The year abroad

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Why spend a year abroad?

Total immersion
First-hand experience
Personal development
Transferable skills

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How long is a year abroad?

Single language
8 months (36 wks)

Two languages
4 months (18 wks)

Three languages
16 weeks x 2 + 1 month

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How does it fit into my studies?

• You remain a Bristol student
• Regular contacts with staff
• Blackboard VLE / online resources
• Academic work while you are away

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Financial matters

- 15 per cent of annual tuition fee charged by all universities
- You are entitled to a student loan while on your year abroad (but it may be lower…)
- No tuition fees to partner universities
- Under present Erasmus+ scheme (i.e. placements in EU countries approved by the University) receive mobility grants
- From 2020 it will be subject to Brexit terms
What can I do?

Teaching Assistantship
University semester placement
Work/training placement
How could Brexit affect this?

Two possible outcomes:

UK remains member of Erasmus+
• Present funding cycle ends in 2020
• Arrangements continue much as before at least until 2021

UK chooses not to take part in Erasmus+
• Teaching Assistantships continue (they pre-date EU)
• Existing bilateral university links continue
• Work placements may require new arrangements
• For all three – loss of mobility grants

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Teaching Assistantships

- British Council
- French, German, Italian and Spanish
- Salary varies
  - €700 (Spain)
  - €1070 (Austria)

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Study at a partner university

- Berlin (Humboldt)
- Bologna
- Bordeaux
- Florence
- Hannover
- Heidelberg
- Paris (VIII)
- Provence
- Barcelona

- Madrid
- Porto (Portugal)
- Seville
- Toulouse
- Krasnodar
- Valencia
- Venice
- Verona
- Zaragoza

- Full attendance is comparable to the workload at Bristol.
- ECTS scheme.

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Work placements

- Good opportunity to gain work experience or try out careers
- Between 25 to 40 hours per week
- Must have academic approval

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Russia

Language courses:
- St Petersburg
- Krasnodar (Erasmus)
- Moscow

Work Placements:
- Language teaching
- Chamber of Commerce

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Latin America

- Study and work placements:
  - Argentina
  - Colombia
  - Mexico
  - Brazil
  - Chile

- British Council (limited)

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