

Classics & Ancient History and Study Abroad – student guide

- If you are thinking of studying **Classics or Ancient History** many departments at Universities in the UK have the opportunity for you to **study abroad as a part of your course** (from 1 week to 1 year).
- Going abroad bring you into **direct contact** with the classical world, gives you the chance to **experience other countries and cultures** and, businesses and governments say, **makes you more employable**.
- If you go on an exchange in Europe (there are called ERASMUS exchanges) **you are eligible for government funding** to provide extra support for all the time you spend abroad: Erasmus grants are for **everyone**.
- Opportunities vary between universities but include:
 - Studying abroad (in Europe or beyond) for a **semester** or a **year**
 - Taking modules with built-in **short tours abroad**
 - Participating in **archaeological excavations** and surveys abroad organised by your university or by the **British Archaeological Schools and Institutes abroad** (in **Greece, Italy, Turkey, Jordan** and **Jerusalem**)
 - Taking summer courses at the **British School at Athens** and the **British School in Rome**
- **Questions you should ask** when you are thinking of applying to a University:
 - Who is the **exchanges coordinator** in the department? Can I talk to them?
 - **How many exchanges does the department have** (in Europe or beyond) for **Undergraduates**? How many places are there? Can I go on any other exchanges?
 - **Can I study abroad** for a **semester**? How am I assessed? **Will my marks abroad count**?
 - Can I **study abroad for a year without having to extend my degree**? Will the marks abroad count?
 - Do any degrees have a **built in year abroad**?
 - Can I study abroad in a country where courses are **taught in English**? If I want to go to a country where course are not taught in English **can I learn foreign languages as a part of my course** without having to do a joint degree (e.g. French and Ancient History)? Do I have to pay any extra?
 - Do any modules include **a tour abroad**? Do these **run every year**? Is there any funding? Does the department organise any other **trips abroad**?
 - Does the department **organise archaeological excavations** abroad? Am I allowed to participate? Is there any funding?
 - Is there any **funding for me to travel abroad**?