

School of Modern Languages

Erasmus Study Guide

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For Erasmus students from Germany and Austria

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Welcome to Bristol!

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“Studying abroad
helps students
gain a real insight
into the culture of
a country”.



*You will find that the **Department of German** is a friendly environment where you will have every opportunity to meet our students. We encourage you to get involved in all the activities we organise: there is a student run German society and an annual play performed by our students – which could include you – in German. We hope you will enjoy and benefit from your time here.*

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 classroom 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 Study and Work Abroad team, (email swap-in@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 German Department is one of the five language departments within the School of Modern Languages. The **Erasmus Programme Co-ordinator** in the German Department is **Mr Jonas Langner**. He will meet you to finalise your course choices after you arrive in Bristol. You can email him with queries about your course before you arrive: j.o.langner@bris.ac.uk If you have any general queries, contact **Ms Lindsey Drage**, the **School of Modern Languages’ Erasmus Administrator**, email: l.drage@bris.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 ***Study and Work Abroad Office***.
2. You then meet the Erasmus Co-ordinator in the German Department – **Mr Jonas Langner** 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.

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 1

MODL10009 European Cinema

MODL23009 History of the USA before 1865

MODL23011 Anguish in Eden: Foundation of American Prose Writing

MODL30007 British Cinema

Semester 2

MODL10010 Classics of European Cinema

MODL23010 History of the USA since 1865

MODL23012 American Fiction that Matters

MODL30007 British Cinema

For more information about these courses go to this link:

<http://www.bris.ac.uk/sml/courses/undergraduate/erasmus-in/modlunits.html>

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

Year 2

Semester 1

GERM 22037 Divided Germany

GERM 22030 19th Century Novels of Society

Semester 2

GERM 22038 Historical Linguistics

GERM 29011 Young Goethe

GERM 22033 Franz Kafka

Year 4

GERMAN Semester 1

GERM32059 Socialism and the Left

GERM 32052 Advances in Historical Linguistics

GERM32060 After the Wall

GERM32063 The German Sonnet

GERMAN Semester 2

GERM32053 Culture of Classical Weimar

GERM30047 Current Topics in Sociolinguistics

For more information about German Department Year 2 courses:

<https://www.bris.ac.uk/esu/unitprogcats/UnitsForDept.jsa?orgCode=GERM&ayrCode=13%2F14&unitLevelCode=L#0-0>

For more information about German Department Year 4 courses:

<https://www.bris.ac.uk/esu/unitprogcats/UnitsForDept.jsa?orgCode=GERM&ayrCode=13%2F14&unitLevelCode=H#0-0>

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

Year 2

Semester 1

MODL23013 Introduction to Linguistics

Semester 2

MODL20008 Political Systems of Modern Europe

MODL23016 World Cinemas

Year 4

Semester 1

MODL30010 Translating in a Professional Context

MODL30013 Teaching Modern Languages as a Foreign Language

Semester 2

MODL30002 Ancients and Moderns: Cultures of Humanism in Renaissance Europe

For more information consult the University Open Unit Catalogue:

<https://www.bris.ac.uk/esu/unitprogcatalog/AboutUnits.jsa>

- 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; **French, 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/esu/unitprogcatalog/AboutUnits.jsa> *

Language courses

****Please note that Erasmus students are not allowed to take language courses in their native language.***

- **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 3 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 English Language Studies (LANG14011). A 20 credit course for Post Intermediate level students who wish to develop their competence in the analysis and communicative use of English.

English for Business and Professional Purposes (LANG14021). A 20 credit course for Post Intermediate level students who wish to develop their English language knowledge and skills in business and professional contexts.

English for Academic Purposes (LANG10031) A 10 credit course for students who wish to develop their English language and skills for academic study.

For more information about English as a Foreign Language courses, follow the link: <http://www.bristol.ac.uk/english-language/efl/in-sessional/erasmus/>

There is also a Self Access Centre open to all students for independent language study. Full details of all the programmes and facilities are available on the website: <http://www.bristol.ac.uk/english-language/facilities/>

- **Applied Foreign Language (AFL) open units:**

The School of Modern Languages offers a range of open units in **French, German, Italian, Japanese, Mandarin Chinese, Portuguese and Spanish**. Erasmus students are allowed to register for ONE such unit, (subject to availability and level). There language courses are:

- Language for General Purposes
- Language for Specific Purposes
- Language for Business and Professional Studies

Please note that no Applied Foreign Language course runs for semester 2 only.

All courses are worth either 10 or 20 credit points, (5 or 10 ECTS). For more information on Applied Foreign Language courses follow the link:

<http://www.bristol.ac.uk/sml/afl>

- **Language courses that are part of the School of Modern Languages degree programmes:**

You may be able to register on the following courses but only if you are studying at

the University of Bristol for **the whole academic year**. The language courses which may be available to you are:

Russian and Czech – all courses, subject to experience and course numbers, except ab-initio Russian and ab-initio Czech.

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 courses ONLY subject to places being available:

Approaches to Poetry ENGL10026 (Teaching Block 1) (20 credits = 10 ECTS)

Approaches to Shakespeare ENGL10027 (Teaching Block 2) (20 credits = 10 ECTS)

Literature 3 (1700-1830) ENGL39004 (Teaching Block 1) (20 credits = 10 ECTS)

Literature 4 (1830-1945) ENGL39005 (Teaching Block 2) (20 credits = 10 ECTS)

For further details for ENGL39004 and ENGL39005:

<https://www.bris.ac.uk/esu/unitprogcats/UnitsForDept.jsa?orgCode=ENGL&ayrCode=13%2F14&unitLevelCode=H#0-0>

For further details for ENGL10026 and ENGL10027:

<https://www.bris.ac.uk/esu/unitprogcats/UnitsForDept.jsa?orgCode=ENGL&ayrCode=13%2F14&unitLevelCode=C#0-0>

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. A Bristol student taking a course with the code beginning ENGL3 is in his/her third year of study). If you have any concerns about your ability to follow these units, please speak to your Erasmus Co-ordinator, Mr Jonas Langner, **BEFORE** registering with the English Department.

- **Department of Historical Studies (in the School of Humanities)**

The Historical Studies Department accepts Erasmus students onto the following courses ONLY subject to places being available:

Introduction to Medieval History HIST13011 (Teaching Block 1) (20 credits = 10 ECTS)

Introduction to the History of the British Empire HIST13014 (Teaching Block 1) (20 credits = 10 ECTS)

Introduction to Early Modern History HIST13012 (Teaching Block 2) (20 credits = 10 ECTS).

Full details for these courses can be found by consulting the Historical Studies Handbook:

<https://www.bris.ac.uk/esu/unitprogcats/UnitsForDept.jsa?orgCode=HIST&ayrCode=13%2F14#0-0>

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/esu/unitprogcatalog/AboutUnits.jsa>*

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, **Mr Jonas Langner** in the first instance. Please note that the final decision as to whether you are accepted onto any MA unit rests with the course director.

SML MA Units

Semester 1

MODLM0002 Cultural Encounters
MODLM0004 Introduction to Brazilian Cultural Studies
MODLM2005 French Classical Tragedy
MODLM2013 Dante – Divine Comedy
MODLM2034 Tradition and Experimentation in the Twentieth Century European Fiction
MODLM2035 The Rise and Novel in 19th Century Europe
MODLM2042 Constructing Identities
MODLM2048 Theories of Visual Culture: Text and Image

Semester 2

MODLM0002 Dostoevsky and Native-Soil Conservatism
MODLM0003 Europe and the Americas
MODLM2012 French Literature and the Crusades
MODLM2044 European Literature of Ideas
MODLM2046 European Society
MODLM2059 Regional and Minority Languages in Europe:

For further details and unit descriptions:

<http://www.bris.ac.uk/esu/unitprogcatalog/UnitsForDept.jsa?orgCode=MODL&ayrCode=13%2F14&unitLevelCode=M#0-0>

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

