Terms & Conditions for Student Exchange Programmes

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UCAS Applications – Entry Requirements & Progression Rules for Four Year ‘With Year Abroad’ Degrees

It is important to be well prepared academically, in order to gain the most from your time studying abroad. For certain programmes and awards you may be permitted to spend up to one semester studying overseas at another institution of university status with whom Queen Mary has an approved exchange agreement. A student who wishes to study for a semester abroad must complete an application process, following procedures managed by the Global Opportunities Office.

To be eligible to study for a semester overseas, a student must pass all modules from developmental years prior to the period abroad and achieve a weighted average mark of 60.0 or higher up to the relevant point in the weightings 1:3:6:6 (for years 1:2:3:4).

You will be informed of the detailed conditions for the year abroad by your academic School once you start your degree.

Please note if you are applying for a degree on UCAS with a year abroad, the initial entry requirements for with year abroad degrees can be found on the UCAS website.

One Semester Exchange Entry Requirements & Progression Rules

Some programmes of study include a compulsory year of study overseas; these have specific regulations. Other programmes do not include a compulsory year of study overseas but a student may spend one semester studying overseas at another institution of university status with whom Queen Mary has an approved exchange agreement. In those cases the regulations below apply.

Students wishing to apply for a semester abroad as part of a three year Queen Mary degree will need the permission of their Queen Mary School, please consult the webpages for your home school or contact your school or department’s Study Abroad Coordinator. A student who wishes to study for a semester abroad must complete an application process, following procedures managed by the Global Opportunities Office.

Please note that not all Queen Mary schools offer a one-semester option to study abroad on exchange. It is your responsibility to confirm with your individual Queen Mary School that you are eligible to apply for a one-semester exchange before submitting an application.

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You will be informed of the detailed conditions for the semester abroad by your academic School.

A student cannot study abroad in the first year or in the final semester of a programme of study.
Destinations

Please note the destinations available are provisional. Academic schools and institutes may make changes to their portfolio of exchange partners at any time. Please consult with your home school or institute for the most up-to-date information about where you can study.

You can apply to any one of our partner universities, as long as they have an agreement with your academic school or institute. Please note you are not guaranteed a specific partner university, city, or country. Many exchange destinations are highly competitive and you are advised to apply for up to five exchange destinations to increase your chances of being offered a place.

Results of Modules Taken Abroad and Conversions

Module results from a semester abroad count towards a student’s programme in the same way as modules studied at Queen Mary. However, there will normally be a rescaling and/or reweighting process to bring credits and marks into line with Queen Mary standards. These conversion arrangements will be approved by the Senate or its delegated authority (the Education Quality and Standards Board) and subject to periodic review.

By submitting, an application to study abroad you acknowledge that marking/grading schemes used at partner institutions are different to those used at Queen Mary and your grades/marks may be subject to conversion, rescaling and weighting to bring them into line with equivalent marks and results awarded by Queen Mary. Students are required to obtain the conversion scales and information for their destination university prior to going on exchange. These can be found on the Global Opportunities webpages. Any questions or concerns should be raised prior to the period of exchange.

While studying for a semester abroad, a student is subject to the regulations and policies of the host institution. This includes reassessment; some institutions do not offer resits, and in those cases a student will have only one attempt to pass the modules.

Separate arrangements apply where a period of study abroad is a compulsory, integrated part of a programme of study. In such cases, a student shall normally be transferred to the version of the programme with no study abroad period in the event of failure, without an opportunity for resits/retakes unless these are provided under the regulations of the host institution. The requirement to pass a year abroad of this type shall be to take 120 and pass a minimum of 105 Queen Mary academic credits, and to achieve a minimum year average mark of 40.0. Individual programme regulations may specify alternative arrangements.