

## Optional study abroad

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## What is this about?

- Spend the next academic year 2025-26 studying abroad.
- BSc students: apply in Y2 to go abroad in Y3.
- MMath students: apply in Y3 to go abroad in Y4.

## Type of exchange

- University wide exchanges. Open to all UoE students. Applications handled by Study and Work Away (SWAY).
- Subject specific exchanges. Open only to math students. Applications handled by school.
- You can apply for both.
- You can accept only one offer.

## University wide exchanges: some destinations

- University of California (many campuses).
- University of Pennsylvania.
- University of Washington.
- University of Sydney.
- University of Toronto.
- National University of Singapore.
- Seoul National University.
- Check SWAY website for the full list.

## Subject specific destinations

- Universität Wien
- Humboldt Universität Berlin.
- City University of Hong Kong.

## Academic requirements

- Studying abroad is an extremely rewarding experience but can be challenging.
- Need a very solid academic background:
- BSc. Y2: 120 credits (first attempt), Grade **A** in PPS, ILA, CAP, SVCDE, FPM. MMath. Y3: 120 credits (first attempt), 70 % in each of the four listed honours courses.
- These are the **minimal requirements** to be eligible. Places for an exchange are **extremely competitive** and no one is guaranteed a place.

## Language requirements

- If language of instruction of the university is not fully in English, then you need to be at least at **B2 level** in that language.
- Obviously, speaking the language well will help with socialising and will make your life much easier overall.

## What do you study while abroad?

- Study full credit load corresponding to 120 credits at UoE.
- Study “equivalents” to the compulsory UoE modules.
- Never possible to find 100% perfect equivalents. If module is reasonable match in terms of level+content then fine.
- Academic plan discussed after you have received and accepted offer.



## How does the year abroad count towards your degree?

- Must pass the year to be awarded 120 credits and progress.
- For MMath 120 credits: 80 at Level 10 + 40 at Level 11.
- Grades from year abroad do not count towards final classification.
- For BSc final classification is determined by Y4 alone.
- For MSc final classification is determined by Y3 & Y5 in 1:2 ratio.

## Approximate timeline

- This is the **approximate** timeline.
- Check SWAY website for exact dates.
- **October** SWAY information events. Please attend.
- **Beginning of November** Applications open.
- **Mid November** Applications close.
- **December-January** Exchange places are allocated.
- **January-February** Exchange coordinator will be in touch about course selection.
- **January-summer** Create your study plan.
- **End of summer-September** Start studying abroad.

## Non-academic issues

- For all non-academic issues including: practical matters related to the application, financial aspects, visa issues etc please contact SWAY directly.

## Where do you find answers to your questions?

- The answers to your questions can be found at the following websites:
- [www.ed.ac.uk/global/study-work-away/study-exchanges](http://www.ed.ac.uk/global/study-work-away/study-exchanges)
- [teaching.maths.ed.ac.uk/main/undergraduate/opportunities/ international-exchanges](http://teaching.maths.ed.ac.uk/main/undergraduate/opportunities/international-exchanges)