School of Modern Languages
Erasmus Study Guide
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For Erasmus students from France, Switzerland and La Réunion

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Welcome to Bristol!

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“My Erasmus year has changed me forever. It was definitely the best experience of my life”

Erasmus Student 2015-16

Front Cover Photograph – The Wills Tower, University of Bristol
The Department of French is happy to welcome Erasmus students of English and can organise appropriate programmes of study for students at most levels of English studies from Bac-2 or Licence 2 as far as Master Level.

We are best able to provide, however for specialist students at Master level who plan to spend the whole academic year in Bristol.

As a rule our class sizes are small with no more than 20 students in most classes and students are encouraged to participate in all lessons. You will experience a very different class-room dynamic with greater interaction and personal contact than in most continental European universities – we hope you will enjoy and benefit from this experience.

Introduction

- Your contacts during your Erasmus Study at Bristol
  You will be connected to two different organisations within the university during your time in Bristol. Both co-ordinate your study programme in different ways:

  1) The Global Opportunities team, (email global-opportunities@bris.ac.uk). They help you to arrange the practical side of your stay, finance, insurance etc. For more information, visit their web page: http://www.bris.ac.uk/international/study-at-bristol/

  2) The School of Modern Languages will be your “academic home” while you are here. You should refer to this Study Guide to select your courses as you plan your time in Bristol. The French Department is one of the five language departments within the School of Modern Languages. The Erasmus Programme Co-ordinator in the French Department is Ms Fabienne Vailes. She will meet you to finalise your course choices after you arrive in Bristol. You can email her with queries about your course before you arrive: f.vailes@bris.ac.uk  If you have any general queries, contact Ms Zoe Lodge, the School of Modern Languages’ French Erasmus Administrator, email: modl-erasmus@bristol.ac.uk

- Teaching Weeks
  The teaching year in Bristol is divided in two 12-week Teaching Blocks (TB). TB1 lasts from the end of September till the end of December (with a three-week Christmas break); TB2 lasts from January till May (with a three-week Easter break).
  http://www.bristol.ac.uk/university/dates/

- Credit Points
  All incoming Erasmus students can study for a MAXIMUM of 60 credits (30 ECTS) each teaching block (semester) here at Bristol. Of the 60 credits, a MINIMUM of 20 credits (10 ECTS) should be made up of courses offered within the School of Modern Languages. Any English language courses you take must be included in the total number of credit points.
• How to register for study when you arrive in Bristol
There are 3 stages to register for study:
1. On arrival in Bristol, you will need to register with the Global Opportunities team.
2. You then meet the Erasmus Co-ordinator in the French Department – Ms Fabienne Vailes in order to have your programme of study approved.
3. Once your programme has been approved, you must also register with the School of Modern Languages Office. N.B. Please note that, unlike in many continental European universities, students are not permitted to attend courses (or sit in on classes, etc.) which are not included in their study programme.

• Assessment
It is your responsibility to ensure you will be available for the assessment period for each course. Please study the documentation of each course carefully to ensure that you will be able to complete the assessment within your period of study as the University does not make alternative arrangements for courses assessed by examination.

“I don’t know where to start to say that it has been a really amazing experience for me. I think this kind of experience gives a lot for the rest of the life”

Italian Erasmus Student

Photograph – “Sunrise over the Waterfront” (The Watershed, Bristol) by Carina Mangelsen, Erasmus Student 2013-14.
Cultural courses available within the School of Modern Languages

- You may take cultural courses run by the School of Modern Languages provided specifically for incoming Erasmus students of English.

Semester 2
MODL10010 Classics of European Cinema
MODL30007 Contemporary British Cinema

For more information about these courses go to this link: https://www.bris.ac.uk/unit-programme-catalogue/AllUnits.jsa?selectedCatalogue=UNIT&ayrCode=19%2F20

- Subject to experience and course numbers, you can also choose courses available in the French Department:

Year 2

FRENCH Semester 2
FREN20037 France 1940-44: Occupation and Resistance
FREN20048 French Fiction: from Realism to the 21st Century

Year 4

FRENCH Semester 2
FREN30039 African Narratives of Migration
FREN30043 French Dialectology: Geographical Variation and Change in the Espace Francophone
FREN30098 The Crusades and their Representation in French Literature of the Middle Ages
FREN30107 Leadership in France

For more information about French Department Year 2 courses:

For more information about French Department Year 4 courses:

Subject to experience and availability of places, you may also choose the following School of Modern Languages courses:
Year 2

Semester 2
MODL20011 Gender in Post Socialist Central and Eastern Europe
MODL20017 Historical Linguistics

Year 4

Semester 2
MODL30026 Pan Africanism: ideas and archives
MODL30027 Cultural Heritage

For more information, consult the University Open Unit Catalogue:
https://www.bris.ac.uk/unit-programme-catalogue/AllOpenUnits.jsa?selectedCatalogue=UNIT&ayrCode=19%2F20

Subject to language level, experience and availability of places, you may also take cultural courses run by other departments within the School of Modern Languages: German, Hispanic, Portuguese and Latin American Studies, Italian, Russian & Czech.

More information can be found at the University Open Unit Catalogue –
https://www.bris.ac.uk/unit-programme-catalogue/AllOpenUnits.jsa?selectedCatalogue=UNIT&ayrCode=19%2F20
Language courses

- **English as a Foreign Language (EFL):**
  Erasmus students can register for any of the following English as a Foreign Language classes, although it may not be possible to take all 4 courses because of the limited number of places available. Every effort is made to accommodate students’ first preferences. All the courses listed below are credit bearing and you must ensure that you do not exceed your credit allocation when registering for them:

  - **Advanced Language Studies** (LANG10019). A 20 credit course for Post Intermediate level students (C1 level +) who wish to develop their competence in the analysis and communicative use of English.
  - **Academic Reading and Writing** (LANG10008)
  - **Academic Listening and Speaking** (LANG10007). Two 10 credit courses for students who wish to develop their English language and skills for academic study.

  - **Introduction to Teaching English as a Foreign Language** (LANG10120) – 20 credits.

  For more information about English as a Foreign Language courses, follow the link: [http://www.bristol.ac.uk/english-language/study/current-students/open-units/](http://www.bristol.ac.uk/english-language/study/current-students/open-units/)

- **Language courses that are part of the School of Modern Languages degree programmes:**
  Subject to available places and your language level, Erasmus students studying at the University of Bristol for **one semester only** are able to register for a Year 1, Year 2 or Final Year language course (except ab initio level) for 10 credits, (5 ECTS). The following languages are available:

  - Czech, French, German, Italian, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish.

- **Translation**
  Subject to availability of course places and language level, Erasmus students are able to take translation components of Final Year translation classes **in their native language** in the following languages: Czech, French, German, Italian, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish. Students on placement for one semester only receive 10 credits for attending these classes. Students attending the classes for the full year, receive 20 credits (10 ECTS).
Other cultural course options outside the School of Modern Languages

For Erasmus students wishing to take 40 credits (20 ECTS) per teaching block, outside the School of Modern Languages, (e.g., students taking English Literature), we have a number of established arrangements with departments in other Schools.

Remember that all courses you attend must be registered with and approved by the School of Modern Languages.

Department of English (in the School of Humanities)
The English Department accepts Erasmus students onto the following course ONLY subject to places being available:

**Approaches to Poetry ENGL10026** (Teaching Block 2) (20 credits = 10 ECTS)

For further details for Approaches to Poetry: [https://www.bris.ac.uk/unit-programme-catalogue/UnitDetails.jsa?ayrCode=19%2F20&unitCode=ENGL10026](https://www.bris.ac.uk/unit-programme-catalogue/UnitDetails.jsa?ayrCode=19%2F20&unitCode=ENGL10026)

For further details for Critical Issues: [https://www.bris.ac.uk/unit-programme-](https://www.bris.ac.uk/unit-programme-
Please note: The units listed here are typically taken by native speakers of English who have studied English Literature A Level and are now studying it at University. (A Bristol student taking a course beginning with the code ENGL1 is in his/her first year of third year of study. If you have any concerns about your ability to follow these units, please speak to your Erasmus Co-ordinator, Ms Fabienne Vailes, BEFORE registering with the English Department.

Other course options

Erasmus students may also be permitted to take courses in other departments elsewhere in the Arts Faculty and in the University, (Philosophy, Sociology, History of Art, Politics, etc) Such courses will have to be arranged directly with the departments involved, as there are no pre-existing arrangements. For more information consult the individual departmental web pages and the unit catalogue: https://www.bris.ac.uk/unit-programme-catalogue/AllOpenUnits.jsa?selectedCatalogue=UNIT&ayrCode=19%2F20

MA courses

Suitably qualified Erasmus students are welcome to apply to take a maximum of ONE course from the School’s MA in Modern Languages. “Suitably qualified” usually means that you are nearing the end of your undergraduate studies in your own country, that you have a particular interest in the MA course you have chosen, and that you have an excellent standard of English.

Please consult your Erasmus Co-ordinator, Ms Fabienne Vailes in the first instance. Please note that the final decision as to whether you are accepted onto any MA course rests with the course director.

Semester 2
MODLM0002 Cultural Encounters
MODLM0015 Global Cultures of the Book
MODLM0017 Language and Society in the Present and Past
MODLM0023 The Cultural Imagination of Gender
MODLM2034 Tradition and Experimentation in the Twentieth Century European Fiction

For further details and unit descriptions: https://www.bris.ac.uk/unit-programme-catalogue/UnitsForDept.jsa?ayrCode=19%2F20&unitLevelCode=M&orgCode=MODL

An independent study unit, equivalent to 20 credits, (30 ECTS) is available for some Post Graduate students, subject to agreement with Erasmus Co-ordinator, Ms Fabienne Vailes.
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