

Philosophy Exchanges

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 I 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.

Joint-honours students can apply for subject-specific exchanges only in the subject-area that owns the corresponding programme. For example, if you are a philosophy and English literature joint-honours student, you can apply to subject-specific exchanges in philosophy but not in English literature.

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

Relevant Dates

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.

Credits and 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. Here you can find the conversion table of credits (i.e., what 120 Edinburgh credits correspond to at different host universities):

<https://www.ed.ac.uk/global/exchanges/before-you-go/academic-matters>.

Note that you must bring home the number of credits corresponding to 120 Edinburgh credits for a year.

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.

You must get the Learning Agreement approved before you go abroad. 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*.

Where shall I go?

On the Global website, you find a list of all universities with which Edinburgh has exchange programmes. In order to choose, I'd recommend you look at the philosophy offerings of universities you might be interested in. Only apply to universities that

have a philosophy department and offer a sufficient number of courses for you to take. If you are on a joint degree, do the same for your other subject area. The Edinburgh DPT distribution requirement for third years doesn't apply abroad. You can choose any 3rd year philosophy course abroad that you like. If you are a joint-honours students, you will take half of your courses in philosophy and half in your other subject are. Please contact the exchange coordinator of your other subject area to see whether there are courses you are required to take in your third year abroad.

Covid

It is impossible to predict what the situation regarding Covid will be like in 2022-3. Note that some countries and host universities have canceled exchanges for 2021-22. I just thought I'd flag this so that you are aware that this may happen.

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.