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Who are You? Where are you Going?

• Name:

• Degree Programme:

• Host University:
Your Conditional Offer

• Every study abroad offer is conditional, based on Semester 1 marks

• You must maintain a 60% academic average, with no fails for all of 2015/16

• Offers are confirmed after Semester 2 marks are released (July)

• We do not recommend buying plane tickets or submitting your visa application until after your marks are released
  • The exception is Hong Kong which asks for your visa application well before July
How do I accept my offer?

- You need to log into your Mobility Online account (the system you submitted your application through)

- Login credentials are at the very bottom of the Confirmation Message you received after submitting your application

- If you do not have this message please email saenq@liverpool.ac.uk and the message will be re-sent to you
Pre-Application Briefing Handbook

Read your handbook before emailing questions
What happens next?
There’s still work ahead!

The Study Abroad process takes time and effort

In the course of this process **YOU** will:

- discuss modules with your Academic Study Abroad Co-ordinator
- complete a Host University Application
- submit your Host University Application and wait for acceptance
- provide even more forms/info to your host university after you are accepted
- sort out your accommodation abroad and in the UK
- attend the Pre-Departure Briefing May 18, 2016
- enjoy a Farewell Networking Reception on May 19, 2016
- see your Semester 2 Marks and receive a confirmed offer (July)
- submit your visa application and secure flights
- pack your bags

…… and then finally you will be abroad!
Applying to your Host University

- Consult your host university handout (it will be emailed to you too)
- Host University (HU) or UoL will contact you with application details
- Sometimes you have to send Application Form AND Visa Documents **TOGETHER**
- You **MUST** respect the INTERNAL (i.e. UoL) deadlines
- It rarely happens but Host Universities can refuse your application
Choosing your Modules
(Course Approval Form, access through Mobility Online)

1. Look at the modules you WOULD do here in Liverpool (especially compulsory and pre-requisites for year 3)

2. Compare with modules available at the Host University

3. Email a list of modules to your Academic Study Abroad Co-ordinator (ASAC) WITH module descriptions
   1. You should list extra (backup) modules
   2. Complete the Course Approval form and download it

4. Meet with the your ASAC to sign approval form

5. Upload the form to Mobility Online

6. Ultimately, ensuring that you choose the correct modules for your degree is **your responsibility**
Who is my Academic Study Abroad Co-ordinator (ASAC)?

https://www.liverpool.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/goabroad/departments/

- The ASAC will approve the modules you take abroad, ensuring that you will earn credit toward your degree

- Combined Honours/Honours Select students need to contact ASAC for both subjects
Further Academic Considerations

1. Your exams will be taken abroad, at the end of your semester at the host university

2. **You will EARN MARKS for modules taken abroad which will be calculated into your Liverpool degree**
   - Some people you meet abroad will not earn credits while studying abroad

3. Shortly you go abroad, you will have an Academic Pre-Departure Briefing to see the grade conversions
   - [https://www.liverpool.ac.uk/media/livacuk/study/Grade,Conversion,Tables,for,Publishing,on,the,web.pdf](https://www.liverpool.ac.uk/media/livacuk/study/Grade,Conversion,Tables,for,Publishing,on,the,web.pdf)

4. Re-sits are uncommon at partner universities
Host University Academic Calendars

City University of Hong Kong: Late August to third week of December

Chinese University of Hong Kong: Late August to third week of December

University of Hong Kong: Late August to third week of December

National University of Singapore: Early August to Early December

Monash University, Malaysia: Early February to Late June
Sorting out your Visa

- Your Host University must accept you before you will officially apply for the visa
  - Apply in Summer for Semester 1 exchange
  - Apply in Winter for Semester 2 exchange

- Usually have to send financial statements; either your own or those of a sponsor (parent, grandparent, friend, etc.)

- If you have a sponsor you must have a sponsor letter to accompany their statements/bank letter

- If your passport is not valid for at least 6 months after your exchange will finish, renew it now!

- Read all instructions very carefully and plan ahead
Hong Kong Student Visa

- The Hong Kong Host Universities will offer to process your Student Visa application for a fee: USE THIS SERVICE

- You will have to show proof of having access to enough funds to cover your expenses in the country
  - This could be a bank statement or letter from you, or from a sponsor (your parents, your nan, best friend, etc.)
  - If you have a sponsor you must have a sponsor letter to accompany their statements/bank letter

- Read all instructions very carefully as soon as you are contacted by your host uni and plan ahead
Singapore Student Visa

• A Singapore Student Visa is called a “Student Pass”

• You cannot apply before June (it takes an average of 10 days to process the application)

• NUS will provide documentation to start the process for you

• On arrival in Singapore you will have to submit your entry document (received at airport) and will be issued a Student Pass

• You may have to show proof of funds

• Approximately £50 for the visa
Malaysia Student Visa

- Monash Malaysia will offer to process your Student Visa application for a fee: USE THIS SERVICE

- You will have to photocopy your entire passport, in colour

- You will also submit four passport-sized colour photographs with blue background (3.5cm x 5cm)

- Passport must be valid for at least 14 months from the expected date of entry.

- Immigration officials place a Temporary Pass stamp in your passport when you present your Student Pass approval letter and copy of your offer letter at the airport. Monash will help you secure the final Pass after arrival.
Study Abroad Drop In Meetings

- No appointment needed, first come first served
  - Located in Careers and Employability Service (Building number 502 on University Map)

- Tues, March 15: 2-3pm
- Tues, March 22: 2-3pm
- Weds, March 30: 1-2pm
- Weds, April 5: 1-2pm
- Tues, April 12: 2-3pm
- Weds, April 13: 1-2pm
- Tues, April 19: 2-3pm
- Tues, April 26: 2-3pm
- Weds, April 27: 1-2pm
- Tues, May 3: 2-3pm
- Weds, May 4: 1-2pm
- Tues, May 10: 2-3pm
- Weds, May 11: 1-2pm
- Weds, May 25: 1-2pm
- Weds, June 1: 1-2pm
- Weds, June 8: 1-2pm

Ring the Study Abroad Team if you have an urgent concern that cannot wait for Drop In (0151 794 3039)
Accommodation Abroad

- Accommodation is your responsibility so look into your options now!
  - City U: Accommodation is very competitive, apply as soon as possible and don’t stress if you have to go private!
  - Chinese U: Accommodation is competitive, but you should indicated interest on exchange application
  - HKU: Accommodation is very competitive, apply as soon as possible and don’t stress if you have to go private!
  - NUS: Accommodation is competitive, but you should indicated interest on exchange application
  - Monash Malaysia: Guarantees exchange student accommodation

- Respect your Host University deadlines!

- If you don’t get accommodation in their Halls, book accommodation in advance of Orientation (give yourself a few days to settle)

- Remember, a lot of universities will only offer shared rooms
Accommodation in Liverpool

• Live in the Study Abroad Village!
  • Send your name to saenq@liverpool.ac.uk if interested in a place for one semester

• Tick the ‘Share my Email’ box on the register so we can circulate a list of those interested in swapping rooms

• Use Liverpool Student Homes website

• ALWAYS SPEAK TO YOUR LANDLORD AND HOUSEMATES!

• Get contracts to protect yourself

• Remember, accommodation is your responsibility
Tuition Fees

- You will continue to pay tuition fees to UoL

- Your host university may charge you fees for submitting your study abroad application, accommodation deposit, university administration fee or health services fee – read the fine print as soon as you get your host university web link
Student Finance and Bursaries

• Apply for your 2016/17 Student Finance NOW!!!
  • Tick a box to say you will be studying abroad during the next academic year

• Should get normal Student Loan/Grants, as a minimum. Student Finance offer means tested support on sliding scale. Student to pay first £303.

• Liverpool Travel Award Grants: after you arrive, when you send back confirmation. All students will receive it!
  Asia: £500

• Liverpool Bursary students will still get bursary during semester abroad

• Remember, all grants (including Student Finance) are paid AFTER you’ve spent the money, so plan accordingly.
Scholarships and Grants

Consult your handbook for a description of the available scholarships and eligibility (page 7)

Emails with applications will be sent after March 16th

You can ask to be considered for as many UoL scholarships as you are eligible, but you will only be awarded one.
Insurance

- You will apply for UoL’s Travel Insurance (free) shortly before departure

- Some Host Universities will require you to purchase, or will give you the option to opt into, basic medical insurance with them, but you’ll still need travel insurance (e.g. for repatriation)

- Important exclusions from UoL Travel Insurance include routine check-ups/ prescriptions for pre-existing medical conditions.

- It will cover you for incidental travel during HU holidays/weekends to adjacent countries. It will not cover you if you choose to travel after your exchange has ended. It will also not cover you for travel to countries deemed dangerous by the FCO or economically sanctioned countries (North Korea)

- If you are ever in any doubt, check directly with the UoL Insurance Office (finsec2@liverpool.ac.uk)

- Application form at PDB in May (Semester 1 Abroad) of Dec (Semester 2 Abroad)
Things to Think About Now…

• Do I know when my Host Uni application is due?
  • Do I know the academic calendar at my host university?

• Do I know the student visa requirement in my host country?

• Have I informed Student Finance that I will study abroad next year?
More things to think about…

• Do I have any special needs or concerns?
  • Disability Support?

• Do I have any medical needs or allergies that might impact my time abroad?
  • Do I carry an epi pen in the event of an allergic reaction?

• What vaccinations might I need? (including if you plan to travel afterwards)

• Continue to research your host uni/city/country
  • Foreign and Commonwealth Office
  • Buy a guidebook/phrasebook/dictionary
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