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UNIVERSITY OF GALWAY

BA Global Experience: Year Abroad

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Students not studying a continental language

- Full Third Year Abroad
- Europe (ERASMUS)
- USA, Canada
- All Subjects through English





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POSSIBLE STUDY DESTINATIONS

The College of Arts, Social Sciences and Celtic Studies and its disciplines are linked – through the Erasmus Programme - with a number of partner universities in **Europe** that offer courses through English.

There are also some links with the **USA** and **Canada**.

(Not all subjects may be available through English in every university.)

Some terms we use

Home University: University of Galway

Host University: the university where you study abroad

Exchange agreement: a “contract” between universities to exchange students, usually in a particular subject area

Learning agreement: a “contract” between you and your home/host universities, setting out what courses you will take while abroad.

Academic coordinator: the lecturer at the University of Galway who will provide guidance on course choice and sign your learning agreement, and with whom you are expected to keep in touch before and during your year abroad.





HOW IT WORKS

- Period of study is 1 academic year (not a semester)
- No tuition fees to Host University – but pay normal registration fee to the University of Galway.
- So you remain registered as a University of Galway student while studying abroad.
- The year abroad must be completed successfully.
- 40 ECTS credits in total: 20 ECTS in each of your degree subjects
- Pass all modules: receive 60 ECTS from University of Galway, i.e. a Pass in the Year Abroad



CHOOSING COURSES

- Consult the host university's online course catalogue.
- Avoid duplicating what you've already studied.
- Avoid significant overlap with your Final Year courses.
- Look for modules that complement and enhance your study of your degree subjects.

Jacopo - Erasmus in Uppsala



"Food, language, people, sceneries, college, weather... things can be very different from home when you go abroad for one year. Going on an Erasmus in Uppsala has given me the opportunity to get to know Sweden in a deep way, and to appreciate its fascinating culture. Spending a year in a new country is a very enriching experience, and I'm glad to have made this choice!"



Rebecca - Erasmus in Leiden



"I would recommend that you go for it, as I personally have enjoyed the experience so far. All positives definitely outweigh the negatives, and have only made me even more independent. I've really adapted to the Dutch culture - it's not too different from us, but they do have their own ways of doing things, especially the cycling everywhere! The people are generally friendly, and all have English, so a language barrier is not an issue in everyday life."





FUNDING

- Erasmus funding for study in Europe:
 - €300 per month for most countries
 - €350 per month for Scandinavia
(80% of total grant at start, balance on return)
- Boston College: \$5,000 scholarship
- University of Ottawa: no funding
- Maintain eligibility for SUSI grant, etc,
“non-adjacent” rate
- (Erasmus Disability grant, if applicable)





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COSTS – What to budget for

- Flights, including flight home at Christmas
- Accommodation
- Household bills
- Food
- Books, materials
- Leisure
- Insurance (for North America)

ESTIMATES – some examples

Uppsala University: ~ €920 per month

Uni Bamberg: ~€800 per month

Boston College: \$28,000 for the academic year (~ €28,000)

uOttawa: up to CAD1,500 per month (~€1,000)

(Check partner uni websites for estimated costs!)

Start saving early!

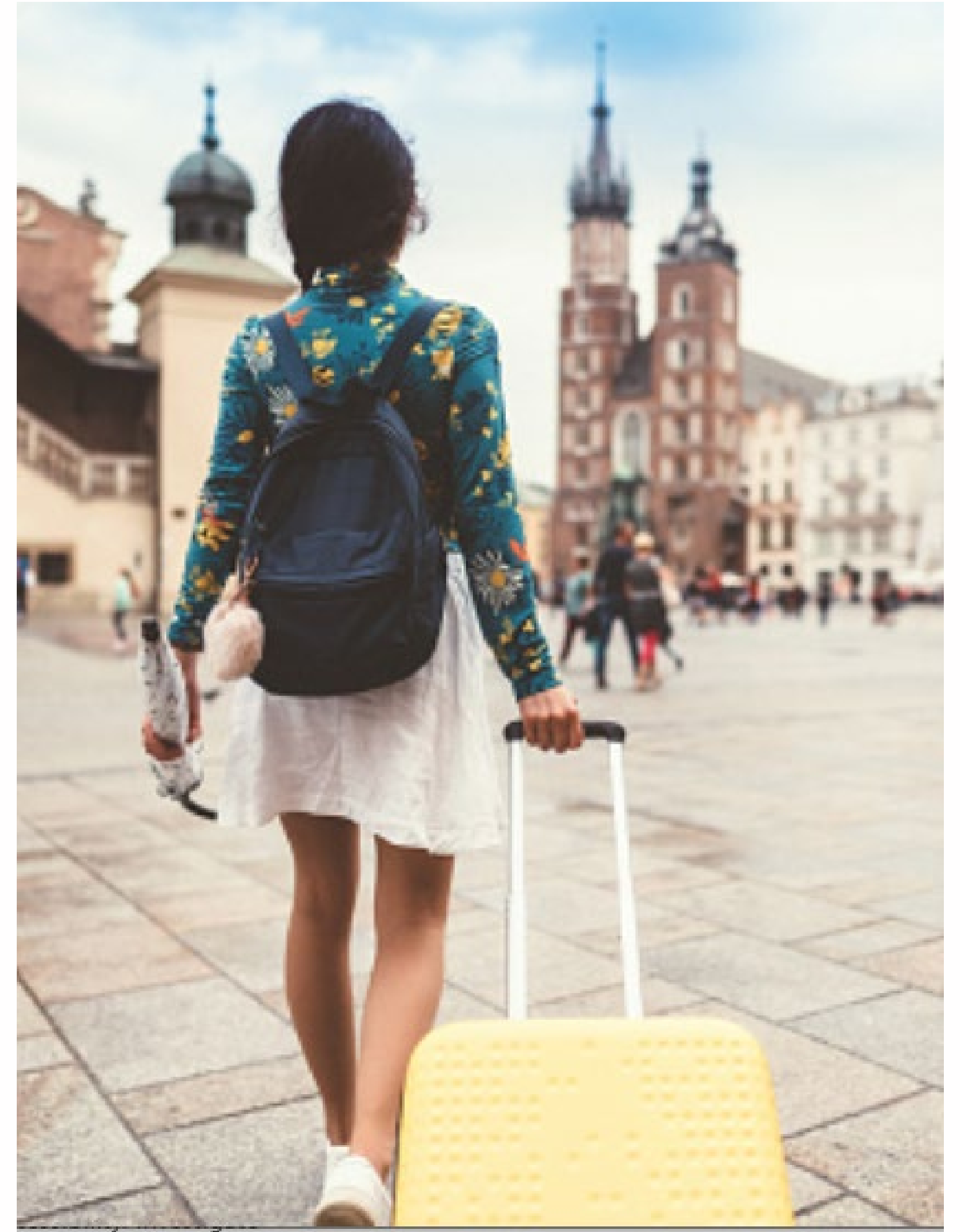




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BENEFITS OF STUDYING ABROAD

- Academic development
- Personal development
- Cultural and social aspects
 - Get to know another country and its culture
 - Perhaps learn some of the language
 - Make friends from all over the world
 - Expand your horizons
- A positive addition to your CV





WHAT STUDENTS SAY ABOUT STUDYING ABROAD

“I feel like Erasmus really added to my degree and to who I am as a person. There will be work but it'll be rewarding, you get out of it what you put in. The modules I took added more variety to my education and this definitely benefitted me for final year. Adapting to a different lifestyle is challenging but that's what encourages growth.”



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STUDY ABROAD: A STUDENT VIEW

“For me, Erasmus is more than just University: it’s the people, the culture, the places, the friends that I’ve made, the experience I’ve gained and the memories that I’ll have forever.”



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So what's next?

- E-mail from me, outlining your options
- Please research these and list up to 4 in order of preference.
- Consult academic coordinator if necessary.
- Explain your choices.
- We will meet to discuss.
- You will be nominated to a host university early in 2023.

