

Mapping internationalisation in the classics – summary of project findings

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- The project surveyed the [current provision of mobility options](#) for students in Classics & Ancient History departments or sections at [25 UK HEIs](#) and at [5 British Academy funded Schools & Institutes abroad](#). Questionnaires were returned by academic staff at 24 departments and 4 institutes abroad.
- [76%](#) of departments surveyed (19 HEIs) had department specific Erasmus or international exchange agreements in place for UG students; [24%](#) of departments (6 HEIs) had both Erasmus and international exchanges, [44%](#) (11 HEIs) had only Erasmus exchanges and [8%](#) (2 HEIs) had only international exchanges;
- [60%](#) of departments (15 HEIs) offered exchanges which were taught in English: [32%](#) of departments (8 HEIs) offered English and non-English language options, [28%](#) (7 HEIs) offered only English language exchanges and [16%](#) offered only non-English language exchanges. The most widely offered non-English language options were in French, German, Italian and Spanish.
- [60%](#) of departments (or 15 HEIs) had facilities for UG students to participate in a [semester](#) or a [year-long exchange](#) within the standard duration of UG degree programmes offered in this subject area: in the majority of departments both credits *and* grades gained on modules taken abroad were transferred and so contributed to the final degree classification.
- [40%](#) of departments (or 11 HEIs) did not have provision for UG students to take up a semester or year-long exchange but 7 of these departments ([28%](#) of the total) did offer [4FT UG degree programmes with an integrated and mandatory year abroad](#).
- [52%](#) of departments (13 HEIs), either independently or in collaboration with the British School at Athens (BSA), offered individual UG modules with integrated shorter mobility periods abroad, including: semester long modules with a mandatory and '[embedded mobility period abroad](#)' (normally 1-2 weeks) and modules which were comprised by 'stand alone' [individual or group tours abroad](#); or by participation in the BSA UG Summer School which was treated as satisfying the requirements of an UG credit bearing module by [20%](#) of departments (5 HEIs)
- [62%](#) of respondents to the questionnaire agreed that there '[should there be more taught sessions per year](#)' at the BSA and the British School at Rome (BSR) and [67%](#), and both of the schools, agreed that '[periods of study at the BSA & the BSR...could be more integrated into UK HEI degree programmes](#)'. Some [80%](#) of respondents agreed that there should there be an '[annual undergraduate summer or vacation school](#)' at the British Institute at Ankara (BIAA).