

ENGI2191 – Introduction to Year Abroad

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1. Overseas Studies Option

- The MEng with Overseas Studies Option allows students to spend an **additional year** between second and third year of the MEng programme at a partner university abroad, and return to Durham for third year.
- Adding this additional year, making course 5 years total as engineering recently removed the replacement year option.
- Students are assessed at the overseas institution and this is **NOT** for the third year mark which counts towards the Durham degree.



- There are two schemes available:
 - 1) Overseas Exchange – for non-European placements at institution-wide partners.
 - Recruitment: late October –December. Unsuccessful students are eligible to apply for a European exchange.

 - 1) European (Erasmus+*).

Students may apply to both

 - (a) department-to-department partners, and
 - (b) institution-wide partners.
 - Recruitment: January - February.

- [Details refer to:](#)

<https://www.durham.ac.uk/global-durham/global-opportunities/go-study-abroad/hub/>.

Students may also wish to consider other Global Opportunities, such as work (Placement Years), summer internships and volunteering, which can be found here: <https://www.durham.ac.uk/global-durham/global-opportunities/>.

*Durham will continue to participate in Erasmus+ until May 2023 and will bid for Turing funding for the 2022/23 academic year when this becomes available (see: [GO Turing - Durham University](#)). The exact programme of each European exchange will be clarified prior to departure over the course of the 2021/22 academic year.

2. Requirements and Selection

- a) Students should have an average grade of at least 55% standard in first year for selection and must maintain 55% grades in second year.
- b) European (Erasmus+) shortlisting within Engineering is based on 1st year marks for department-to-department exchanges (see (2 a) above).
- c) European (Erasmus+) shortlisting for institution-wide partners (see (2 b) above) is based on academic (class rank) performance (25%).
- d) Selection for university-wide non-EU Overseas Exchange places (see 1 above) is based on a personal statement (75%) and academic (class rank) performance (25%).
- e) Appropriate language ability is obviously important for non-English-language instruction.



3. Locations

1) Non-European Overseas Exchange

A full list of our 36 institution-wide non-European partners can be found at: <https://www.durham.ac.uk/global-durham/global-opportunities/go-study-abroad/where/> .

N.B. certain partners (notably in China) may have restrictions, however, others (e.g. PolyU (Hong Kong)) may also have a science focus.

2) (A) Europe (Erasmus) Scheme (Department level exchanges)

Partner Code	Partner Name	Country	Language Requirement	Number of Places*	UG*	PGT*	PGR*
D STUTTGA01	Universität Stuttgart	Germany	German	2	X	X	X
D BERLIN02	Technische Universität Berlin	Germany	German	2	X	X	X
F LILLE91	IMT Lille Douai	France	French	2	X	X	X

- NB. The International Office is currently renewing all legal agreements with these partners, to bridge the exit from Erasmus+. The list will be confirmed prior to recruitment in January.

Locations

2) (B) Institution-wide Agreements*

- The University has 25 institution-wide agreements with universities in 15 different EU countries, to which students from all departments, including Engineering, may apply.
- A full list may be found at: <https://www.durham.ac.uk/global-durham/global-opportunities/go-study-abroad/where/europe-institutionwide/>.

4. Examples of locations (Europe):

- Europe (Erasmus) Scheme (Department level exchanges)
 - Germany: University of Stuttgart
 - Technical University, highly regarded for Engineering
 - Germany: Technische Universität Berlin
 - Largest Technical University in Germany (30,000 students)



Locations

- Europe (Erasmus) Scheme (Department level exchanges)
 - IMT Lille Douai
 - The Institut Mines-Télécom: the leading group of engineering and management schools in France.



A school at Europe's crossroads

Located between Paris, London, Brussels and Amsterdam, IMT Lille Douai plays its part in the standing of the European Metropolis of Lille, which holds French Tech certification.



5. Language

- The host university may require students to show certification that proves they meet the required language level.
- Where the language of instruction is not English it is obviously important to have adequate language skills. For example:
 - An A grade at A-Level is usually more than adequate.
 - GCSE + further study at Durham is also OK.
- The Centre for Foreign Language Study can provide language support for students looking to learn a language or maintain alongside their degree:
<https://www.durham.ac.uk/departments/centres/foreign-language-study/>
- More details about languages for a year abroad can be found here:
<https://www.durham.ac.uk/global-durham/global-opportunities/go-languages/>



6. Applying

- Information about the application process will be available to students in Michaelmas of the second year of university.
- If you have the interest, please attend the Global Opportunities Fair (20-21 October 2021) to find out more.
- Students may wish to follow: <https://www.instagram.com/DUglobalopportunities/> to hear the student voice.



Student Support

- You are still Durham students when on an exchange and have access to the same support as usual. e.g.:
 - College support for pastoral issues.
 - Departmental support for academic issues.
 - Counselling service is available for mental health issues and can provide remote appointments.
 - You are also students at their host university and have access to all support services that are provided there too.
- All placements are considered by Durham to ensure host institution is suitable and will provide satisfactory support.
- Exchanges Coordinator can provide contact and advice throughout the year.
- BUT – be prepared to be independent!



Finances

- No Tuition Fees payable to host institution (Exchange).
- Erasmus (EU) Exchanges:
 - Students pay 15% of their annual tuition fee to Durham.
 - Some funds from Erasmus for living / travel cost etc (~€370/month)
- University-Wide Exchanges:
 - Durham charges a reduced tuition fee (only pay 15% of their tuition fees for 2021/2022: <https://www.dur.ac.uk/international/studyabroad/outbound/academics/>)
- For most destinations, total living costs similar to Durham.
 - Previous students can provide best advice!
- Continue to receive a loan
 - If receiving a grant there may be additional funds available.



7. Staff Contacts

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