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SSI3018 Employment Experience Abroad

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Things to consider

- Why do you want to work abroad?
- What do you hope to gain from the experience?
- Where do you want to go?
- What do you want to do – something related to your field of study or completely different?
- How would you like to benefit both personally and in terms of your career?

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Where can you go?

Anywhere!*

(*terms and conditions apply)

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What will I do?

- Should be paid employment
- Does not have to be related to your degree
- Should be for a minimum of 28 weeks

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Where are our students now?

- Hellenic Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Greece
- Hellenic Ministry of Agriculture, Greece
- Austrian Ministry of Defence and Sport, Austria
- SEK International Schools, Spain
- Retail Partners Europe, Spain
- IBM, Germany
- International Alliance of Women, Greece

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Is my programme eligible?

- Degree programmes must belong to the department of Politics or SPA
- If your programme is outside one of these departments, consider FCH
- Joint Honours students whose 'home' department is Humanities should take the HUMS Employment Experience Abroad modules.

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Finding a placement

- Responsible for finding your own placement
- SSIS Work Abroad team and Global Employability Team can assist

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Erasmus+ work placement Europe

- A work placement (traineeship) can be sourced through:
- [Career Zone](#)
- Independent research and/or contacts – start with the Global Employability Website
- To meet Erasmus+ requirements your placement must be of 35 hours a week, a minimum of 60 days long (most are 4-10 months)
- You need to be on placement(s) for at least 28 weeks/7 months
- You can do multiple placements in one country or even different countries

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Erasmus+ work programme

- Placements available in any eligible EU country
- Non-repayable [Erasmus grant](#)
 - All Home/EU students are eligible without means-testing
 - Approx. €430 per month for high cost of living countries
 - Approx. €380 per month for lower cost of living countries

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Working outside the EU

- You can undertake placements in other countries but visas can be more difficult to secure and the placements are subject to more rigorous checks from a H&S perspective
- Placement opportunities can be found on [My Career Zone](#)
- You can split your year between Erasmus/non-Erasmus placements

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How do I find a placement?

- View jobs on [My Career Zone](#)
- Visit [“How to find work”](#) section on the Global Employability webpages
- Use your contacts and be open to all possibilities
- Research the country using the Global Employability website and [Country Profiles](#)
 - Particularly research business and work culture. Expat websites/Globalgraduates are useful
- Come along to my workshop during [Global Showcase Week](#) for more advice!

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Application advice and support

- Have your UK CV and cover letter reviewed by the [Career Zone](#) before starting work on creating international application materials
- Most international jobs require a CV and cover letter in both languages – ensure you [format these correctly](#) for each country
- Book a [Global Appointment](#) to have your application checked

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Money

- Same financial considerations of cost as with Study Abroad- VISAs, travel, insurance etc.
- Fees to Exeter: £1385 if ERASMUS+, £1850 if non-ERASMUS+
- ERASMUS+ still applicable if you are working in an eligible country (for 2018/19 at least!)
- Student finance will still apply

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Formative Assessments

- In Week 2, you must email the module convenor the following:
- 1000 word Placement Proposal Essay
- Approx. 750 word Curriculum Vitae

Summative Assessments

- The Year Abroad Mark is a weighted average of the results of:
 - 35%- 5x 5 minute interview response videos- March 2019 (ELE)
 - 50% - 2000 Word Reflective Essay-June 2019 (eBART)
 - 15%- Updated Curriculum Vitae- June 2019 (eBART)

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Year Abroad and Degree Classification

- Year Abroad weighting: 1/7 of your final degree classification
- Your degree will be calculated on the following ratio between your 2nd, 3rd and 4th year:

2 : 1 : 4

(approx. 25% : 15% : 60%)

Your Year Abroad is an important part of your studies, but it is your **final year** that will have the **highest impact on your degree classification.**

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Module Timeline

- 2:1 or higher in first year. Maintain a good academic performance in your second year. If you fail any modules, you will not be able to work abroad!
- Same timescales as Study Abroad – registration open today on My Career Zone
- No limit on places

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What comes next?

- Expression of Interest form submitted through My Career Zone before **22nd December**
- Start looking at placements and internships now- lots advertised on MCZ
- You can only apply to EITHER Study Abroad or Work Abroad- not both!

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Questions?

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