Guide to Choosing Modules

This guide will help you to select modules for study during your time at Liverpool.

We know that this can be a daunting prospect and so we have included detailed information on how to find the right modules for you, how to input them in your application and what happens next.

We hope you find this guide useful and look forward to welcoming you!

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Study Abroad at the University of Liverpool

Study Abroad students at the University of Liverpool have access to a wide range of modules across our departments. The majority of modules are worth 15 or 30 Liverpool credits: you can take a **minimum of 45 credits and a maximum of 60 credits per semester** while studying with us. When selecting modules, ensure that:

- ✓ Your choices are approved by your home University
- ✓ Erasmus students: at least 50% of your modules are from the subject area listed on your learning agreement
- ✓ You are eligible for the course

The University is divided into three faculties which house our academic schools and departments:

Faculty of Health and Life Sciences

Institute of Life and Human Sciences

School of Life Sciences
Anatomy and Human Biology
Biochemistry
Bioveterinary Science
Genetics
Human Psychology
Microbiology
Pharmacology
Tropical Disease Biology
Zoology

School of Psychology
Psychology

Institute of Veterinary Sciences

Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences

School of the Arts
Architecture
Communications and Media
English
Music
Philosophy

School of Histories, Languages and Cultures
Archaeology, Classics and Egyptology
History
Irish Studies
Modern Languages and Cultures
Politics

School of Law and Social Justice
Law
Sociology, Social Policy and Criminology

University of Liverpool Management School
Accounting and Finance
Business Economics
Business Management
Economics
International Business
Marketing

Faculty of Science and Engineering

School of Electrical Engineering, Electronics and Computer Science
Computer Science
Electrical Engineering and Electronics

School of Engineering
Aerospace
Architectural
Civil
Industrial Design

School of Environmental Sciences
Earth, Ocean and Ecological Sciences
Geography and Planning

School of Physical Sciences
Chemistry
Mathematical Sciences
Physics

Understanding this guide: glossary of terms

Module: At the University of Liverpool a unit of study is referred to as a **module**. A course refers to someone's degree of study; i.e. someone may take an Economics *module* as part of their wider Business related *course.*

Credits: While studying at Liverpool you will earn transferrable *credits* to take back to your home University. Whilst at Liverpool you must be enrolled on a minimum of 45 *credits* and a maximum of 60. 60 Liverpool credits are equivalent to 30 ECTS. You should list a minimum of 90 credits on your application in order to have **back ups.**

International Opportunities Advisor (IOA): Each academic department has an IOA who will review your module selections in Mobility Online. They will **approve** or **reject** your choices based on your academic transcript and the pre-requisites of the module. If your choice is **rejected** you may need to make further choices; see page 7 for more details.

Level: You can tell what year of study a module is from by looking at its **module code** which tells you its **level.** Study Abroad students are generally recommended to take level 4-6 modules.

Level	Module Code starts with	Year of Study
4	1	1st
5	2	2nd
6	3	3rd (final year)
7	4 and 5	Postgraduate (Masters)

For example, POLI208 is a **second year module.**

Semester The academic year comprises two semesters. Semester 1 takes place between September and January. Semester 2 starts in late January and finishes in June. When selecting modules ensure your choice takes place in the **correct semester**; you will be rejected for any modules not offered in your semester of study.

Pre-requisites Each module lists pre-requisites that you must have before enrolling on the course. This could be prior experience in the subject area or a specific course that you must have taken the equivalent of at your home university. **Do not apply** for modules for which you do not have the pre-requisites.
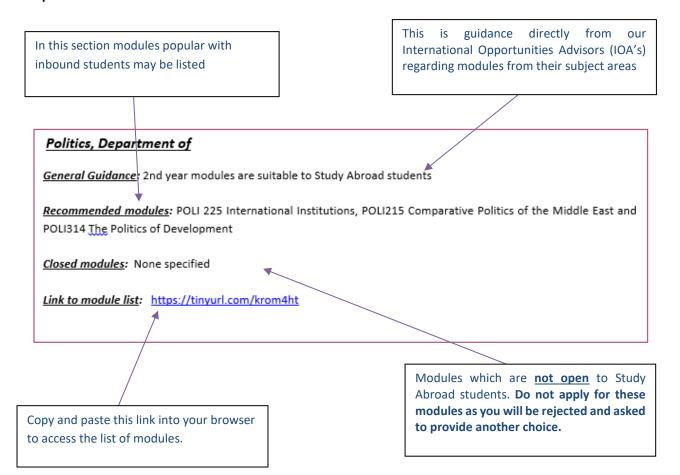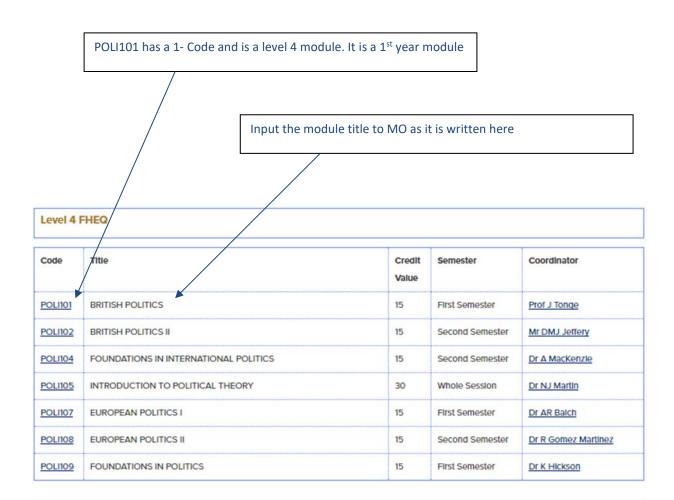
How to use this guide

- In the Guide you will find each school or department listed alphabetically. Read the guidance closely and then **copy and paste** the link into your browser. You will then have access to the full list of modules available.
- **Using the guidance,** identify modules for which you are eligible, would like to study and are approved by your home university and input the module code and title into your Mobility Online application.
- Your modules will then be subject to academic approval by our International Opportunities Advisors. You **cannot be issued an offer** until you have been approved for at least 45 credits. Therefore we advise you to list **at least 90 credits** worth of modules so that you have back ups should you not be approved for your first choices.

PLEASE NOTE: List your modules in Mobility Online in <u>order of preference</u>. Where possible you will be registered for the first 60 credits for which you are approved but this is <u>not guaranteed</u> due to unforeseen timetabling and availability issues. Therefore you should list <u>back-up modules</u> to ensure you access modules you need to study.

Departmental information is listed like this:

In this section modules popular with inbound students may be listed

This is guidance directly from our International Opportunities Advisors (IOA's) regarding modules from their subject areas

Politics, Department of

General Guidance: 2nd year modules are suitable to Study Abroad students

Recommended modules: POLI 225 International Institutions, POLI215 Comparative Politics of the Middle East and POLI314 The Politics of Development

Closed modules: None specified

Link to module list: https://tinyurl.com/krom4ht

Copy and paste this link into your browser to access the list of modules.

Modules which are **not open** to Study Abroad students. **Do not apply for these modules as you will be rejected and asked to provide another choice.**

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POLI101 has a 1- Code and is a level 4 module. It is a 1st year module

Input the module title to MO as it is written here

Level 4 FHEQ

Code	Title	Credit Value	Semester	Coordinator
POLI101	BRITISH POLITICS	15	First Semester	Prof J Tonge
POLI102	BRITISH POLITICS II	15	Second Semester	Mr DMJ Jeffery
POLI104	FOUNDATIONS IN INTERNATIONAL POLITICS	15	Second Semester	Dr A MacKenzie
POLI105	INTRODUCTION TO POLITICAL THEORY	30	Whole Session	Dr NJ Martin
POLI107	EUROPEAN POLITICS I	15	First Semester	Dr AR Balch
POLI108	EUROPEAN POLITICS II	15	Second Semester	Dr R Gomez Martinez
POLI109	FOUNDATIONS IN POLITICS	15	First Semester	Dr K Hickson

Level 5 FHEQ

Code	Title	Credit Value	Semester	Coordinator
IRIS215	THE POLITICS OF RELIGION: CONFLICT AND RECONCILIATION	15	First Semester	Dr MC Power
IRIS220	THE TRANSFORMATION OF IRELAND 1923-2000	15	Second Semester	Dr KA Bean
POLI205	American Politics and Society	15	First Semester	Prof DP Dolowitz
POLI208	ASPECTS OF MEDIA AND POLITICS	15	Second Semester	Dr NT Gavin
POLI209	INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL ECONOMY	15	Second Semester	Dr NDM Lees

See here for the number of credits per module.

See here which semester the module takes place in. **You should only choose modules from the semester(s) you are studying in Liverpool.**

Frequently Asked Questions

Can I take any module from any department?
Erasmus+ students should take 50% of their modules from the subject area of their learning agreement. Beyond this you are free to take a selection of modules but it is **your responsibility** to ensure the credits will be transferrable to your home university. Furthermore, ensure you meet the **pre-requisites** for the module.

I have core modules essential to my degree progression; can I study these at Liverpool?
We **do not** advise that you take core modules while studying abroad, as we cannot guarantee module availability. We would advise you to study elective or optional modules with us to ensure you get your preferred choices and can transfer credit back home.

The link to the departmental web page isn't working, what do I do?
Copy and paste the link from this Guide to your browser. If you continue to encounter problems please email erasmus@liv.ac.uk

How many credits can I take?
In order to study with us you must be enrolled on a minimum of **45 Liverpool credits.** You can study a maximum of **60 Liverpool credits.** Remember however to list more modules on your application (see next point).

Once my modules are approved are they guaranteed?
Due to timetabling and class sizes we **cannot guarantee** that you will be registered for your approved classes exactly as they appear on your offer letter. You should therefore list **at least 90 credits** worth of modules **in order of preference** to give yourself back-up choices. Where possible, you will be registered for your **first 60 approved credits.**

How long will it take to receive an offer once I have inputted my module choices?
We work with our academic colleagues to get your modules approved as soon as possible. At peak times there may be a delay and thank you for your patience in the interim.

I have been approved for less than 45 credits, what should I do?
If you are registered for less than 45 credits you will receive an email asking you to select further module choices. Use this Guide to select your further choices and email them to **erasmus@liv.ac.uk**

Can I see the class times for my modules?
You will be able to access your timetable shortly before the start of the semester. The central timetables are not finalised until this time.

I have received an offer but have changed my mind; can I change my modules?
After you have received an offer your next opportunity to edit your module choices is within the first 2 weeks of the semester. We explain this thoroughly in Orientation.

Academic Schools/Departments open to inbound Study Abroad students

Archaeology, Classics and Egyptology (ACE), Department of

General Guidance: Access to some language modules (e.g. Greek, Latin) depend on the level of previous experience. You must have completed appropriate courses/classes in the language at your home university if you want to do higher level (2nd year or above) language modules.

If you do not have any experience with the language in question, you should take 1st year modules.

You should also check the pre-requisites for non-language modules carefully. 2nd and 3rd year modules may require detailed subject knowledge. If you do not have this, you should choose a 1st year module.

Recommended modules: None specified

Closed modules: ALGY211, HLAC211, HLAC212, ALGY450 and CLAH450

Link to module list: https://tinyurl.com/y9y8868r

Architecture, School of

General Guidance: Study Abroad students are strongly advised to begin their period of study in Architecture in Semester One. It is required that you upload your portfolio with your latest work to be vetted by the academic. Incoming Students wishing to take 3rd year modules only, will be offered the same core modules as Liverpool students, with no choice or options. For those exchanging into 4th year (i.e. MArch level), the options are similarly limited to the 'standard' set that Liverpool students take.

In Semester 1 the modules will be that of all 4th year MArch student. In Semester 2 it is recommended Practice Management and Law (ARCH405) is replaced with either ARCH311 or ARCH 371.

It may be possible for PG students with an appropriate level of applicable prior study to exchange onto a module from our MA/MSc Architecture programmes https://www.liverpool.ac.uk/study/postgraduate-taught/courses/taught/departments/index.php?department=architecture or http://www.malsa.org.uk/?page_id=107

Recommended modules: None specified

Closed modules: Please note that modules from MA Architecture (postgraduate Masters) and MArch are not available to undergraduate 4th year Incoming Study Abroad students. For those exchanging to 4th year, the options are similarly limited to the 'standard' set that home students take:
Semester 1: ARCH401, ARCH402 and ARCH407
Semester 2: ARCH403, ARCH404, plus ARCH311, ARCH371 if studying for one semester only

Link to module list: https://tinyurl.com/y7u4e453

Chemistry, Department of

General Guidance: All modules listed are available to Study Abroad students except the closed modules listed below. However, we recommend students to choose modules from the same year of study (i.e. all 2nd year) to avoid any timetable clashes. For example, choosing a combination of modules from Year 2 & 3 usually results in timetable clashes.

CHEM356 and CHEM366 modules are available to students who have completed Year 2 or above. Students who wish to take CHEM356/CHEM366 module must submit a statement describing their research interests by mid-November. The information about the Chemistry research groups is available via https://www.liverpool.ac.uk/chemistry/research/ .

Recommended modules: None specified

Closed modules: CHEM210, CHEM309, CHEM350, CHEM360, CHEM390, CHEM480, CHEM495, PGS003 and PGSC004.

Link to module list: https://tinyurl.com/ycnp8gfx

Communication and Media, Department of

General Guidance: First year or final year modules are usually not open to Study Abroad students.

Recommended modules: None specified

Closed modules: COMM225, COMM230 and All 1st, 3rd year and Masters (400 code) modules are closed to Study Abroad students

Link to module list: https://tinyurl.com/mw797dl

Computer Science, Department of

General Guidance: Some modules at Masters level need to be discussed on a case by case basis with the Departmental Study Abroad Co-ordinator.

Recommended modules: None specified

Closed modules: COMP284, COMP299, COMP390, COMP391, COMP392, COMP393, COMP394, COMP395 and COMP394.

Link to module list: https://tinyurl.com/k9kpl5b

Earth, Ocean & Ecological, Department of

General Guidance: Incoming students will normally join a cohort of students and have the same compulsory and optional modules as local students.

A number of our modules involve field classes ranging in duration from local day visits through to long duration overseas visits. Incoming Study Abroad students wishing to take a module involving a field class element will be required to make a contribution towards the cost of the class, which can range from a few pounds for a day-visit, through to c. £1,500 for two-weeks in Singapore. The exact cost associated with a given field class activity can be provided on request (as they change year-to-year). Depending on your country of origin you may need a visa for international field classes

Recommended modules: None specified

Closed modules: None specified except for Masters-level Year 4 modules, which are only open to students with three-years of prior undergraduate study in Geoscience.

Link to module list: https://tinyurl.com/n2f6mpz

Electrical Engineering & Electronics, Department of

General Guidance: You should choose suitable 2nd or 3rd year modules (e.g. ELEC270 and ELEC311). Students should have completed pre-requisite modules in their home Universities.

Recommended modules: None specified

Closed modules: All 1st year modules and ELEC222, ELEC224, ELEC273, ELEC299, ELEC340, ELEC440, ELEC450, ELEC460, ELEC483, ELEC498 and ELEC499 are closed to Study Abroad students. Masters level modules can only be taken with your Home University's consent.

Link to module list: https://tinyurl.com/ivndzzl

Engineering, School of

General Guidance: You should choose 2nd or 3rd year modules.

Recommended modules: None specified

Closed modules: All 1st year modules and all Pilot Studies modules are closed to study abroad students

Link to module list: https://tinyurl.com/ybuhonj7

English, Department of

General Guidance: Should students wish to take any year 2 and/or Year 3 Literature modules in the School of English, the student should have taken at least <u>one</u> module related to the study of literature at their home university. Should students wish to take any year 2 and/or year 3 language modules in the Department of English, the student should have taken at least <u>one</u> module in the study of Language at their home university. A high level of English language competency (including oral and written English) is expected for all modules in the English department.

<u>Please note that ENGL400: Language and Gender is a third year module and is available to Study Abroad students.</u>

Recommended modules: None specified

Closed modules: Work Experience and Dissertation modules

Link to module list: https://tinyurl.com/yd4xp7c6

English Module for Erasmus+ Students

Please note: This module is **not** part of the School of English

General Guidance: This module is available for Erasmus+ students who have a CEFR B2 only. The module aim is to improve academic English language and study skills and knowledge of contemporary British life and culture. You should apply before you arrive as space is limited.

Module available: ENGL108 (15 credits)

Closed modules: This module is only open to students coming on exchange from European Universities.

Link to module description:: https://www.liverpool.ac.uk/english-language-centre/in-sessional-support/erasmus/

Geography and Planning, Department of

General Guidance:
As a guide, all of our Level 2 and 3 modules are normally available to Study Abroad students, subject to their prior education having covered material equivalent to that of any stated module pre-requisites. (Continued next page)

A number of our modules involve field classes ranging in duration from local day visits through to long duration overseas visits. Incoming Study Abroad students wishing to take a module involving a field class element will be required to make a contribution towards the cost of the class, which can range from a few pounds for a day-visit, through to c. £1,500 for two-weeks in Canada. The exact cost associated with a given field class activity can be provided on request (as they change year-to-year). Depending on your country of origin you may need a visa for international field classes.

Recommended modules:
Geography: None specified
Planning (Civic Design): None specified

Closed Modules:
Geography: ENVS321/ENVS323, ENVS203. M-level modules are only open to students with three-years of prior undergraduate study in Geography. Certain Geography modules, including ENVS 228/380 Lorca/Iceland, would not be available as run before the start of Semester.

Planning (Civic Design): ENVS289, ENVS378, ENVS302, ENVS494. Masters level modules are only open to students with three-years of prior undergraduate study.

Link to module list: https://tinyurl.com/y9d6sphy

History, Department of

General Guidance: Level 2 and 3 modules are available to Study Abroad students

Recommended modules: None specified

Closed modules: All 1st year modules, 30 credit 2nd and 3rd year modules, HIST269, HIST277, HIST393, HIST394, HIST396 and HIST320

Link to module list: https://tinyurl.com/kdukwp3

Irish Studies, Institute of

General Guidance: Most Irish modules are available to Study Abroad students

Recommended modules: None specified

Closed modules: IRIS310 and IRIS400

Link to module list: https://tinyurl.com/yb8yk6h4

Law, School of

General Guidance: There are no restrictions for Study Abroad students within the undergraduate curriculum. They can choose any module from the LLB course, subject to the applicable pre-requisites as established in module specifications. However, their choices remain subject to possible module cancellations, which are only confirmed at the end of Week 2 of each semester.

Recommended modules: Modules at level 1 and 2 are recommended for those students with a limited background in law. LAW353 and LAW354 are recommended for students with an interest in International Law. If you are interested in Human Rights Law, LAW362, LAW372 and LAW380 would be of interest to you. There are a number of modules available to those of you who are interested in commercial law as an areas of study - LAW029, LAW317, LAW318, LAW330.

Closed modules:
All Laureate modules beginning LLAWxxx
All LLM modules (modules beginning LAW5XX
All Cayman Islands modules (modules beginning LAW8XX) and LAW304

Link to module list: https://tinyurl.com/yadqcwsa

Life Sciences, School of

General Guidance: No specific guidelines – each application is considered individually. Students may select LIFE coded modules from Levels 1, 2 and 3, depending on their academic background and interest. Students should be aware that many modules normally have pre-requisite modules. There is also a risk that there may be timetable clashes between modules at the different levels.

Please note LIFE219, LIFE218 and LIFE220 have very limited availability

Recommended modules: None specified.

Closed modules: LIFE109, LIFE111 LIFE116, LIFE124, LIFE222, LIFE223, LIFE235, LIFE241, LIFE301, LIFE308, LIFE310, LIFE319, LIFE325, LIFE331, LIFE333, LIFE341, LIFE355, LIFE357, LIFE371, LIFE347, LIFE363 and PHAR660

Link to module list: https://tinyurl.com/y9lhlq8t

Management School (ULMS)

General Guidance: Students should read the guidance provided in the available modules list using the web link below. Students who are majoring in business related subjects at their home university are able to take up to a maximum of 4 modules per semester in the management school. Students who are not studying business related subjects at their home university may only choose up to a maximum of 2 modules per semester. Changes to modules can be made within the first two weeks of each semester, however, it is students' responsibility to ensure that they have the approval of their home university before making such changes. Please ensure you only select modules that you have the pre-requisite study for; if you do not have the required level of study you will not be accepted onto the module. All module selections and changes are subject to timetabling availability

Recommended modules: None specified

Closed modules: All first year modules are closed to exchange students, with the exception of MKIB 153 "*Fundamentals of Marketing*" which is only available to Copenhagen Business School Students. All postgraduate modules are closed to exchange students.

Link to module list: https://tinyurl.com/y84u3zt7

Mathematical Sciences, Department of

General Guidance: Study Abroad students will normally take Level 2 and Level 3 modules, but where academically appropriate they can take Level 1 and Level 4 modules.

Recommended modules: Taking modules across levels will increase the possibility of timetable clashes

Closed modules: MATH270, MATH271, MATH272 and MATH291 are not available for Study Abroad students

Link to module list: https://tinyurl.com/ybfjo4su

Modern Languages and Cultures, Department of

The Department of Modern Languages and Cultures consists of the follow subject areas: **Basque, Catalan, Chinese, Film Studies, French, German, Italian, Portuguese, and Spanish.**

General Guidance: In MLC we offer a wide range of both language and culture modules. All of these are available to Study Abroad students, with the exception of the closed modules listed below. Applications are considered individually, and acceptance is based on prior experience and suitability. Students should bear in mind that they will usually need to have an appropriate level of competence in the target language (usually, B1/B2 and above) to be able to study materials in the original on cultural modules. Language modules at Liverpool are offered at 5 different levels, where the four letter prefix indicates the language and the final two digits of the code the language level (from 01 to 12). French (FREN) is used below as an example:

Beginner (A1/A1+): FREN101/102
Elementary (A2/A2+): FREN103/104
Intermediate (B1): FREN105/106
Advanced (B1+/B2): FREN207/208
Proficiency (C1/C2): FREN311/312

These modules are open to Study Abroad students with the appropriate prior language-learning experience. N.B. In some language areas modules are taught together at a faster pace: e.g. PORT112, CHIN256.

In the following languages, modules 112 and 134 will not normally be available to Study Abroad students: CHIN, FREN, GRMN, ITAL, SPAN.

Recommended modules:
None specified

Closed modules:
***All language areas*:** Language modules are <u>not</u> open to native speakers of that language. MODL307 and MODL312 are closed to Study Abroad students. MODL311 is open, though students must have C1/C2-level English.
Film Studies: FILM101 and FILM102
French: FREN114 and FILM116
German: GRMN127 and GRMN128
Hispanic Studies: HISP120 and HISP121
Italian: ITAL120 and ITAL121

Link to module list: **https://tinyurl.com/yd2bmwxj**

Music, Department of

General Guidance: Students wishing to register for modules in the Department of Music have a vast array of choices. Nonetheless, it is important to consider that some modules have pre-requisites. In some cases these are specific modules, and you have to demonstrate that you registered in a comparable module at your home institution. In other cases, they imply that the student has a certain level of proficiency in different areas. In either case you have to demonstrate that you have the relevant background in order to register to some modules. Therefore, before making you choices, please consider the following:

a) Modules in Classical music history, Analysis, and Composition require a good level of notational literacy;
b) Students wishing to take Performance modules should demonstrate a developed proficiency in one instrument or voice;
c) Second year modules in Music Technology need some basic music technology experience and third year modules will only be open to students with suitable prior experience;
d) Composition modules require some prior experience and students may be asked for further details to assess their suitability.
e) Anybody can do the first year modules, but they should know that for MUSI 109 they have to write music
f) Students wanting to study third year modules need to be checked carefully for some suitable prior experience

Recommended modules: None specified

Closed modules: Modules in research (including dissertation) run across the whole session (semesters one and two), and so may not be appropriate for Incoming Study Abroad students, although they may be available by negotiation to those students who will be present for the whole academic session.

MUSI309 Music Technology Projects

Link to module list: https://tinyurl.com/la45qkp

Physics, Department of

General Guidance: Applications are assessed on an individual basis

Recommended modules: None specified

Closed modules: None specified

Link to module list: https://tinyurl.com/y8kyaoy3

Philosophy, Department of

General Guidance: Year 2 modules are generally suitable for study abroad students, but PHIL207 (Logic) requires prior knowledge of symbolic logic. Choosing modules from both Year 1 and Year 2 may result in timetable clashes. Year 3 modules usually require a good background in Philosophy.

Recommended modules: None specified

Closed modules: None specified

Link to module list: https://tinyurl.com/kybcqlk

Politics, Department of

General Guidance: Year 2 and Year 3 modules are suitable to Study Abroad students. Please be aware that some modules have limited availability and places will be given on a first-come-first-served basis.

Recommended modules: POLI225 International Institutions, POLI222 Regimes and their Consequences, POLI223 Contemporary Populist Politics: Britain in Comparative Perspective, POLI328 EU as an International Actor, POLI349 Gender and Global Politics Women, Peace and Security, POLI307 Comparative and International Judicial Politics.

Closed modules: Year 1 modules, MA modules, POLI200, POLI339 and POLI401.

Link to module list: https://tinyurl.com/l84e4gc

Psychology, School of

General Guidance: The Incoming Study Abroad students can choose from the list of Level 2 and Level 3 modules on the website, with the exceptions listed below. Students without a Psychology background can choose Level 1 modules, again with the exceptions listed below. Level 2 and 3 modules will not be available to students that come from programmes other than Psychology.

Recommended modules: For students from a Psychology programme we recommend that they select Level 3 modules rather than Level 2.

Closed modules: Please note that Master modules (M level) are not available. The following modules are also closed: PSYC123, PSYC124/PSYC125, PSYC128, PSYC223, PSYC224/PSYC 225, PSYC310, PSYC330, PSYC340, PSYC343 and PSYC350

Link to module list: https://tinyurl.com/ybeyjnjc

Sociology, Social Policy & Criminology, Department of

General Guidance: Each application is considered individually

Recommended modules: Modules at level 1 and 2 are recommended for those students with a limited background in sociology and criminology. For students interested in criminology the modules SOCI252, SOCI308, SOCI319, SOCI323, SOCI341 and SOCI369 are recommended. For students who are undertaking programmes in the field of Geography or Architecture SOCI236 and SOCI372 may be of interest.

Closed modules: SOCI212, SOCI301, SOCI303, SOCI311, all Singapore based modules (**SOCS** modules) and Masters modules are closed to Study Abroad students

Link to module list: https://tinyurl.com/lo73gsc