

“If you have any concerns about missing out on what your friends at home are doing or not settling in, do not let this stop you from applying for the exchange. I can confidently say that my student exchange was one of, if not the best experience of my life so far and I will never forget it, and I am extremely grateful for the opportunity.”

Elliott Flockhart, BSc Geography
Exchange at National University of
Singapore, Singapore

Summer Schools

There are a number of overseas Summer Schools that we promote on behalf of our partners and we have a special Summer School section on our website where you can see what opportunities are available.

Summer school programmes give students the chance to complete a shorter period of study abroad, normally four weeks over the summer break. Some of these programmes entitle University of Southampton students to a full or partial fee waiver as part of our international agreements.

Please note that these do not carry any transferable credit but do offer an important International experience within your degree if a semester or year abroad is not a viable option for you. If you participate in one of the opportunities listed on our website you will also be eligible for our £500 Southampton Opportunity Scholarship.

Social Media and Blogs

We have a dedicated blog site for all University of Southampton students to write for when they are out on exchange. Read it to see what our current students are up to!

<http://studyoverseas.soton.ac.uk/>

We also connect with students and colleagues on Facebook and Twitter. Like and follow our pages to get the latest updates.

www.facebook.com/sotonabroad

www.twitter.com/sotonabroad

www.instagram.com/sotonabroad

www.youtube.com/sotoncomms

 **Find out more:**
www.southampton.ac.uk/studyexchange

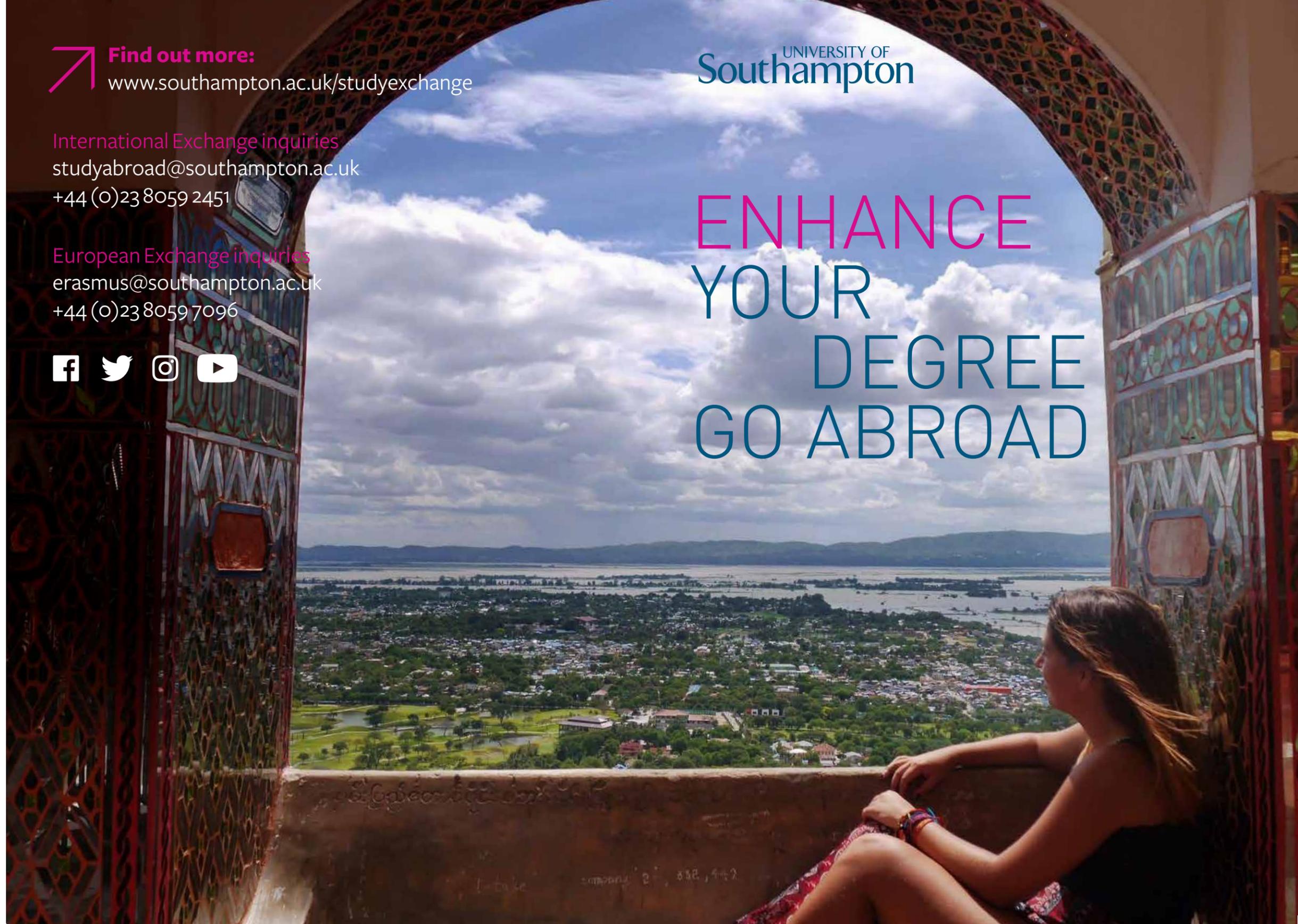
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The University of Southampton is a truly international University which offers opportunities to study and work abroad as part of our degree programmes.

The University of Southampton offers undergraduate and postgraduate students the opportunity to study abroad as part of their degree. These opportunities are available at our partner institutions across the globe. Studying abroad is a fantastic way to broaden your cultural horizons, enhance your personal development and add an international dimension to your CV.

Studying abroad is not only for students who can speak a foreign language as many of our partner Universities either teach in English or are based in English-speaking countries. Students are able to access additional language classes alongside their academic studies. Take a look at the Lifelong Learning website to see which courses are currently available:

 **Find out more:**
www.southampton.ac.uk/lifelonglearning/modern_languages/index.page?

Financial Considerations

You will continue to pay your tuition fees to Southampton and none to the host institution but as a budget starting point, you should factor in the following: cost of health insurance, visas, flights, accommodation, as well as food, local transport and social events.

University-wide Exchange Programmes

The University of Southampton is proud to offer University-wide exchange programmes at a number of high-ranking partner institutions. These exchanges are open to students of any academic discipline, providing that the study is approved by their tutor. We are proud to partner with several Universities in Australia and East Asia and hope to grow this programme as part of our internationalisation strategy.

Subject-Specific Exchange Programmes

In addition to the University-wide exchanges, students have many study abroad opportunities open to them according to their degree programme. These include Universities both within and outside of Europe.

Work Placements Abroad

There are many degree programmes that offer the opportunity for a work placement overseas. Please speak with your tutor for more information.

“To really experience the world is to see it, be it Australia or anywhere else, but I am as sure as anything that this semester exchange is and will remain to be one of the best periods I have. I can only encourage anyone else to grab at the chance. It really is a once in a lifetime experience!”

Pyotr Kurzin, BSc Population and Geography Exchange at the University of Adelaide, Australia



“The travel bug is real - plenty of people love to travel on their year abroad and I’m no exception! I’ve climbed waterfalls, partied under the full moon, and met elephants in Thailand; watched hot air balloon sunrise in Myanmar; released a sky lantern in Taiwan; seen giant pandas in China; kayaked in Vietnam; and visited more Buddhas and temples than I’ve ever seen in my life.”

Hay-Ching Tang, LLB (Hons) International Legal Studies (4 years)
Exchange at The University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong

FEES, FUNDING AND SCHOLARSHIPS FOR STUDY AND WORK ABROAD

Student Finance

Regardless of whether you are studying or working abroad as part of your degree, you are still entitled to support from Student Finance. This includes both your tuition fee loan and maintenance grant. Additional support is also available for students who qualify for means-tested loans.

 **Find out more:**
www.gov.uk/student-finance-register-login

Tuition Fees

When you participate in an exchange programme, no fees are paid to the partner institution but you will still have to pay some fees to the University of Southampton. The amount you are charged is based on the time you spend studying abroad. Please see our Fees and Funding page for more information.

www.southampton.ac.uk/uni-life/fees-funding/exchange-fees-funding.page

Erasmus Student Mobility Grant

Whilst we are still part of the Erasmus+ programme students studying at one of our European partners or working in Europe as part of their degree can benefit

from an EU-funded mobility grant. This grant is based on the number of weeks spent studying or working abroad and is supplementary to any maintenance loans. Extra financial support is available from the Erasmus scheme for students from low income households or students with disabilities.

Southampton Opportunity Scholarship

A scholarship of at least £500 will be available to every student participating in a non-Erasmus exchange programme as part of their degree. This also includes participation in an overseas Summer School Experience.

External Scholarships

There are other scholarships external to the University which students may be eligible to apply for. We regularly update this information on our website and include it in pre-departure support.

 **Find out more:**
www.southampton.ac.uk/uni-life/fees-funding/exchange-fees-funding.page#funding

SUPPORT BEFORE, DURING AND AFTER YOUR TIME ABROAD

Exchange Coordinators and the International Office

Each Academic Unit has its own dedicated Exchange Coordinator who supports students throughout their exchange. This includes advising students on partner universities, supporting them through the application process and helping them choose their modules. In addition to the academic member of staff, each Academic Unit has an exchange administrator in the student office to advise on practical administrative matters.

The teams in each Academic Unit are supported by the Study Abroad and Exchange Team in the International Office. This central team supports all exchange and study abroad activity across the University including advising students, giving pre-departure support and working with students upon their return.

Support for Disabled Students

Students with disabilities are able to access additional support through Enabling Services. Students are encouraged to discuss their needs with Enabling Services as soon as possible before their period of study or work abroad.
www.southampton.ac.uk/edusupport/

Accommodation – Home and Away

The University of Southampton invites students returning from a semester or year abroad to apply for halls of residence. Whilst accommodation cannot be guaranteed, best endeavours will be used to try and accommodate returning students.
www.southampton.ac.uk/accommodation/

For those students who wish to organise private rented accommodation, support with housing

contracts is accessible through SUSU. The accommodation service is also able to give advice.
www.susu.org/help-and-support

Whilst students are on exchange, accommodation options are based on what the partner institution is able to offer. Some partners can offer accommodation in University residences, whilst others may not and students will have to look for private rented accommodation when they arrive. Students are advised to look at the partner institution’s accommodation arrangements as part of their preliminary research into their study abroad options.

Insurance

The University of Southampton will be able to provide comprehensive travel insurance to all students undertaking an approved placement overseas at no extra cost. However if you are travelling to USA, Canada or Australia there will be additional cover that you will need to purchase at your own cost. Please contact us for more details on how to apply.

Language Opportunity

Whilst many of our exchange partners teach in English, should you wish to learn another language to assist you in your exchange the Southampton Language Opportunity provides you with the opportunity to study a language free of charge, alongside your degree programme. The scheme is funded by the Southampton Opportunity and managed by Modern Languages. For more information email language_opportunity@soton.ac.uk
www.southampton.ac.uk/language_opportunity

“I will be forever changed by my time in Sweden and I firmly believe that studying abroad is one of the best experiences that university enables you to have.”

Maxwell Phillips, MEng Aeronautics & Astronautics Exchange at the University of Linköping, Sweden