

STUDY ABROAD

Where will you go?

University of
Hertfordshire **UH**



“The city of Kristiansand is truly beautiful and I have visited other cities and have also had the opportunity to explore Norwegian nature and hike. Classes can be a mix of Norwegian students and international students which gives the opportunity to meet and interact with Norwegian students and learn a little more about their culture.”

Kamila Nachajova, Kristiansand, Norway



Why study abroad?

8 good reasons to consider studying abroad:

- 1** Learn more about yourself: become more resilient, self-confident, self-aware and independent
- 2** Experience a new education system and different ways of learning
- 3** Improve your foreign language skills or perhaps even start a foreign language alongside your programme of study
- 4** Get to travel and explore the world
- 5** Meet new people, make friends around the world, and build a global network
- 6** Boost your CV and enhance your employability and career prospects
- 7** Immerse yourself in a new culture and develop your intercultural skills
- 8** Access financial support to help towards travel and living costs



Overview

How can I take part?

Study abroad is open to full time students in all undergraduate courses at Herts except courses in Health and Social Work and some courses in Education.

Most schools offer you the possibility to include study abroad within your degree. Participation is also subject to sufficient places being available at our partner universities and suitable modules being offered in terms of curriculum.

Depending on your degree, you can either study abroad in the second year, or during your 'sandwich' year (between the second and final years). Some degrees even offer the option to do both years. In some degrees, it is possible in the sandwich year to combine a semester of study abroad with a work placement in the same or another country.

Can I take a summer school?

Not all students can take a semester or year studying abroad because of personal or other commitments. We offer in conjunction with several of our partner universities the opportunity to take summer schools of two to four weeks which are advertised in early spring.

Which subject areas are included?

In general, our study abroad agreements cover all the subject areas offered at the partner university. However, in Europe a substantial number of our agreements are subject based with exchange opportunities in the following areas: architecture; astronomy; biosciences; business; creative arts; criminology; communication; computer science; economics; education; engineering and technology; geography and environment; humanities; law; mathematics; nutrition; pharmaceutical science; physics; psychology; sports science; and tourism and event management.

Do I earn credit for study abroad?

You will complete a learning agreement prior to departure (setting out the modules and credit you will be taking), which is signed by you, your programme leader and the partner university. You will gain recognition for your period of study abroad which may be in credit, the degree award title, or both.

Do I need a language?

Not necessarily. One of the obvious benefits of studying abroad is to enhance your language skills, which will help improve your job prospects. Herts offers five languages (French, German, Spanish, Japanese and Mandarin) in two of our schools. Studying abroad gives you the opportunity to improve your current language skills, or even start learning a new language.

Almost all our partners in Europe offer courses taught in English, as do all our partners outside of Europe, except for two in Latin America which are taught in Spanish.

Where can I go?

We have over 130 partners in countries all over the world for you to choose from.



USA

Canada

Mexico

Brazil

Uruguay

For details of all our partners, you can visit the University website or the Study Abroad Canvas site on the University's intranet.



go.herts.ac.uk/partner-universities



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Work abroad

Why work abroad?

Work placements are a great boost to employability and if you choose to work abroad you will gain many more benefits for your CV, such as language skills, cultural awareness, international professional networks and the invaluable addition of living in another country.

You can get a placement approved by the Careers and Employment Service and add it as part of your degree. At Herts you will not pay any fees for your work placement year. In some countries you can also work part time whilst studying abroad.

How to land a job abroad?

The University's Careers and Employment Service hosts a vast database of information about working abroad. You can research country specific details, check which kind of CV to write, how to prepare for interviews and what sort of visa may be needed. In addition, you can access international placement opportunities through the Handshake job board. Get started at herts.ac.uk/careers.

Check also GoinGlobal which hosts great country specific information.

You can make an online or in person appointment with the Careers and Employment Service for information and individual advice. The Careers and Employment Service is located in Hutton Hub.

“I will never forget my time in Utah. Before going, I was nervous about how I would fit in with new people, whether I would be able to make my savings last me the whole year, and how I would cope being so far away from home. But I really did not need to worry. The kindness, opportunities and adventures that got thrown my way were immeasurable, and I am so glad I made the most of them because it is a time I won't get back. My year studying abroad was the best time of my life and wouldn't change it for the world. If you are reading this and are considering studying abroad, just DO IT - you will not regret it!”

Maya Dwane, Utah, USA



What financial help will I get?

Fees and finance

Studying abroad you pay no tuition fees to the partner university. If you go abroad in a sandwich year, you will also not pay any tuition fees to Herts. You can study abroad on some of our courses in the second year and, if you are a UK national and go for the whole second year, you only pay 15% of the tuition fee to Herts.

Wherever you choose to go, you will still be eligible to receive any grants or loans which you normally receive from the student loan company and local authorities.

Grants

You may be eligible for a Turing grant to help with living costs. Depending on your household income, you may also get help towards the cost of travel, visa and health insurance.



Please note: The University receives Turing funding in order to offer student exchange opportunities and can only offer such opportunities where such funding permits. Students should therefore be aware that the University may not be able to support exchanges financially if Turing funding is insufficient or no longer available.

Scholarships

We also offer our own Global Scholarships and Santander Universities scholarships.



Want to find out more?

You can visit the Study Abroad Canvas site, visit our website, or contact the Careers and Employment Service or Study Abroad Team, for initial enquiries about study abroad opportunities. The Canvas site provides a wealth of information on study abroad, the application process and our partner universities.

We will be holding Study Abroad Drop-Ins at key times of the year as well as pop-up stands on both campuses and online information meetings.

Alternatively, you can contact the study abroad tutor for your department or school.



“Apart from wanting a more diverse environment, I got to visit all of the places that have been on my bucket list for USA: New York City, San Francisco, Universal Studios Orlando, and Disney World! Throw in surprise visits to Hawaii, Los Angeles, Seattle, I can never forget my time in the US.”

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