PARENTS' GUIDE

Key information guiding you through your child's journey to study abroad.



At Northumbria, we are fully aware of how influential and supportive you are in helping your child seek new opportunities to benefit their university experience. To support you, we have created a pocket guide full of frequently asked questions to give you an insight into the student's journey to study abroad.

9% who go abroad are more likely to gain a 1st or 2:1 degree

Universities UK International 'go international' report

24% who go abroad are less likely to be unemployed

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5% who go abroad are higher wage earners six months after graduation

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9% who go abroad more likely to be in 'graduate' jobs six months after graduation

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'I went from getting an average of 65% in first & second year, to achieving 77% in my final year and subsequently in my degree overall. Graduating with a First Class Honours degree.'

> Louise Waters, 2017 Graduate of International Business Management

'Studying abroad proved to be life-changing for Louise. Her independence, maturity and confidence soared as a result of the challenges she faced and overcame, and experiencing and adapting to a different culture has enabled her to view things from new, invaluable perspectives. Obviously there were some difficult times along the way, but the Study Abroad Team were always there, unwavering in their dedication and support... which was very reassuring to know, as a parent. Louise was very lucky to have had this amazing opportunity and experience, which will stay with her forever.'

> Kate Maddison, Mother of Louise Waters

PARENT FAQ'S

How much will it cost me?

Students eligible for a student loan will still be eligible for the loan and depending on circumstances the maintenance loan tends to increase up to 1.5x more. The tuition fee decreases to 15% of the tuition fee (e.g. £9250 would decrease to £1387.50) and only living costs would need to be paid when on exchange. There is a UK Travel grant which covers anything to do with travel (flights, insurance, visas etc) over £303 can be claimed back.

Do you find my child's accommodation?

Our team does not find accommodation for the students. The host university would support in finding something for your child and we can also put the student in touch with students who have previously been out on the study abroad programme.

Where can my child study abroad?

This will depend on their programme of study, our EU partnerships are generally linked department to department, while our non-EU partners are mostly University-wide which means that any student from any eligible degree programme can study there as long as they can find sufficient courses/modules to support their Northumbria studies. Please see our website for further details.

When can my child study abroad?

Again, this depends on their programme of study. Students will usually study abroad in their 3rd (sandwich) year before returning to Northumbria for their final year. The majority of our Business students (with the exception of accredited programmes such as Marketing Management, Human Resource Management and Accounting) can also study abroad in the 2nd semester of their second year, as well as during their sandwich year.

How safe is it?

A university staff member has visited all of our partner universities. We also hold pre-departure briefings with students covering a range of information including how to stay safe whilst abroad. All prospective partners are risk assessed and daily monitoring of locations is done by the study abroad team

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