

Philosophy Exchanges

Currently we expect the process to be as described below. Note, however, that due to the pandemic, things may change. If you have any questions, please contact our exchange coordinator, Dr Damian Caluori (dcaluori@ed.ac.uk).

Exchanges offer students an exciting opportunity to study at a different university during their *third year*. Applications are made through Global during November of a student's *second year*.

The information below is for single and joint honours philosophy students *except for students studying joint honours subjects that include a language* (e.g. "Italian and Philosophy" or "French and Philosophy"). If you study philosophy and a language, then you should arrange the exchange through the language component of your degree and not through philosophy. These exchanges are very different, and the information below may not apply to you.

The university offers *Erasmus Programme Exchanges* and *International Exchanges*. In addition, philosophy offers subject-specific exchanges. These subject-specific exchanges are offered exclusively to philosophy students.

Erasmus Programme Exchanges

Erasmus offers an opportunity to study at a university in Europe. There are a limited number of English Language Erasmus Programme Exchanges. Erasmus exchanges offer a stipend.

International Exchanges

International Exchanges are exchanges at universities outside Europe.

Subject-specific Exchanges

Our subject-specific exchanges are all Erasmus Programme exchanges, and the information given above applies. Philosophy offers exchanges at four universities:

- *University of Oslo*. Teaching Language is English.
- *KU Leuven*. Teaching Language is English.
- *Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne*. Teaching Language is *French*.
- *Humboldt University of Berlin*. Teaching Language is English and *German*. Humboldt tends to have a high workload.

Note that, if you apply for Paris or Berlin, you will need to prove language-proficiency in the respective foreign language. You must be able to take philosophy courses taught in the language of your host country.

You can apply for a university-wide exchange and/or a subject-specific exchange.

Relevant Dates

Early October	Pre-Application Information Sessions
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Early November	Applications open
Late November	Applications close
December/January	Offers are issued
January through June	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Applications are made to partner institutions• Apply for visa• Apply for accommodation• Book flights• Attend compulsory pre-departure session• Complete learning agreement and final checklist
June through October	Depart for your year abroad

Degree Classifications

Your year abroad will be approved for credit. It will *not* count towards your degree classification, which will be determined by your academic record during your fourth year.

Learning Agreements

Students studying on exchanges will take courses comparable to what standard students at the university they are visiting would take. But note that the workload may differ. A *Learning Agreement* outlines the courses the student will take at the host university.

- *Single honours students* must have their learning agreement approved by the philosophy exchange coordinator.
- *Joint honours students* must have their learning agreements approved by the exchange coordinator in *both* subjects.

Sometimes circumstances will require a student to deviate from their learning plan. If you are considering any deviation from the learning plan, this must be discussed with the relevant exchange coordinator *immediately*.

Links

Global/SWAY has very detailed and helpful instructions regarding exchange applications. All of the information you need should be available at following links.

Global website:

<http://www.ed.ac.uk/global/exchanges>

Relevant Dates and Application Information:

<https://www.ed.ac.uk/global/exchanges/application>

Students with disabilities

Students with disabilities are encouraged to apply to study abroad. Some destinations are more suitable than others. For this reason, it would be useful to investigate options at an early stage with your Personal Tutor, the Disability Office and/or Global.