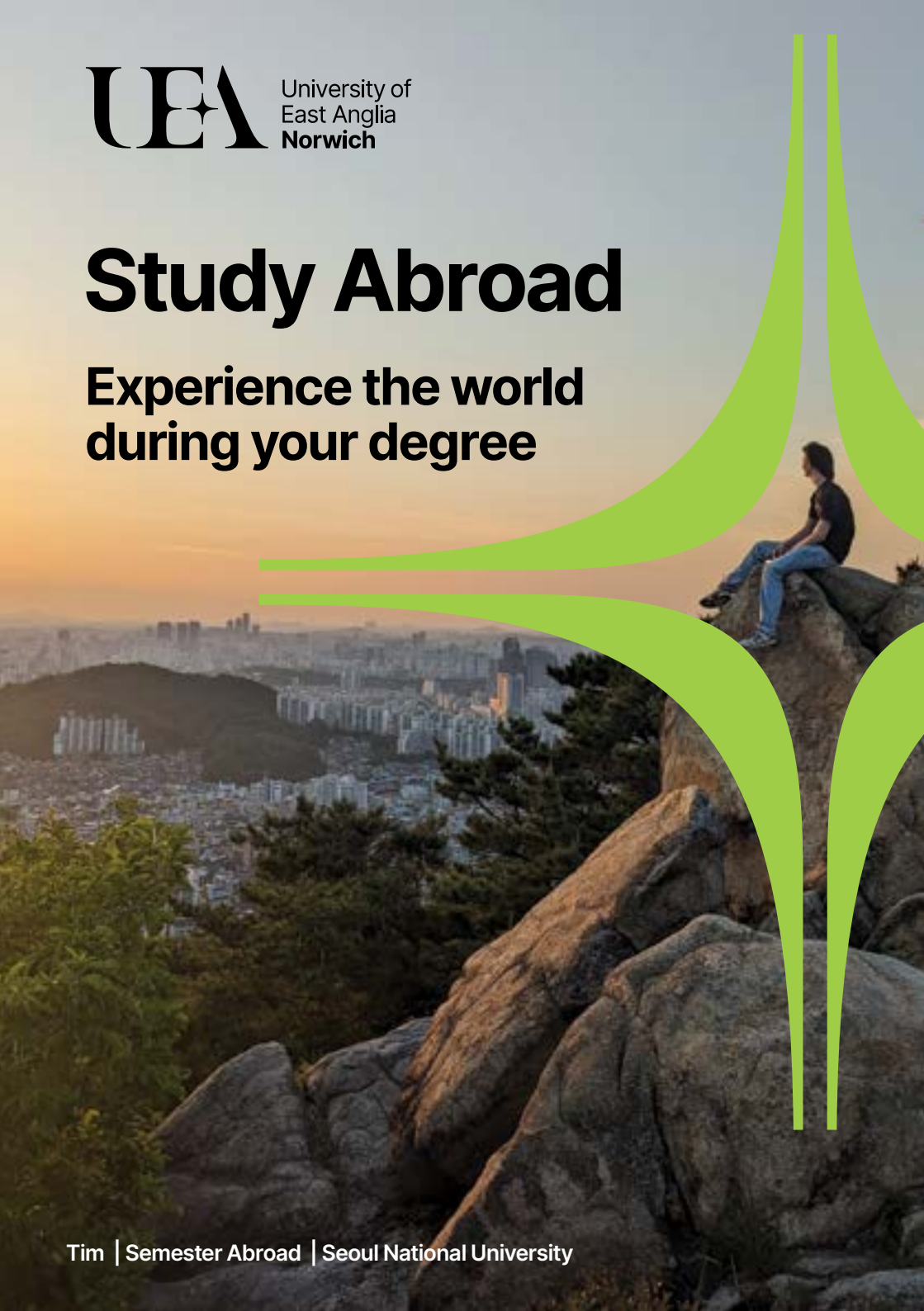


# Study Abroad

Experience the world  
during your degree






## Take the next step to independence

### with our established exchange programme

- Experience a new culture
- Build on your academic experience
- No tuition fees at the university abroad
- Be a standout graduate
- Make a different country your home
- Become more globally aware
- Build confidence and resilience
- Make lifelong friends



**“At risk of sounding unbearably cliché, it is tricky to know how to summarise the best year of my life.”**

James – American Studies,  
Year Abroad in New Mexico

## Gain a new perspective

Studying abroad is an incredible addition to your degree and gives you both personal and professional benefits.

With options from a year abroad, a semester abroad, or a shorter programme, there are many ways you can choose to study in another country during your degree.

We offer a diverse range of opportunities and experiences and will support you to find the best location and programme for you.

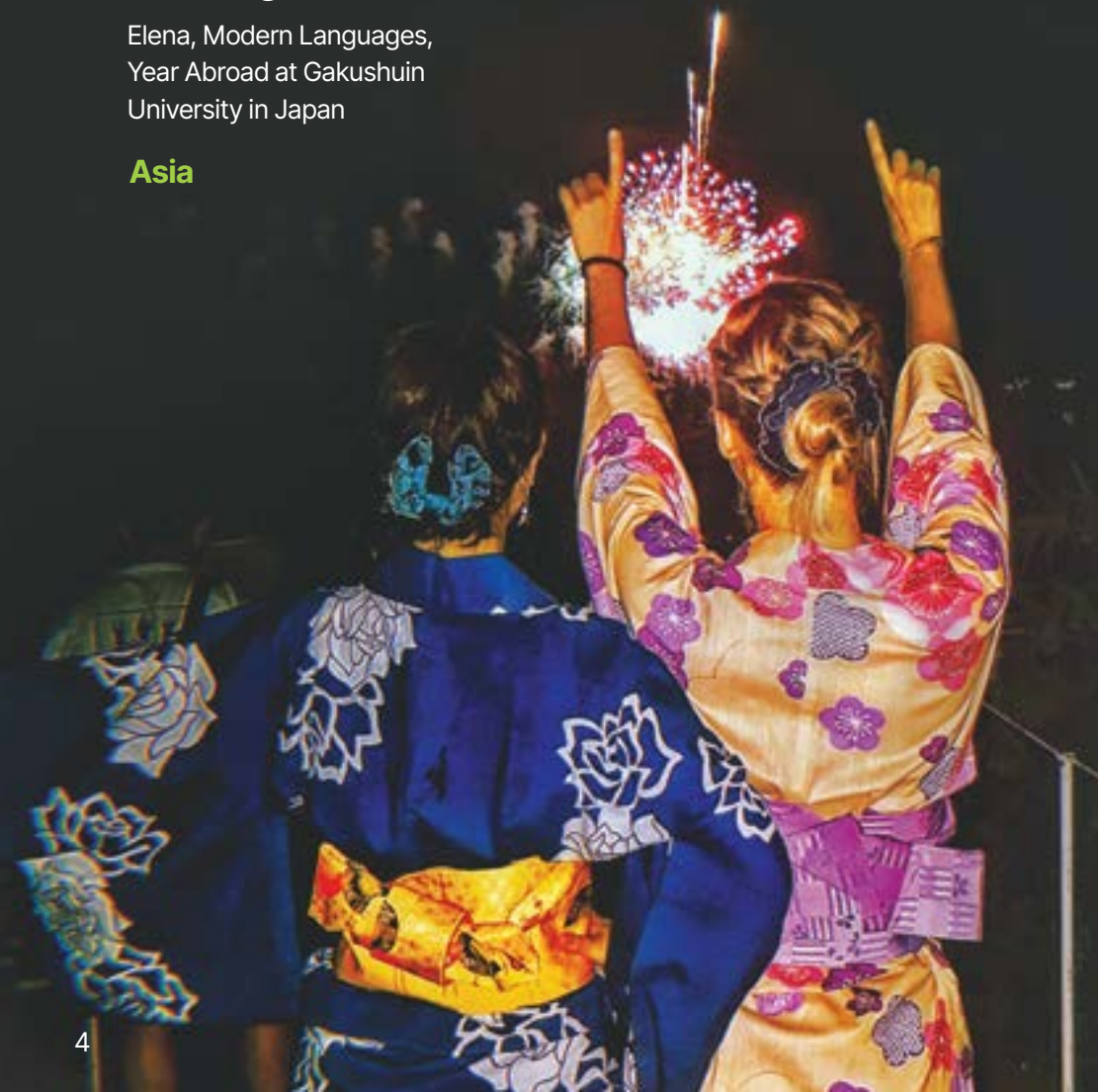
With no tuition fees to pay at the university abroad and teams at each university supporting you, there's no better way to experience another country and culture.

# What students say

**"I made great friends at Gakushuin – both exchange and Japanese students who wanted to practise their English."**

Elena, Modern Languages,  
Year Abroad at Gakushuin  
University in Japan

## Asia



**"If your school allows you to do a split year abroad, do it! The opportunity to study abroad is rare, but to study at two universities is rarer and more of an experience in my opinion."**

Alice, Global Development, Year  
Abroad split between Oslo Metropolitan  
University in Norway, and Kwame  
Nkrumah University of Science and  
Technology in Ghana.

## Africa



## Europe

**"Study abroad life is rich and inspiring. Palacký University is a wonderful place to study. I share halls with students from 20-30 other countries and I'm learning from them all. From dancing to reggaeton with the Spanish and Italians, to traditionally cooked Kimchi with the Koreans, to endless beer with the Bosnians and even a brief experience of Ramadan fasting with the Turks, there are limitless possibilities for cultural immersion."**

Finlay, English Literature with Creative  
Writing, Semester Abroad at Palacký  
University in Czechia

## America

**"I experienced a newfound confidence and independence that came from overcoming the challenges the year threw at me. It led me to where I am today – writing my Master's dissertation in the field of American disability history at the University of Oxford."**

Emma, American Studies, Year Abroad  
at the University of California

**But don't just take their word for it, start your own adventure...**



## The details

We have experience supporting students from a range of communities to access these incredible opportunities. We work closely with students and partner universities to find the right locations for each individual – including disability and wellbeing support.



**No tuition fees**  
at your host university

### Which degrees are included?

The majority of our degrees include an option for studying abroad for a year or a semester. All offer the option of a summer studying abroad.

Check our course list to look at the specific degree you are on, or are interested in applying for, to see what your study abroad options are:  
[www.uea.ac.uk/courses](http://www.uea.ac.uk/courses)

### Where are the partner universities?

We have over 200 global partner universities and organisations. They cover: the US and Canada; Latin America and the Caribbean; Europe; Africa; Asia; Australia and New Zealand. You can find a full list at:  
[www.uea.ac.uk/study-abroad](http://www.uea.ac.uk/study-abroad)

### How would I fund studying abroad?

A year or semester abroad is an exchange programme so there are no tuition fees at your host university.

UEA fees will remain the same for a semester abroad. If you choose a year abroad, you pay only a percentage of UEA fees.

Student Finance tuition and maintenance loans continue during your semester or year abroad. Check out the Student Finance travel grant to see what extra funding you can apply for.

### What support is available while I'm away?

We want to make sure you have the best time possible. There are many ways we, and your host university, will support you. From advice and support before you go, to online support and regular email contact while you're away, there will be help available when you need it.

You will have access to the student and academic support services at your host university – and as you're still a UEA student, you can access our support services remotely too.

For answers to more questions check out the 'Your Questions Answered' section of our website:  
[www.uea.ac.uk/studyabroad](http://www.uea.ac.uk/studyabroad)



# Ready, set, go...

Each step of the study abroad journey helps you develop your independent planning skills – there's a study abroad student community and a team of staff to support you throughout the process.

Here's how it works:

## Semester abroad

3 year degree

Year  
**1**

### First semester

**Join** the study abroad community, attend talks and events and research your options.

### Second semester

**Research** possible study abroad destinations. Chat with returned study abroad students. Shortlist universities and find out where you're going.

Year  
**2**

Second semester  
**Study abroad** and make another university your home.

### First semester

**Apply** to host university. Attend regional preparation workshops. Receive acceptance. Prepare for travel (visa, insurance, etc).

Year  
**3**

**Return** to your final year at UEA. Reflect on your semester abroad. Be in the best position to move forward and impress future employers.

## Year abroad

4 year degree

Year  
**1**

**Join** the study abroad community, attend talks and events and research your options.

Year  
**2**

Year  
**3**

### Second semester

**Apply** to host university. Attend regional preparation and pre-departure workshops. Receive acceptance. Prepare for travel (visa, insurance, etc).

### First semester

**Research** possible study abroad destinations. Chat with returned study abroad students. Shortlist universities and find out where you're going.

**Study abroad** and make another university your home.

Year  
**4**

**Return** to your final year at UEA. Reflect on your year abroad. Be in the best position to move forward and impress future employers.



### Make the most of your summers

You can also study abroad in your summer break – explore short-term opportunities offered by UEA's partner universities, including summer schools with discounts or fee waivers available for UEA students.

# A year, a semester, a summer...

The choice is yours



## A year in Mexico

Global Development student Molly spent a year studying at Universidad de las Américas Puebla (UDLAP) in Mexico.

"My academic experience at UDLAP was exceptional. I was able to choose modules that I couldn't take at UEA – such as human thought, geopolitics and strategic analysis, as well as myth, magic and religion. The courses are largely based on Mexican history and culture and I was able to take a module in Contemporary Mexican Politics and Multicultural Theory – which focused on indigenous rights and identity within Mexico. As a result I am now writing my

dissertation based on themes I studied in these classes.

UDLAP is in the beautiful town of Cholula, which has so much to offer, as well as easy access to Puebla, Mexico City and the coast. Mexican culture is incredible – from the amazing food to the Spanish language and lovely people.

I am very grateful for my study abroad year – it gave me the opportunity to study a wide range of subjects, immerse myself in a different culture and gain a variety of new interests."



## A semester in Canada

Literature and Creative Writing student Milly spent a semester in Canada.

"I spent a semester at Simon Fraser University. I've always wanted to travel to Canada and was drawn to the size and diversity of Vancouver. It's such a varied city, with a vast metropolitan centre, and proximity to a range of beautiful landscapes. I relished the idea of living somewhere on a much bigger scale!

I loved learning from the perspective of another country and culture, and being immersed in Canadian literature that I wouldn't have had the chance to study at UEA.

My accommodation was on-campus, living with three students I was matched with through a personality quiz. The student community was very welcoming, and living in the student village was so lively, I always felt like I belonged.

My semester abroad was such an exciting and jam-packed few months. If you're considering studying abroad, I would really encourage you to look into this option – it was such a rewarding experience."



## A summer in Amsterdam

Rahil studied at Vrije Universiteit (VU), Amsterdam and says it's the ideal destination for a first independent trip abroad.

"This was my first time travelling abroad by myself, and the study abroad team ensured I was ready for my trip. They made me feel a lot more confident and able to travel alone.

I explored the unique beauty of Amsterdam through its artefacts, museums and canals, as well as touring the Johan Cruyff arena, home to the famous football team Ajax. VU also offered excursions and outings with fellow summer-school students from all over the world. We were introduced to fascinating lecturers and peers from America to Russia and Indonesia. I met wonderful people and made great friends along the way.

I highly recommend studying abroad – not only will you have a fantastic time learning and experiencing a different country with new people, you will have something unique to put on your CV, and interesting stories to talk about – in addition to travelling while learning a new course and making the most of the summer."

# Boost your career

Adding a study abroad experience to your CV puts you at a huge advantage when it comes to impressing future employers.



## Australia

Chris spent a year studying at the University of Wollongong near Sydney, Australia, as part of his UEA Environmental Sciences degree.

“The decision to study abroad not only has a profound impact on the time that you are abroad, but it also becomes an integral part of you for the rest of your life. When signing up, most of us probably focus on the chance to visit new places, meet new people and learn new skills. At the time, the long-term career benefits are hard to quantify or appreciate. However, as a recent graduate it is these benefits that I notice more and more as my career progresses.

Since my year in Australia, I have graduated, completed a Master’s Degree and now work as a Hydrologist (that’s water, rivers and flooding for those who don’t know). Although my study abroad days seem a distant memory, the experiences and skills that I developed stay with me.

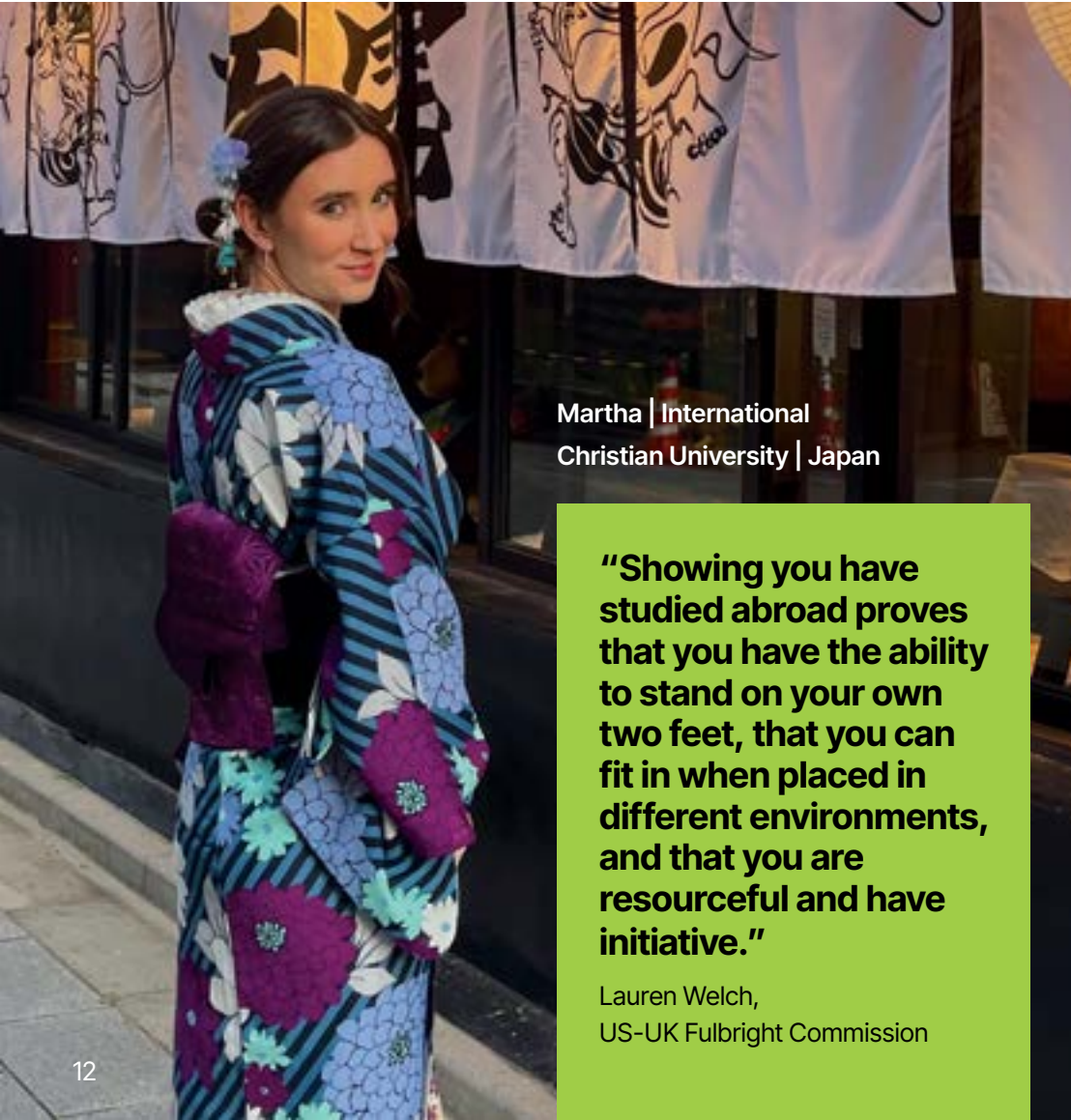
The two most noticeable skills I developed were my self-confidence and communication. Studying abroad led me on adventures with highs and lows. I was taken out of my comfort zone on a regular basis and it was down to me to

make the most of each situation. This really helped me develop confidence in my own ideas and abilities.

As an employee of an international company, I regularly hold meetings with colleagues from around the globe. Immersing myself in another culture during my study abroad year gives me great confidence, to this day, in communicating and creating connections with people from different cultures and walks of life.

Employers value study abroad experiences in potential candidates. At every interview I’ve been to, I’ve been asked about my time in Australia. My current employer even asked me to compare the weather and hydrology conditions of the UK and Australia. Studying abroad shows you have depth and richness to your character – which really helps you stand out.

There is nothing more exciting than experiencing and immersing yourself in a completely different lifestyle and culture, while having the support of a university as a safety net. It will be the best decision you make, help you improve as a person, and have a lasting effect on your life and career.”



Martha | International  
Christian University | Japan

**“Showing you have studied abroad proves that you have the ability to stand on your own two feet, that you can fit in when placed in different environments, and that you are resourceful and have initiative.”**

Lauren Welch,  
US-UK Fulbright Commission

# Improve your language skills

For language students a year abroad is an integral part of the degree, and it can be totally life changing.



"Studying abroad is one of the most immersive learning experiences you'll get. I was apprehensive but I had a brilliant time, and made some wonderful friends. It's a year you'll never forget."

**Sharleen, Modern Languages, Year Abroad at Universidad Nebrija in Spain and Université Grenoble-Alpes in France.**



"My time abroad definitely forced me to improve my language skills. It was quite hard at first navigating the language barrier – if only people could speak with subtitles! I made a lot of new and international friends and unforgettable memories. I've no regrets choosing Osaka University."

**Kim, Modern Languages, Year Abroad at Osaka University in Japan.**



"Being immersed in the country where the language you are learning is spoken, means that every single thing you consume is in the language – you pick up so much more vocabulary."

**Ethan, Modern Languages, Year Abroad at University Toulouse – Jean Jaurès in France.**



You can find more hints and advice from study abroad students on the blog: [ueaontheroad.wordpress.com](http://ueaontheroad.wordpress.com)

# Our partner universities

With over 200 options our study abroad programme is one of the most diverse around.

Whatever type of experience you're after, we can help you find the perfect fit.

Here's a snapshot of some of the places you could go...

**Explore the great outdoors** in locations like Université Grenoble Alpes.



**Enjoy local festivities and culture** like at the University of Navarra in Spain.



**Head down to the beach after class** at an Australian university like Curtin University in Perth.



**Experience game day** at a traditional American college like the University of Mississippi.



**Learn the local language alongside studies in English** at universities like Tohoku University in Sendai, Japan.



Please note that our partner organisations change over time. Those mentioned in this publication are correct at the time of publishing (2026). Not every university is an option for every degree.



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