

Studying abroad: A guide for students in Linguistics and English Language

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Why study abroad?

- **Discover yourself**
 - The independence and confidence that you build while studying overseas will change your outlook on future challenges.
- **Immerse yourself in another culture**
 - Knowledge and experience of other cultures and perspectives is invaluable in the workplace and beyond.
- **Stand out from the crowd**
 - Graduates who have studied overseas have been shown to be more desirable to employers in today's job market.



Why study abroad?

- **Go on an adventure**
 - Lancaster has partner institutions in North America, Australia, Hong Kong and more than 25 other countries.
- **It doesn't cost the earth!**
 - Study Abroad may not be as expensive as you think!



Who can study abroad?

- Any student (UG or PG) pursuing a degree scheme at the Department of Linguistics and English Language
- You need to be enrolled in a degree scheme during the study-abroad period
 - You should be a 1st or 2nd year UG today.
 - A PG student who will still be registered next academic year.
- There are usually 1-2 places per partner institution.

Where can you study?

LAEL partner universities

Last year, we spent a looooooot of time revising existing agreements and adding new partner universities.

We now have partner universities in...

- USA
- Australia
- Canada
- Sweden
- Belgium
- China
- Netherlands
- Switzerland
- Germany
- Spain

More than any other department in the University! Only LUMS has more links (but LUMS = many depts).

Where can you study?

LAEL partner universities

- **Australian National University**
- Carleton University
- Free University of Brussels
- Greifswald University
- Lund University, Sweden
- North Carolina State University
- South China University of Technology
- University of Antwerp
- University of Berlin
- University of Bremen
- University of Colorado, Boulder
- University of Fribourg
- University of Ghent
- University of Groningen
- University of Missouri, Columbia
- **University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill**
- University of the Basque Country
- **University of Toronto**
- University of Tübingen
- University of Valladolid
- University of Barcelona
- University of Ottawa
- **Availability not guaranteed for 2017/18**

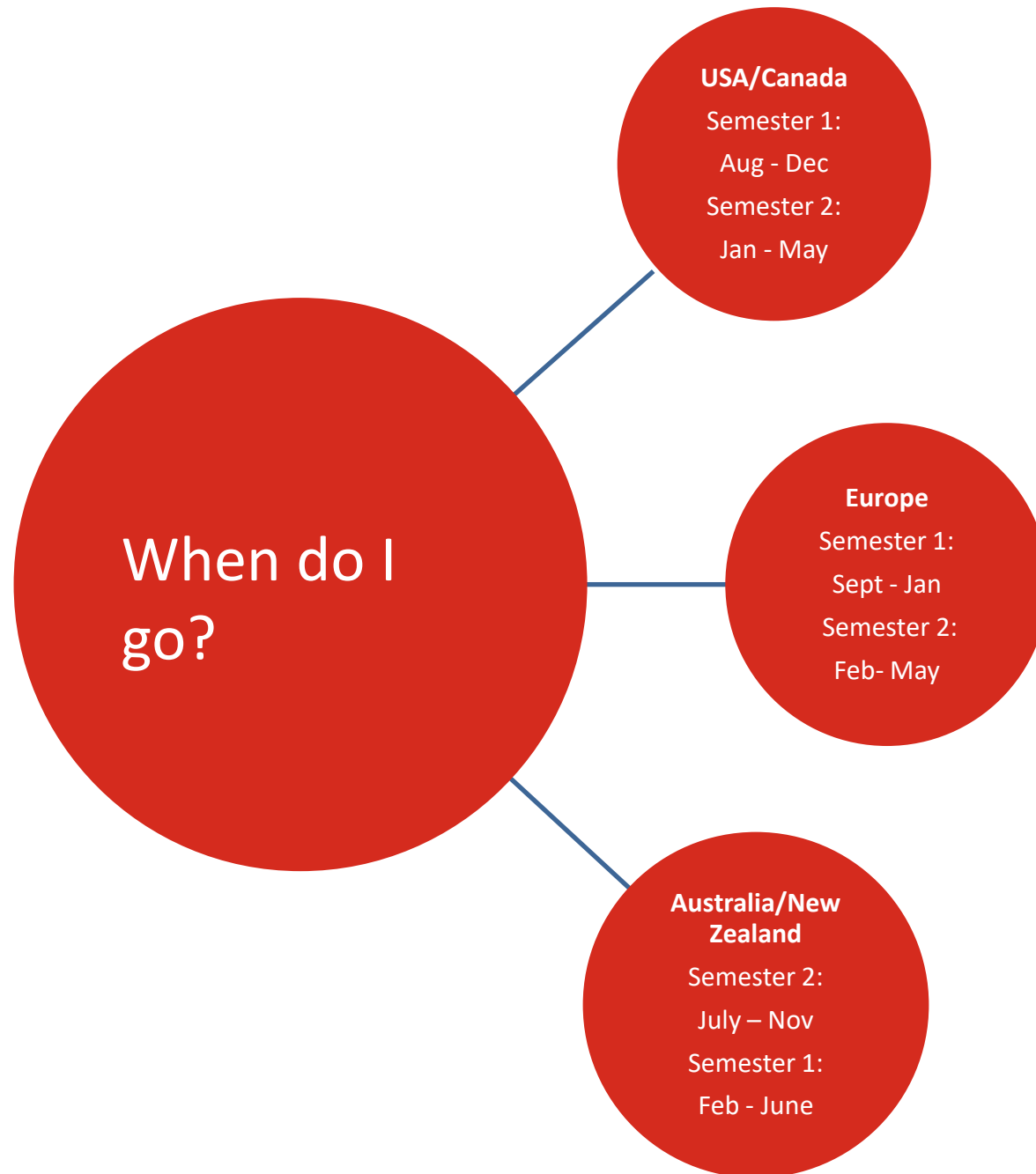
When can you go abroad?

Undergraduate students

- Either entire academic year (USA, Australia, Canada, Europe) → You would spend your 2nd UG year away.
- One-term only (Michaelmas) (Europe only) → You would spend Michaelmas term of your 2nd or 3rd year away.

Postgraduate students

- Any time btw 2-12 months (Europe only)
- Not sure regarding availability of non-European destinations



One-term options (Erasmus)

- Free University of Brussels
 - Lund University, Sweden
 - University of Antwerp
 - University of Fribourg
 - University of Ghent
 - University of Groningen
 - University of the Basque Country
 - University of Valladolid
 - University of Barcelona
- These are universities where exams take place in January, so a brief Michaelmas visit is possible here.



Studying in China

- LU Confucius Institute
- Scholarships available for study trip to China
- But: Must learn Chinese through the Confucius Institute
- One-term or entire academic year possible
- www.lancaster.ac.uk/confuciusinstitute/study-in-china.htm



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Next steps

Attend “Outgoing Study Abroad Briefing” (IO)

- Wednesday, November 9th, 1pm, Elizabeth Livingston LT
- Wednesday, November 9th, 5pm, LEC LT1
- Friday, November 11th, 1pm, LUMS LT1
- Submit online application **with your preferred host universities** to the International Office by 3 January 2017
- Department will tell you where you are allocated to study in January 2017.

Erasmus+: the Basics

- Erasmus+ is the EU funded Programme to support student and staff mobility
- To be eligible for a grant:
 - Your placement must be part of your degree
 - Minimum study placement is 3 months, maximum of 12 months
 - Grants are a contribution to the additional costs of studying abroad
- Additional funding if you are classed as a Widening Participation student (study only)
- It is expected that your current funding continues for your study period abroad
- Study placements only allowed at approved Linguistics partners where Lancaster University has a formal agreement

Study Grants: 2016/17 rates

- You can claim upto 12 months as an undergraduate or postgraduate student
- Regulations, forms and grant amounts set by the UK Erasmus+ National Agency (British Council in Cardiff)
- Higher rate: €300 = £220 approximately per month*
includes Austria, France and Scandinavia
- Lower rate: €250 = £180 approximately per month*
includes Belgium, Germany, Netherlands, Spain
- Grants for studying in Switzerland paid by the host Swiss university
- Additional payments for Widening Participation students - €100 per month (approx £70)

**Amounts based on 2016/17 allowances and exchange rate*

Tuition fees for your placement

- You do not pay tuition fees to your host university
- Term or semester study placement: you pay 100% of your tuition fees to Lancaster University
- Home/EU students: year long study placement: you pay 15% (£1350) fees to Lancaster University
- Students paying overseas fees: expected to be the same levels as for home/EU students
- You may have to pay an administration fee to your host university (varies by university; less than €500)
- Student loans for fees and maintenance can be used to fund your study placement

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