

BA (Hons) Education European and International Educational Exchange Opportunities



Overview

The BA (Hons) Education now offers exciting exchange opportunities for both European and International study abroad. The European Educational Exchange Programme allows students to study at selected European institutions and the International Exchange Programme allows students to study at one of a number of worldwide institutions through our International Office. Students have opted to study at universities in Canada, China and the United States of America. These exchanges enhance your critical knowledge and understanding by promoting a diverse and international approach to the interdisciplinary social sciences. Modules are taught and assessed in English so you won't have to worry about language barriers. You will be in regular contact with our departmental International Study Abroad Coordinator as you plan your exchange.

Why study abroad?

99% of students at the University of Birmingham who studied abroad last year said it was the *best* year of their lives. Studying abroad presents a once in a lifetime experience available within only a few degrees. Participating in an exchange programme enhances your career prospects, developing you as a student and researcher. This can lead to postgraduate study (subject to entry requirements) in the School of Education of programmes including International Studies in Education and Teaching English as a Foreign Language (TEFL).

The European Educational Exchange Programme

The Department of Education and Social Justice currently has mutual exchange agreements with the following universities: University of Oslo (Norway), Technical University of Dortmund (Germany), Norwegian University of Science and Technology (Norway) and the University of

Groningen (The Netherlands). You are invited to apply to any of these renowned universities.

University of Oslo, Norway

Founded in 1811, UiO is Norway's oldest and largest university, delivering a world-class research and learning experience. UiO boasts exchange agreements with over 500 universities globally and participates in many international exchange programmes. For more information, please visit:

www.uv.uio.no/english

Technical University of Dortmund, Germany

Created in 1968, TU Dortmund is located two miles outside the city on two campuses connected by monorail. More than 3,300 international students from over 100 countries contribute to the international character of the university. For more information, please visit: www.tu-dortmund.de/uni/International/index.html

Norwegian University of Science and Technology, Trondheim, Norway

Formed in 1910, NTNU is a truly international institution, featuring 300 international exchange programmes with institutions in 58 countries. NTNU organises a special orientation programme and buddy scheme for international students. For more information, please visit: www.ntnu.edu/ped

University of Groningen, The Netherlands

Established in 1614, the University of Groningen enjoys an international reputation as one Europe's oldest and leading research universities. It has an established international exchange programme and considerable experience in welcoming and supporting international students. For more information, please visit: www.rug.nl/pedok/index

Who can study abroad and when?

BA (Hons) Education students wishing to study abroad should apply during their first year.

Students travelling to the US and Europe will depart in September of their second year to join the first term at their host institution. Students travelling to Australia and New Zealand will depart in July to join the second semester at their host institution. During your study abroad, you will complete and be assessed for 60 credits and return to the UK in time for the Christmas holidays. Your second term will start in January at the University of Birmingham and you will complete and be assessed for 60 credits of core modules to conclude your academic year.

How do I fund studying abroad?

UK students undertaking study abroad are entitled to the normal student funding package (Tuition Fee Loan, Maintenance Loan and Maintenance Grants). Your normal tuition fee is payable but you will also receive a higher rate of Maintenance Loan known as the 'away rate'. You should apply for this funding the same way as in previous years, via Student Finance England or relevant agency. You will be covered by University insurance during your study abroad. Students who are successful in applying to study abroad in an EU country are eligible for an Erasmus grant awarded by the British Council, which is paid directly into your bank account in two instalments. The British Council confirms the availability of this bursary in November each year at: www.britishcouncil.org/erasmus-funding.htm There are also a number of scholarships available for UK students studying abroad outside of the EU which you may be eligible to apply for. There are also eight U21 Year Abroad Scholarships available worth £1000 each for students travelling to a Universitas 21 institution. Other funding opportunities are also available for our Access to Birmingham (A2B) students. Please visit the International Office website for further details.

Application procedure

Please register and apply online at:

<https://bham.moveonnet.eu/moveonline/outgoing/welcome.php>

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Student Profiles



Mayah McKenzie spent a term at the University of Groningen, in the Netherlands as part of the European Exchange Programme. Mayah felt that the work was both interesting and demanding. Mayah went with a friend which really helped her to settle in comfortably. She found it was a lot of fun as students would ride to university by bike. She embraced the culture and met great friends from all over Europe and the world. It broadened Mayah's perspective in academic matters and she became more aware of global and cultural differences. She would strongly recommend studying abroad to anyone brave enough to try it!



Raiken Bass spent a term at the University of Groningen, in the Netherlands as part of the European Exchange Programme. Raiken grew in character as well as academically adopting new skills and practices. She would recommend the experience to all students as it not only gave her the opportunity to live abroad and gain greater independence but also study themes not offered at the University of Birmingham which were really interesting. On return she felt well-rounded as an academic and better prepared for independent study and her dissertation. Raiken reflected this in achieving high grades in both assignments and exams whilst abroad, making it a successful exchange academically and socially; meeting people from around the world whilst immersed in a rich Dutch culture.