ELAN Study Guide

The European Liberal Arts Network (ELAN) is an innovative and strategic educational network designed to promote and develop a Liberal Arts approach to tertiary education. Visiting ELAN students may come to Bristol either for a single semester or for a full academic year.

During your time in Bristol, you will be offered the same range of subjects that are available to students on our Liberal Arts degree. The information in this Study Guide is provided in order to help you choose the units that you will take in Bristol.

**What can I study at Bristol?**

As an ELAN student, you will have access to the same range of units as students on the Liberal Arts degrees offered in Bristol. The subject areas covered by the Liberal Arts programme are:

- Anthropology
- Archaeology
- Classics & Ancient History
- English Literature
- Film & Television
- French
- German
- Hispanic, Portuguese & Latin American Studies
- History
- History of Art
- Italian
In each subject area, various units will be made available in each academic year. The links above are intended to give you an idea of which units may be available to you – these are not intended as exhaustive lists.

In some instances, particular units may not be available to Liberal Arts or ELAN students even if they are shown in the Unit Catalogue. We ask that you complete your Study Agreement and submit it to the Global Opportunities team, who will then liaise with the Liberal Arts Administrator to confirm whether or not you can take your preferred units.

**Liberal Arts core units**

In addition to the subjects offered above, you may also be interested in the core units on the Liberal Arts programme. These units are:

- **2016/17**
  - Critical Writing in the Humanities
  - Reading the Past
- **2017/18**
  - Ideas and Society
  - Experiencing the Aesthetic

These units are offered in alternate years, and are available only to ELAN students (not to students on other Erasmus or Study Abroad programmes).

**What should I consider when selecting my units?**

We recommend that you read the Unit Catalogue entries for each unit carefully. In particular, you should check:
Teaching blocks – when are my preferred units taught?

If you are coming to Bristol for a whole academic year, you should try to ensure you have a balanced timetable by taking an equal number of credits in TB1 and TB2. If you are coming to Bristol for one semester only, you must choose units from the relevant teaching block.

- Teaching Block 1 – September-January
- Teaching Block 2 – January-June

(NB. Some units are marked as TB4 units, which means that teaching runs through the whole academic year, from September to June. This normally applies only to foreign language units.)

Levels of Study – is this unit at an appropriate level for me?

When selecting your units, you should ensure that they are neither too easy nor too difficult for you. Units in Bristol are delivered at the following levels:

- Level C/4 – First year undergraduate
- Level I/5 – Second year undergraduate
- Level H/6 – Third (final) year undergraduate
- Level M/7 – Masters (taught postgraduate)

If you are unsure which level is right for you, your home university should be able to advise you.

In some instances, we may not be able to fulfil your unit requests. We will let you know if any of your requests cannot be met, and will ask you to make alternative selections. Wherever possible, we will register you on your units prior to your arrival in Bristol.

Contact information

If you have any questions about your unit selections for your ELAN exchange, please contact:

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