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UNIVERSITY OF GALWAY

College of Arts, Social Sciences & Celtic Studies

**2024/25 Study Abroad
for non-language students on the
BA Global Experience programme**

APPENDIX to the Application Form

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Essential information for prospective candidates

**Please read this carefully before making your
application!**

Disclaimer: While every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of the information provided here, the University of Galway accepts no responsibility for errors or omissions therein. This document is intended as a guideline for potential study abroad candidates, who should carry out their own research into courses available at partner universities and, when necessary, discuss possible course choices with their academic coordinator(s) at the University of Galway.

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Identifying a suitable host university and appropriate courses (modules)

Your study abroad programme will involve securing 40 ECTS credits in total at the host university. Ideally you should take your two subjects at the host university, but you must ensure that your course choices will be relevant or complimentary to at least one of your two degree subjects.

Consult the table called “CASSCS Study Abroad partners and subject combinations”. Here you will be able to see what subjects are offered through English at each partner university.

Based on the information provided in that table, you will be asked to list up to 3 choices of university on the application form, in order of preference.

The choices open to you are determined by the subjects you are studying here at the University of Galway. To be considered for a study place under any subject-specific link, you must be taking that subject. In the tables, look for the descriptor “core subject”, in red: this means that the University of Galway school or discipline named at the top of that column owns the exchange link, and only students of that subject may avail of that exchange. For instance, you cannot be considered for a place at KU Leuven unless one of your subjects is Soc. & Pol.

Please do not disregard this requirement!

Some exchanges are “College-wide”. This means you may apply for them if it’s indicated that English-taught modules in at least one of your degree subjects are available to you at those universities, so that you could secure 40 ECTS in modules relevant or complementary to at least one of your degree subjects, and ideally covering both subjects.

Not all modules at every university are open to visiting students. For information on the modules that are open to exchange students at any given partner university, you should click on the link given in the “modules available” column in the table – in general, that web page will lead to a course catalogue or lists of modules for visiting students, but you *might* need to search also by faculty/subject area.

Keep in mind that some exchanges may be restricted to one faculty, or there may be limitations on the modules that can be taken from other, different faculties. Check the columns headed “exchange is with” and “rules specific to host university”. When you see “maybe” in the above-mentioned table, there may be scope for taking some modules from a faculty other than the one specified for that exchange: you can proceed with your application on that basis.

If you have doubts about the suitability of a particular module, you may consult the relevant University of Galway academic coordinator. However, there is no need at this stage to draw up a comprehensive study plan: in relation to your application for study abroad, it will suffice

to have a reasonable idea that you'll be able to find courses appropriate to your needs. There is no need to contact partner universities at this stage.

When you are nominated to a host university (but not until then), the modules to be taken abroad must be agreed with the relevant subject coordinators at the University of Galway in advance of travelling abroad to study. For Erasmus students, this will be done by means of the Erasmus Learning Agreement; for students going to other destinations, there will be a similar signing-off procedure. Students selected for Erasmus destinations may be required to complete a learning agreement at the time of application to the host university. For now, you do NOT need to prepare a learning agreement.

Universities outside of the EU and credit systems

The ECTS system, or European Credit Transfer System, is used very widely in European Higher Education and is one way of measuring the learning outcomes and the associated workload of a particular course (module). At the University of Galway, most courses carry 5 ECTS. At partner universities outside of Europe, different systems apply. For instance, in Boston College, an EU 5 ECTS module = 3 North American Credits. Students going to North America are expected to register for 12 North American credits per semester. You should be aware of possible differences between credit systems when considering courses (modules).

List of Year Abroad Academic Coordinators at the University of Galway

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