick when requested even though you are abroad.

11. On your return, you will be required to provide a transcript from your host institution to your department. You are responsible for meeting all requirements necessary for the host institution to release the transcript, including payment of any outstanding fees.
12. You are able to update your contact details centrally on [Student Records Online](#).
13. You will receive instructions regarding the online submission of module preferences for your returning year during the spring or early summer Term via your Warwick email address. You must follow the instructions carefully and if in doubt, contact your department.
14. You may be visited by a member of Warwick academic or administrative staff during your year abroad. You will be informed in advance of the visit. You are required to be available for discussion with the member of staff concerned wherever possible.
15. You may be asked to participate in meetings set up for students preparing for a study abroad, or you may be asked to help at a presentation or another type of Warwick event; as part of your study abroad you are expected to take part in these events – which can be fun and your experiences are most valuable.
16. You are advised to fulfil the academic requirements for the year abroad as set out in this handbook.

Academic Requirements for Taking a Year Abroad - Philosophy

Academic Requirements for Students undertaking an [Intercalated Year Abroad](#)

1. To undertake the intercalated year abroad, a student must normally have passed at least 60 credits and have an overall mean of at least 60% in the second year, though this can be considered on a cases-by-case basis if there are extenuating or other circumstances. Students who fail the second year at the July Exam Board are not permitted to undertake a year abroad. Students who fail the second year and have mitigating circumstances will be considered on a case-by-case basis, based on the nature and extent of the mitigation.
2. Your ability to progress will be confirmed at the Year 2 Exam Board, which takes place in early July. You will be emailed as soon as possible after the Board to confirm whether you can progress.
3. If you are not sure whether you have passed Year 2, you should **NOT** depart for your year abroad and you should contact the [Study Abroad Coordinator](#) as soon as possible.
4. If you are required to depart for your Year Abroad before the Second Year exam board takes place, please contact the [Philosophy Office](#) for further advice before departing.

Academic Requirements for Students undertaking an [Integrated Year Abroad](#)

1. To undertake the integrated year abroad, a student must meet the requirements to pass their first year (usually pass all core modules and obtain an overall average of at least 40.0%). Students who fail at the June Exam Board are not permitted to undertake a year abroad. Students who fail the first year and have mitigating circumstances will be considered on a case-by-case basis, based on the nature and extent of the mitigation.
2. Your ability to progress will be confirmed at the First Year Exam Board, which takes place in late June. You will be emailed as soon as possible after the Board to confirm whether you can progress.

3. If you are not sure whether you have passed Year 1, you should NOT depart for your year abroad and you should contact the [Study Abroad Coordinator](#) as soon as possible.
4. If you are required to depart for your Year Abroad before the exam board takes place, please contact the [Philosophy Office](#) for further advice before departing.

Preparing to go Abroad

General information

Taking a year away from Warwick is a big decision, and you will need to research your destination. Discussions with your family and friends are important, and if you are a sponsored student, it is vital that you talk to your sponsor before making any final decisions.

Changing your mind before the start of the Warwick term, can impact your returning year module choices. You may have limited module choice, or may not be able to enrol for the modules you require.

If in the rare case, you do not pass your second year, and therefore cannot go on your year abroad, you should talk to your academic co-ordinator at the first opportunity to discuss your options.

As an example, in recent years, the number of students going to Australia has increased. The academic year (semester 2) starts in July. You may not have your examination results before your flights are arranged; in this case you must be confident that you have passed your pre-year academic year (normally your first or second year) before travelling abroad. The final decision on whether border-line candidates can continue with their preparation for Australia, or any other country, is with your department.

If you have not passed your first or second year, progression to your partner institution will need to be reconsidered. You must not continue with your plans to go to a partner without express permission of your department; and of course the partner who has the final decision. The expectation is that students attending study abroad will be of a **2:1 academic standing**.

Split placements: if you are considering going to two placements, please remember it is only the European placements that receive a grant. As an example, if you intend to study in Europe it is important that you indicate on your [Arrival Placement Plan](#) the dates you intend to stay in Europe. 70% of the Erasmus+ grant is transferred to you based on this Arrival Placement Plan. So, if you stated you would be in Europe for a full-year, and then only spent the first term in Europe, you would need to pay back some of the Erasmus+ grant. This does not mean you cannot change your mind during a placement; just as long as you know the implications for any Erasmus+ grant. If you are in any doubt, the [Study Abroad team](#) can always help you.

Be proactive – this is your project to manage, and while we are here to support you, you need to independently research opportunities and universities to source the most rewarding experience tailored to your future goals and what you want to achieve during your year!

Module Choices and Credit Load when undertaking the Year Abroad

1. You are required to take modules at a level approved by your department.
2. The terminology for credit may vary by institution and you are responsible for ensuring that you are taking the required number of credits.

3. Module choices are subject to confirmation by your academic [year abroad coordinator](#) and on the Study Placement Plans required by the ISO.
4. Individual marks from the partner will not be shown on your HEAR. But, you will have your transcript from the partner university to demonstrate your academic performance which is important for future employment.
5. Our partner universities will also have minimum course loads, and this may also be linked to visa requirements. It is important that you do not ignore these requirements as you may invalidate your visa (this is more relevant on the worldwide exchanges).

Philosophy Department Requirements

1. You must take the minimum course load required by the host institution, in line with any requirements of your visa. This is usually four modules per semester. NB The terminology for credit may vary by institution, and students are responsible for ensuring that they are taking the required number of credits.
2. You may take modules in any language (e.g. if you are studying at a partner that primarily teaches in a foreign language, you may take modules in English).
3. You may take modules from across the university's offerings, not necessarily limited to Philosophy, subject to the availability of such modules at the host institution.
4. On an [intercalated year](#), you would be expected to take approximately 75% of your credits in Philosophy modules (subject to availability). On an [integrated year](#), you would be expected to take modules relevant to your degree and of similar level to the Warwick provision.
5. You are encouraged to pursue language courses at the appropriate level.
6. You are required to take all relevant assessments (including exams).
7. Note that when you return to Warwick, you may NOT submit work for summative assessment that you submitted for summative assessment whilst you were abroad: this is self-plagiarism.
8. All module choices are subject to confirmation by the [Study Abroad Coordinator](#).

Progression – general requirements

1. An additional or [intercalated year](#) will be recorded as a Pass / Fail year abroad on your Higher Education Achievement Record (HEAR).
2. The ethos of the year abroad is to enable you to develop your skills and to have time to experience a different culture. You may be studying in a different academic system, or even a different language. Your department will be able to give specific guidance, and you must always follow specific subject related guidance. However, if you do not meet the 40% Warwick threshold for passing your modules, your department will be able to offer you a remedy to avoid failing your year abroad.
3. In some circumstances there may be a reason why you need to return to the UK and are not able to complete your year of study.
4. Please note that there will be implications for withdrawing from a year abroad. You are advised to contact Student Finance England (or other relevant body), any sponsors you may be receiving finance from, and to notify your department, before you make a decision.

5. Withdrawal part way through your study abroad year will also impact on your Erasmus+ grant and you should contact the ISO before making any final decisions.
6. Tier 4 students who do not complete the year abroad will need to consult with the Immigration Team to take advice before making a final decision.
7. Your department must be consulted before you make a final decision and discuss the implications of withdrawing from your additional or year of study.

Progression – philosophy requirements

1. To progress to the final year of study from a year abroad students must pass their year abroad.
2. Students on the [Integrated Year Abroad](#) should produce a copy of their transcript to the [Department Office](#) by no later than Friday 30 August 2023. Students on an [Intercalated Year Abroad](#) must submit your transcript by Monday week 2 of the Autumn term.
3. The [Integrated Year Abroad](#) **does** count for credit and will form 50% of the marks towards your degree classification in your final year. The [Intercalated Year Abroad](#) does not count for credit for Philosophy students, but will be marked as pass/fail on your HEAR.
4. You are expected to pass the year abroad by the standards of the host institution. On your return to Warwick, you must submit your transcript. You can retain a copy of your Year Abroad transcript as evidence of your achievements.

While you are away

General Requirements

Whilst on your year abroad you must comply with the following requirements:

1. You must continue to check your Warwick email account regularly. This is the only account we will use to contact you whilst you are away.
2. You should keep in regular contact with the [Study Abroad Coordinator](#) whilst you are away. This person may also be your personal tutor.
3. You must observe the academic calendar of your host institution, and remain at that institution for the full academic year. You may return and/or travel during holiday periods, and you may remain abroad for the summer after your year abroad (subject to any visa restrictions), provided you return to Warwick in time to begin your final year of study.
4. You must abide by all the rules, regulations, and practices of the host institution. This includes submission deadlines, attendance requirements, codes of conduct, use of plagiarism software, etc., as well as non-academic regulations.
5. You must respect the laws and customs of your host country and comply with all requirements of your visa.
6. You must complete all forms, and attend all meetings, required by the Philosophy Department, the Student Mobility Team, and your host institution. This includes meeting all monitoring as set out on the Tabula Attendance Tab and in the [Philosophy Department Handbook](#).
7. It is your responsibility to ensure that you take the correct credit load and that your modules choices are approved by the [Study Abroad Coordinator](#).
8. On your return, you must provide a copy of your transcript from your host institution to the Philosophy Office by the date specified above. You are responsible for meeting all requirements necessary for the host institution to release the transcript, including payment of all outstanding fees.
9. You should keep the university informed of your contact details while you are abroad. You can do this via Student Records Online.
10. You will receive instructions regarding the online submission of module preferences for your final year during the early Summer Term via your Warwick email address. You must follow the instructions carefully as late submission of your choices will reduce your chances of being allocated places on your first choice modules.

Mitigation

1. Students should inform the [Study Abroad Coordinator](#) of any circumstances that affect their work whilst they are abroad.
2. If students fall ill or have other mitigating circumstances while they are abroad, in the first instance they should follow the policies of the host institution.
3. You are required to keep in contact with the [Study Abroad Coordinator](#) while you are abroad. They will be able to support you with any problems you may face.

4. Please do also contact your sectional Year Abroad convenor and personal tutor (if different from the Study Abroad Coordinator) if you are experiencing difficulties which you believe will make timely completion of the Year Abroad tasks difficult. We are here to help, and it is far better to talk to us in advance of any deadline than to bury your head in the sand or worry alone.

Remedy for Failure

Policy Statement for the Accreditation of Placement Year in Industry and Year Abroad and remedy for failure. Approved by Senate: July 2018

https://warwick.ac.uk/services/aro/dar/quality/categories/placementlearning/accreditation_of_year_out_policy.pdf

At the end of your year abroad you will be required to submit an official copy of your transcript to the Department (PPE/PPL students should submit theirs to the PPE/PPL Office).

Students on an Intercalated Year

Students whose results are insufficient to meet the requirements to automatically pass their intercalated year abroad should, where possible, resit any assessments or examinations whilst at their host institution.

Where this is not possible or where resits are unsuccessful you will be offered the opportunity to remedy failure by submitting a 3,000 word essay summarising your experiences abroad including contextual information on the host institution, the cultural and academic environments, any skills you have developed and how they relate to personal, academic or career development.

If you are required to do this you will be contacted shortly after receipt of your transcript and a deadline for this will be set during your final year.

Students who fail to submit this document may be returned to the original version of their course, without the intercalated year being accredited.

Students on an Integrated Year

Students whose results are insufficient to meet the requirements to automatically pass their integrated year abroad should, where possible, resit any assessments or examinations whilst at their host institution.

Where this is not possible or where resits are unsuccessful you should contact the [Study Abroad Coordinator](#) immediately for further information.

Appendix 1: Student Mobility Team Information

Information from the Student Mobility Team

Introduction

The guidance in this section is provided by the Student Mobility (SM) Team. The role of the Student Mobility Team is to provide the mechanism for your academic department to set up agreements with partner universities, and to support students in applying to these universities. The University has many different partners worldwide but places are only offered through your academic department. Your academic department will allocate the places available so you will need to apply for a study abroad place through them. Once the places have been allocated, the SM Team will work with you on the formal nomination and application process for your study placement at the partner/host university. Please note that the SM Team does not make decisions on academic matters or on which students are selected as this is undertaken by your academic department.

General Information

1. The SM Team will offer a briefing during the autumn term which will provide information on the options for studying abroad and will introduce you to the Year Abroad. The Study Abroad/Exchanges Coordinator in your academic department will often also arrange department specific briefings as well. These briefings provide different information, so it's recommended that you attend both.
2. Information on the process, FAQs and details on the documentation required can be found on our webpages: <https://www.warwick.ac.uk/studentmobility>.
3. Students going on a year abroad are expected to attend one of the SM Team pre-departure briefings in the summer before they leave; this is where the non-academic information on studying abroad is explained in detail. The SM Team will also upload a copy of this presentation.
4. Drop-in sessions are run by the SM Team on a daily basis and provide an opportunity for you to talk to one of the team (please see the details towards the bottom of our [homepage](#)). You can also get in touch via the [Contact Form](#).
5. Please ensure you respond to all emails from the SM Team in a timely manner and also check your junk folder to ensure any emails from your host university are not missed.

Nomination & Application Process

1. A selection process will be undertaken by your academic department (they will provide information on how to apply & this will take place in the autumn term of the year before the year abroad).
2. The academic department will notify the selected students of which host university they have been allocated to (at this stage, it's not a guaranteed place as students will have to be nominated by the SM Team and then apply and be accepted by the host university).
3. The SM Team will formally nominate the selected students to their allocated host university (the SM Team might also need to request further information from the students in order to

nominate). Please note that a nomination is not a guarantee that students will be accepted by the host university.

4. After the formal nomination, students will need to submit an application to the host university. Therefore, it is vital for students to check their emails (including the junk folder) regularly to ensure they do not miss any communication from the host university or from the SM Team. The SM Team is available to support students during their application however, please note that students themselves are responsible for completing and submitting their application by the deadline provided by the host university. Therefore, students must follow all application instructions carefully, supply all of the information requested by the host university and make sure to keep to their deadlines (it's important to note differences in time zones when it comes to deadlines). Failure to do so will result in the application being unsuccessful. The formal nomination & application process will take place between January & June depending upon the host university (they all have different deadlines).
5. The host university will then notify students on whether their application has been successful or not.

Diversity and Inclusion

All of our partnership agreements include a diversity and inclusion statement: *The parties, recognising the value of sustaining and advancing a safe and welcoming learning environment, strive to treat both employees and students with respect and dignity, treat them fairly with regards to all assessments, choices and procedures, and to give them encouragement to reach their full potential. Therefore, the parties strive to treat all its members, and visitors, fairly and aim to eliminate unjustifiable discrimination on the grounds of gender, race and nationality, ethnic or national origin, political beliefs, religious beliefs or practices, disability, marital status, family circumstances, sexual orientation, spent criminal convictions, age or any other inappropriate ground.*

Tuition Fees & Student Finance

1. As you are part of a reciprocal exchange programme, you do not pay any academic tuition fee to your host university during your year abroad, but you do continue to pay tuition fees to Warwick (usually 15% of the standard tuition fee - further details can be found on the following webpage: <https://warwick.ac.uk/services/finance/studentfinance/fees/ugtuitionfees2017onwards/icyear>)
2. If you receive any loan from Student Finance England, they will be notified of your name if you are going overseas and the host university's term dates. This will ensure that Student Finance England are aware that you should be charged the reduced study abroad fee rather than the standard level of tuition fee
3. If the host university's term starts more than one month before the Warwick academic year, Student Finance England will aim to pay your funds (tuition fee and any maintenance loan) at an earlier date, but please do not rely on this, as the payments may not be made until the start of Warwick's term. So there might be a gap between when you start your term at your

host university, and when your funding starts; you will need to plan & budget for this in advance

4. Sponsorship: if you are being sponsored to study at Warwick, it has been in our experience that not all sponsors will agree to a year abroad. Therefore, before you start the process, you are advised to contact your sponsor and check on their position
5. It's possible that you might receive a grant from Student Finance England to cover some of your travel expenses if you permanently live in England. Please see the following [webpage](#) for further details.

Funding

The Student Mobility team is delighted to confirm that students who are going overseas in the 2023/4 and 2024/5 academic years who are undertaking a study abroad programme either for either work or study will be eligible to receive a minimum of £600 towards their international experience. It is very likely that this funding will be allocated after you have already started your placement so please ensure you have a sufficient level of funds to support yourself without this funding until December.

Immigration/Visas

1. You will most likely need a visa to study or work in your host country
2. It is your responsibility to ensure you obtain the correct immigration permission for your year abroad in good time. It is a legal process and we are not qualified to provide immigration advice but your host university should be able to provide you with advice and guidance (just like how Warwick has an Immigration Team who are qualified to provide advice to international students)
3. Use the list of foreign embassies in the UK to find the website for the UK-based embassy of the host country: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/foreign-embassies-in-the-uk> The embassy's website will tell you whether people of your nationality need to apply for a visa to study there. The FCDO also provide useful information: <https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice>
4. Use the travel checklist from the FCDO on planning and preparation: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/foreign-travel-checklist>
5. Check the travel advice for your host country (you can also sign up for email updates): <https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice>
6. You should also seek guidance from your host university, who will be able to issue any documentation you require and guide you through the process of obtaining appropriate visa documentation for your purpose of travel. Your host university should have advice and guidance on applying for visas

Student Visa (previously known as Tier 4 Visa) Holders

1. All students are encouraged to take part in study abroad. A student who has entered Warwick on a student visa is eligible for study abroad and will be supported throughout the process

2. There may be additional requirements for student visa holders, so you should contact the Immigration Team (<https://warwick.ac.uk/study/international/immigration/>) for advice before applying for a year abroad
3. During the pre-departure briefing, you will be advised of any processes (such as meeting the monitoring points for Engagement/Attendance Monitoring) you will need to complete

Insurance

1. You will be covered free of charge by the University's Overseas Business Travel Insurance whilst you are studying abroad however, this only covers emergency medical expenses and is not private health insurance hence it's strongly recommended for students to secure additional travel insurance. Please also note that the University's Overseas Business Travel Insurance is not for the loss or damage of mobile phones or computers and travel costs due to Covid-19 are not covered. You will be required to complete a risk assessment before you travel.
2. Please view the details of the policy at:
<https://warwick.ac.uk/services/finance/insurance/keypolicies/traveloverseas/>
3. There are some countries where it's mandatory to take out additional health insurance (eg: Canada, USA) and your host university may also require you to purchase specific insurance as well so please check and follow their instructions on this.
4. Remember to factor the cost of additional insurance into your budget as costs can vary considerably and you will need to check on an individual basis.
5. If travelling to Europe, it's recommended to apply for a free of charge Student Global Health Insurance Card (GHIC) which will allow you to access medically necessary state-provided healthcare, however, it may not cover all health costs and is not a substitute for travel insurance. Please visit the following webpage for further information:
<https://www.nhs.uk/using-the-nhs/healthcare-abroad/apply-for-a-free-uk-global-health-insurance-card-ghic/>. If you will be studying in more than one country, you will need to get in touch separately for the second country, please see towards the bottom of the following page for details: <https://nhsbsa-live.powerappsportals.com/knowledgebase/article/KA-26811/en-us>

You are required to familiarise yourself & keep up to date with the advice from the Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO): <https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice> (there's an option to sign up to email alerts for the country you will be going to) and also your host university so ensure you are checking your email inbox on a regular basis. It's also very important to ensure that your contact and placement details are up to date on your eVision online portal and that you have completed the risk assessment before you travel.

Accommodation

Organising accommodation is your responsibility and you might need to find your own private accommodation. Information on accommodation will be available on the host university's website and they may also provide you with details during the application process. Depending upon the host university, some might offer accommodation on campus whilst for others, students live off campus. The level of support for accommodation can vary considerably and you are advised to work closely

with your host university and be wary of scams, do not sign anything until you are sure of what you are paying for. Different countries and universities will expect certain standards of behaviour and adherence to protocols for their accommodation; it's essential that you make sure you are clear about the rules and regulations.

Wellbeing

1. If you have any concerns about applying for a year abroad or require support whilst overseas, please do get in touch with Warwick Wellbeing Support Services: <https://warwick.ac.uk/services/wss> . You will still be able to use [Report + Support](#) whilst abroad as well. You will also be able to access support services at your host university during your time there too.
2. If you have a disability, it's useful to let the host university know in advance, to enable alternative arrangements to be made if required – for example, additional time for examinations. We recommend contacting Warwick Wellbeing Support Services who will then be able to liaise with the host university as needed.

Two Placements in One Year

Some academic departments may allow students to split their year abroad into two, so instead of studying in one country for the year, they might allow students to study in two different countries (one semester in each country). If you are considering this, please note that you will not have confirmation and approval of your second semester study abroad placement before you have left Warwick as the nomination & application process for second semester placements takes place in the autumn term **during** your year abroad. We have also found from experience, that students who undertake two study abroad placements in one year often face more challenges in terms of securing accommodation and visas. If your academic department allow you this option, please make sure to check the term dates of each host university to ensure that the dates will be compatible and there is no overlap.

Change of Plans

If you need to change your plans, travel or programme of study, you must inform both the Student Mobility Team at Warwick and the Study Abroad/Exchanges Coordinator in your academic department as soon as possible. Similarly, if you become ill, please notify the Student Mobility Team and your academic department.

Frequently Asked Questions

If you are interested in finding out more, please visit our [FAQs](#) or join one of our drop-in sessions (details towards the bottom of our [homepage](#)) Please also like & follow us [@warwickstudyabroad](#) on Instagram!