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# Study Abroad for non-language B.A. students

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# WHAT STUDENTS SAY ABOUT STUDYING ABROAD

“I feel like Erasmus really added to my degree and to who I am as a person. There will be work but it'll be rewarding, you get out of it what you put in. The modules I took added more variety to my education and this definitely benefitted me for final year. Adapting to a different lifestyle is challenging but that's what encourages growth.”

*University of Galway student who previously took part in Erasmus*



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# Outline

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University of Helsinki Library  
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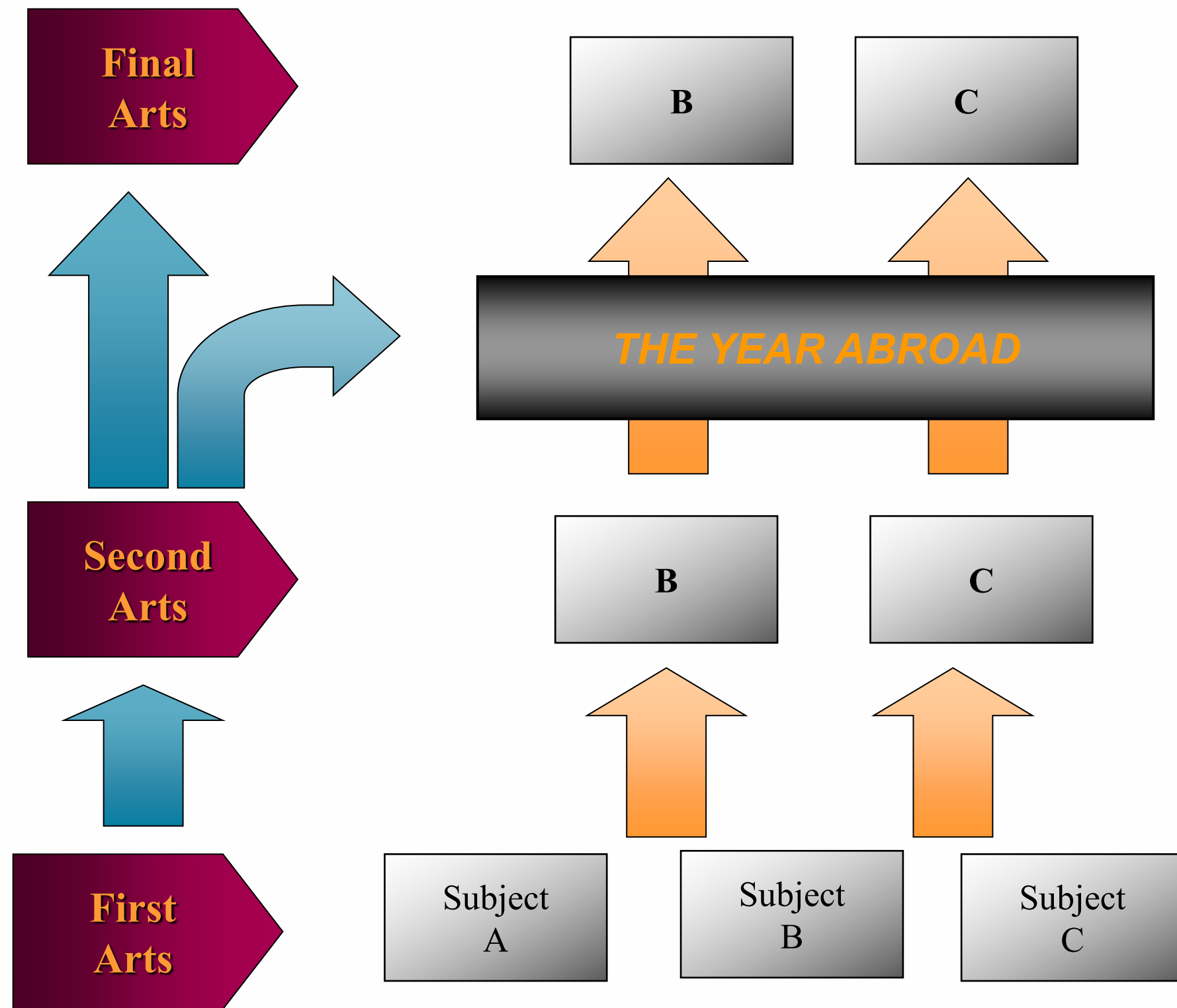




## ***HOW IT WORKS for Joint Honours students***

- Period of study is 1 academic year, not just 1 semester *(unless you are doing Irish)*
- If selected, you are transferred to 3BA4, Third Year of the BA International
- No tuition fees to Host University – but pay normal registration fee to the University of Galway.
- So you remain registered as a University of Galway student while studying abroad.
- The year abroad must be completed successfully
- 40 ECTS credits in total: 20 ECTS in each of your degree subjects
- Pass all modules abroad: receive 60 ECTS from University of Galway, i.e. a Pass in the Year Abroad





## BA Joint Honours Students

- Must pass Second Year
- Transfer from 3-year BA to 4-year BA International
- Secure 40 ECTS on Year Abroad
- Return to Galway for Final Year





## ***HOW IT WORKS for other programmes***

- BA Government: 1 semester (Semester 2)
- Other, denominated programmes: usually 1 semester
- No tuition fees to Host University – but pay normal registration fee to the University of Galway.
- Remain registered as a University of Galway student while studying abroad.
- The studies abroad must be completed successfully.
- 20 ECTS for one semester of study abroad
- Pass all modules abroad: receive 30 ECTS from University of Galway, i.e. a Pass in the Semester Abroad
- See Appendix for more information

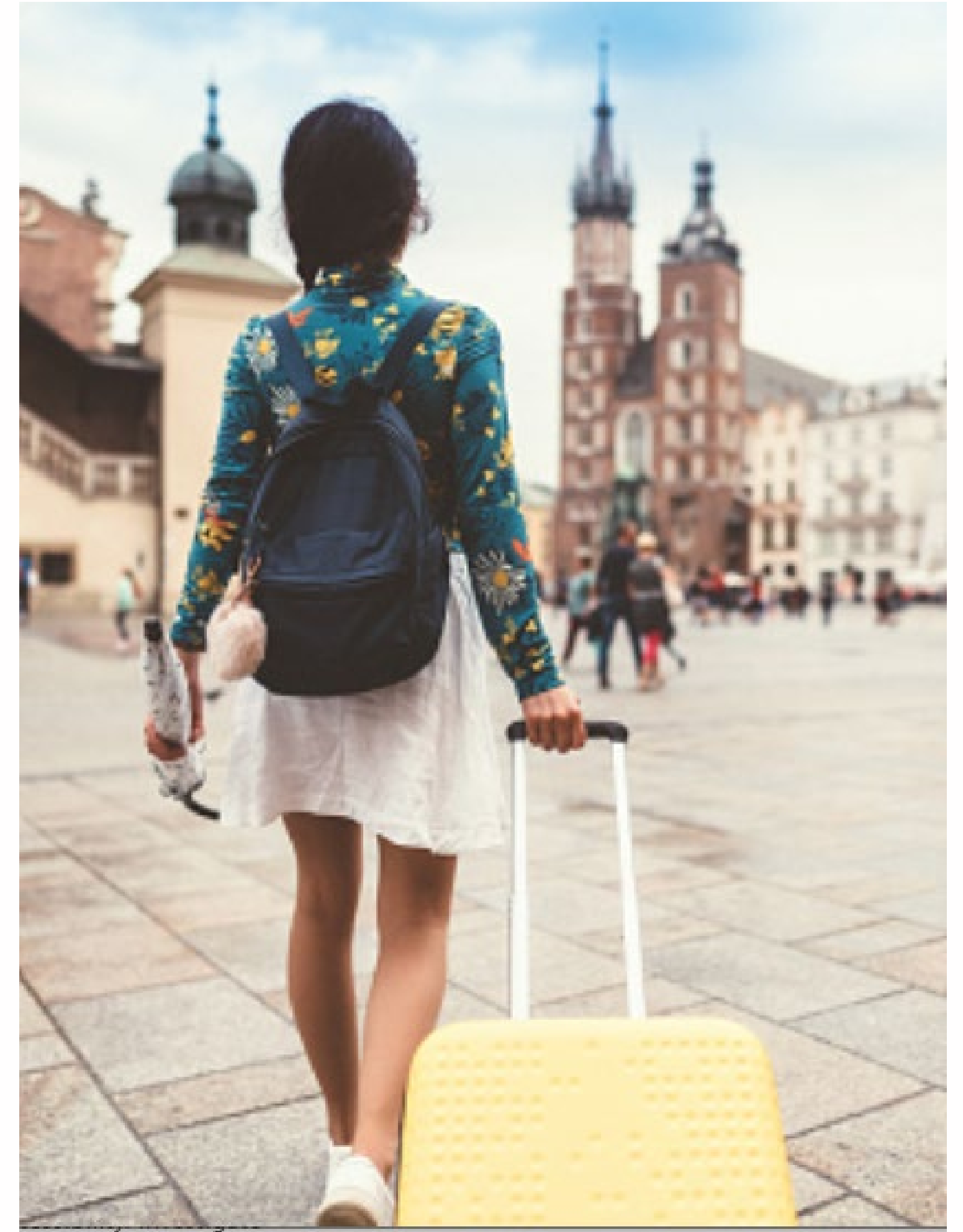




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# BENEFITS OF STUDYING ABROAD

- Academic development
- Personal development
- Cultural and social aspects
  - Get to know another country and its culture
  - Perhaps learn some of the language
  - Make friends from all over the world
  - Expand your horizons
- A positive addition to your CV







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## ***POSSIBLE STUDY DESTINATIONS***

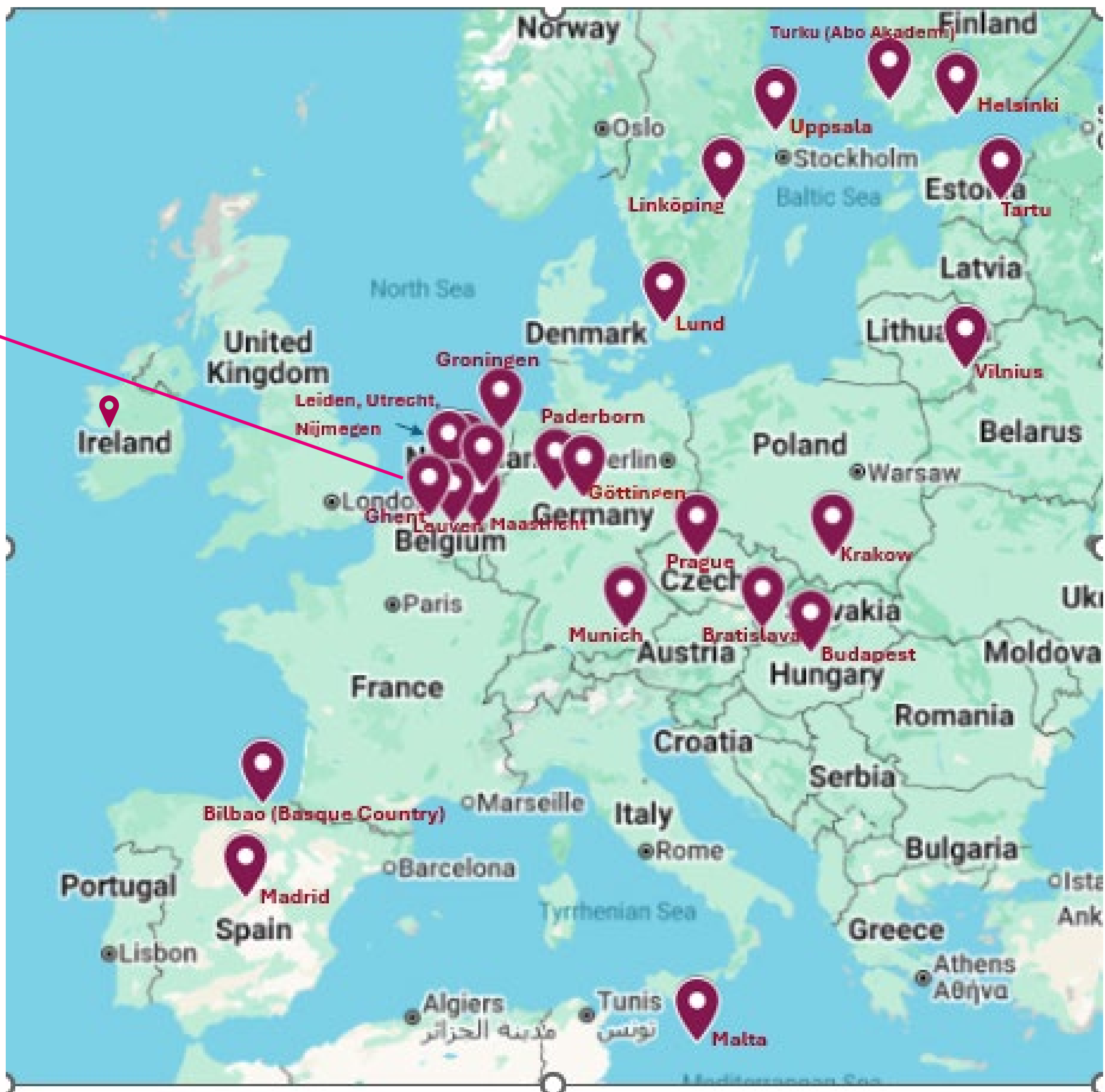
The College of Arts, Social Sciences and Celtic Studies and its disciplines are linked – through the Erasmus Programme - with a number of partner universities in **Europe** that offer courses through English.

There are also some links with the **USA, Canada and Hong Kong**.

(Not all subjects may be available through English in every university.)

Consult Excel sheet showing destinations and subject combinations.



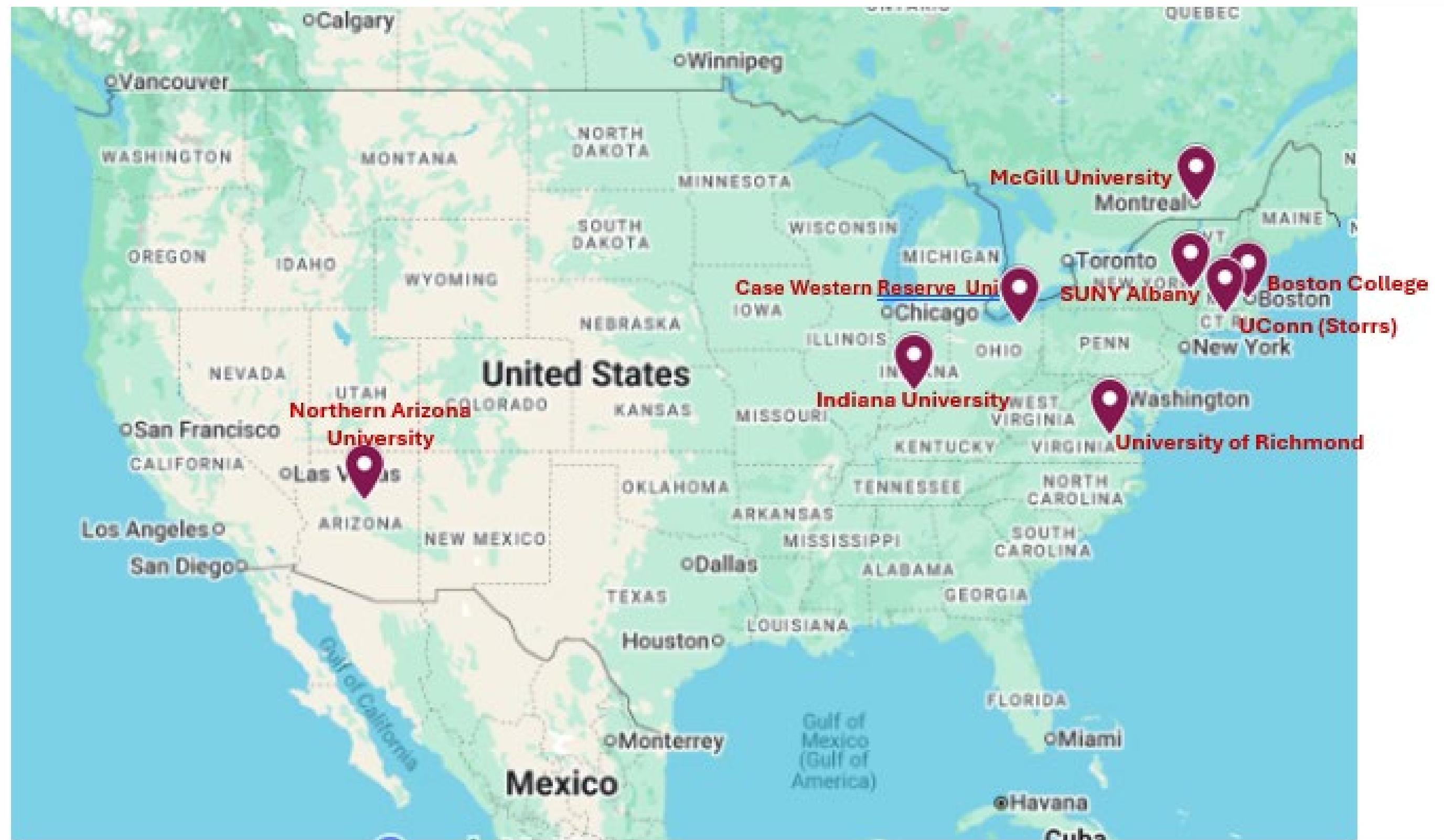


Study destinations in Europe



Study  
destinations in  
North America ...

... and in Asia



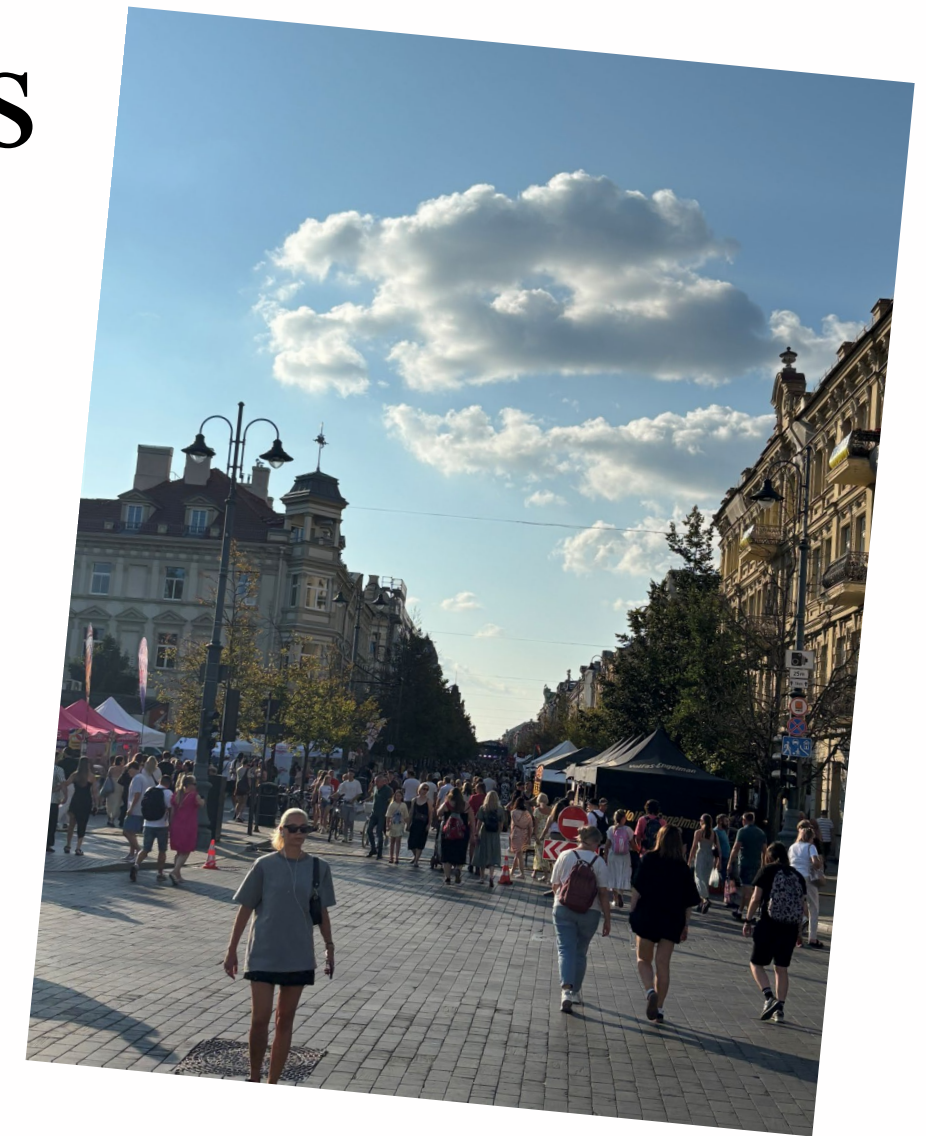


# Cian, currently on Erasmus in Vilnius (Lithuania)

I'm very much settled in here in Lithuania, and although it's getting cold, I'm having a great time! The city is amazing and I'm never short of things to do and places to see. So far it has been an excellent experience. Additionally, I'm really enjoying my classes and the University as a whole, it's a great institution and I'm finding everything to be very interesting.

A lot of people might not give Vilnius a chance because it's northeastern Europe and maybe a little bit 'different', but that's what makes it so interesting and unique. The city is also very modern, which maybe people don't realise. The Erasmus network over here is great too - from what I know there's over 800 Erasmus students and the Erasmus Student Network arrange events, nights out and trips.

I am extremely grateful to have been given the opportunity to study abroad here, So far, it has been a wonderful experience which has exceeded my expectations."





# Daniel, currently on Erasmus in Uppsala, Sweden

Uppsala is a fantastic place to go to on Erasmus. It is a very student friendly city, with student nations being a unique feature that allow students to have their own dedicated cafes, pubs & clubs with discounted prices.

The city itself is beautiful and culturally vibrant, and it's only an hour away from Stockholm too.

As for studying, there are multiple libraries and campuses throughout the city, and the academic content is well organised & interesting. Overall, I highly recommend Uppsala as a destination for Erasmus.

I am really enjoying Flogsta so far, it's especially good for creating a lot of social opportunities - I have made so many friends just from living here and it makes social events such as parties, dinners, tea together, etc so much easier to attend.



University Main Building



Linnaeus Garden,  
part of Uppsala University



Uppsala Cathedral



Flogsta Student Residence



# Chloe did Erasmus at KU Leuven, Belgium (Soc. & Pol. exchange)

My experience so far in KU Leuven in Belgium has been so fun and a great experience. Leuven reminds me of Galway in the way it is such a student town, and I've met so many people from all over the world here! The gorgeous architecture, delicious food, and cheap beer make it such a lovely place to study and live. The college itself offers such interesting modules and I'm really enjoying living in Leuven!







# Rory, on Erasmus at Radboud University, Nijmegen, the Netherlands

Nijmegen is a very solid option for students doing the Erasmus programme. It has a diverse, friendly student body and rewards those who look beyond just the lecture halls for social events and meeting new people. It is a city that allows easy access to other Dutch cities and neighbouring countries like Germany.

The quality of education is excellent over here too. I will be returning to Ireland in September a more focused and organised person because of this exchange. I highly recommend it. It is a lot of work but it's worth it. Housing is easier to secure here as well.







# Nicola, Soc. & Pol. Erasmus in Helsinki, 2022/23

I'm beyond grateful to be doing my exchange in such a beautiful country, Finland is truly magical. I was lucky enough to get to go Finnish Lapland in the first semester, which was an amazing experience. We did skiing, husky sledding, ice fishing, swam in the Arctic Ocean and saw the beautiful Northern lights.

I've been lucky enough to travel to many countries around Finland too. In my first semester I visited Sweden, Norway, Estonia, and Latvia. The study abroad year provides you with amazing opportunities that you wouldn't otherwise get.

The University of Helsinki is amazing, all of the coordinators and lecturers are beyond helpful and they really enforce a relaxed, non-hierarchical atmosphere in the classroom. I'm learning so much both inside and outside of the classroom.

Studying abroad is a really incredible opportunity and I would recommend it to anyone!







# Lanah was on Erasmus in Leiden, the Netherlands, 24/25

“So far, my experience at Leiden University (studying Politics and Psychology) has been beyond ideal. The modules offered here align so well with my interests and future career ideas, and the university is an incredible and prestigious place to be.

The Hague is the core of international politics, making it a thrilling place to have the privilege of studying in (it is like a mini New York to me) and Leiden is the epitome of a picturesque yet lively Dutch experience.

The orientation weeks instantly set me up with the best group of friends that already feel like siblings to me. Geographically, it's perfect for visiting other Dutch cities and countries too!

I couldn't have chosen a better place for Erasmus if I was free to choose anywhere in Europe, honestly”.





City lights at night

# Katie, currently studying at McGill University, Montreal (Canada)

I am loving the experience. I have travelled a little, tried new foods and made loads of friends. The campus is beautiful, and my professors are lovely. Feeling really lucky to have had this opportunity.

One thing that has really stood out to me at McGill is the people. People I met from my accommodation on my second day in the country are now my close friends. Everyone is in the same boat trying to make friends so absolutely nobody has been stand-offish. For our reading week, my group of friends and I actually travelled to New York and Boston and had the best time together. Even the professors are very interactive. In my first class of the year, the professor knew every single student he spoke to by name and when I spoke to him after the class, he asked me mine and has made it a point to remember it. The same goes for the Canadian students who are here full-time. Everyone I have met in class and at parties have been so welcoming, offering suggestions of places to visit and eat and inviting my friends and I to parties. Although there are big differences to how we do university in Ireland, with everyone's help I have found it rather easy to adjust.

Arts building on campus

View from St Joseph's Oratory, where a lot of students go to watch the sunset with friends





Lund University Library

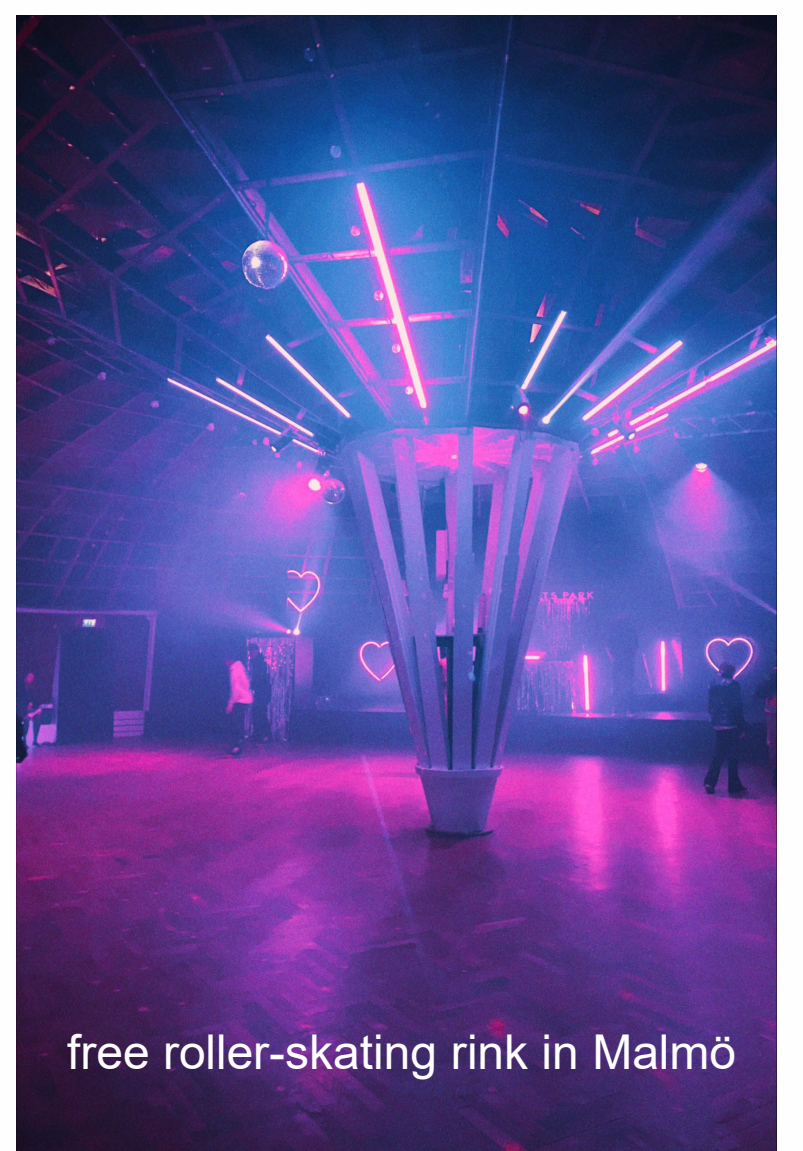
# Marcia, currently on Erasmus in Lund (Sweden)

I'm currently studying in Lund University in Sweden and it has been a dream so far!

In Galway, I study English and Psychology but they have a whole range of courses available for exchange students here! For example, next semester I will be studying Swedish Literature and Introduction to Scandinavian Culture.

Everything has been so lovely especially the student life. I cannot stress enough how endless and vibrant it is!! There's always something going on. Whether you enjoy going out or hikes or more cosy events, there's always something to do :) Just yesterday I went to a free roller skate rink in a neighbouring city!

Life in Sweden has just been so wonderful, and I cannot recommend Lund enough!!



free roller-skating rink in Malmö



Söderåsen nature reserve



# Jade, currently on Erasmus at KU Leuven, Belgium

I'm definitely enjoying Leuven - classes are very full on, but very interesting and we have lots of European guest lecturers who have great experience! It is very much opening my eyes to a broader European perspective on both Law and Economics. There is also a good few Irish students studying here from Galway, Limerick and Dublin, so that is definitely helping with my transition in Leuven.

- Lively student atmosphere, and Irish culture -
  - There is an Irish pub called Stapletons in the town, where I met most of my friends who are from Ireland
  - Oude Market which is a street of various pubs and restaurants which is always busy and is just outside the law campus
  - Irish GAA team which practices twice a week called the Earls of Leuven.
  - There is always student activities organised either by the University, societies or student accommodations - eg there was a 24 hour run on around Leuven, and all throughout the first week there was various international parties through the ESN
- The university is spread out around Leuven, so most people cycle everywhere, although you can get a bus pass for the year which is 30 euro. Everything is very accessible on foot however.
- The lectures are always very interesting and engaging - however they are 2 hours long, and there is an expectation that you already have prior knowledge on the topic from your undergraduate degree
  - All of the modules are very European focused - a lot of discussion on the EU
  - There is often guest lecturers who have very interesting background and experience in what they are lecturing in - for example we had a guest lecturer from NATO in last week
- There is a train station in Leuven which is 15 minutes trip to the airport, and connects to all the major cities in Belgium, so it is easy to travel around Belgium, and to surrounding countries







# Clodagh, currently on Erasmus in Budapest

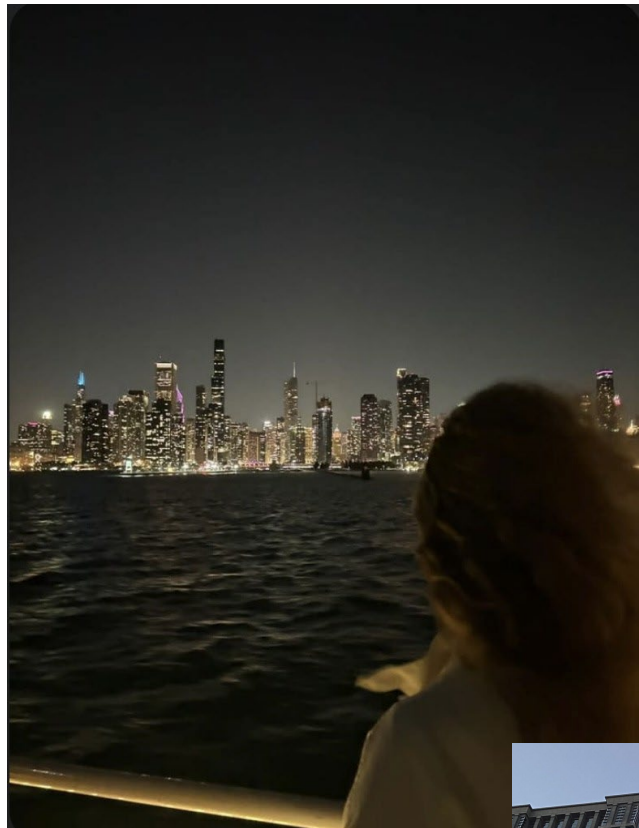
I am currently studying Law and Soc. & Pol. in Eotvos Lorand University Budapest. My Erasmus+ studies in Budapest for the past months have been the most amazing experience of my life.

Budapest is a thriving city with the most amazing student life and atmosphere. Within Budapest there are so many Erasmus events held by the university as well as other Erasmus organisations across the city. This has provided me with the opportunity to meet other Erasmus students from all over the world who are now some of my closest friends.

The classes and university life itself is amazing with highly experienced professors with interactive and enjoyable learning. Overall, I would highly recommend Budapest to anyone interested in studying abroad.







Weekend  
impressions  
of Chicago

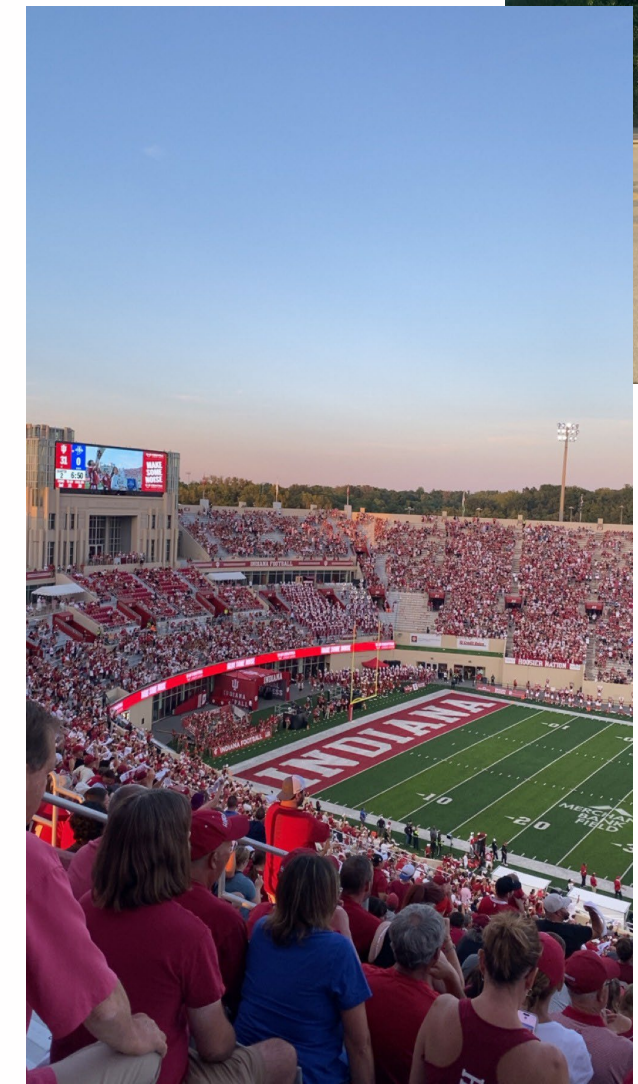


# AnneSophie, studying at Indiana University

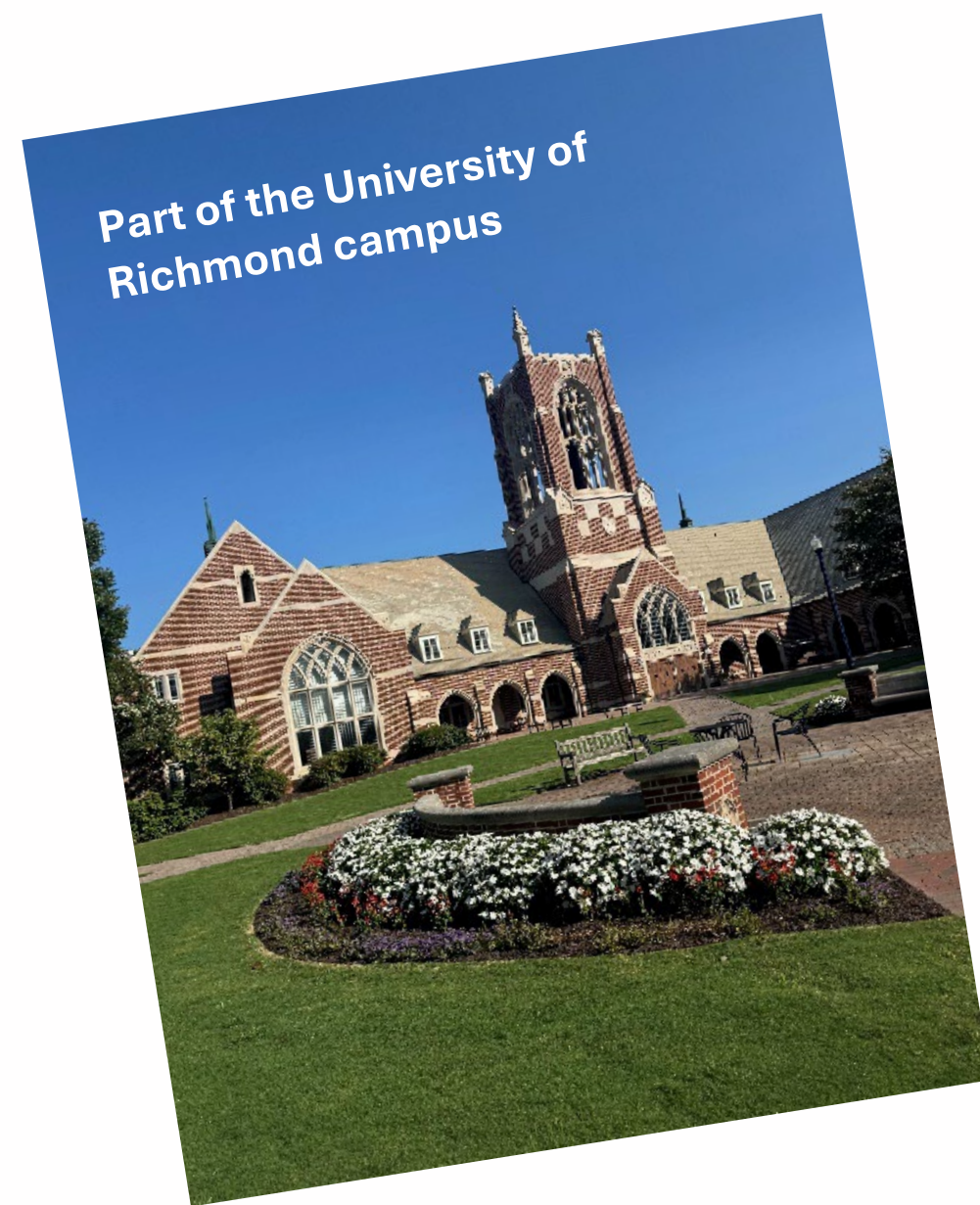
I'm loving IU so far. The classes are very interesting and I'm falling in love with some of the modules and finding out that clinical psychology may be the career route for me!

IU has an incredibly beautiful and lively yet tranquil campus and there are so many squirrels! This experience has so far been incredible and even better than I could have ever imagined it to be.

I recently travelled to Chicago from Indiana for the weekend and I thought I'd share some photos of the experience. They may inspire some other students to come to Indiana and explore the nearby states!







# Dara studied Soc. & Pol. and History at the University of Richmond\*

The orientation programme began two weeks before my classes commenced, and this was a really great chance for me to become acquainted with the beautiful campus and make so many great friends from every corner of the world. Since classes began in September, I have been fully immersed in the interactive teaching style and multi-dimensional assessment structure. Preparing for each class (which has a maximum size of 20 students) by analyzing the assigned readings and raising questions for discussion has been quite intense, but it has paid off hugely as I have grown so much as a student from it.

Richmond also offers so many options for personal growth. Music and Intra Mural sports have been my favourites so far.

\*Applicants please note that only one single semester is currently available at the University of Richmond, so this is not a suitable option for a Joint Honours student, who must usually spend a full year abroad unless one of their subjects is Gaeilge. It is, however, suitable for a BA Government student.





Photo with our school mascot  
before the Richmond Spiders  
VS Charleston Buccaneers  
Football game



# Dara, University of Richmond

## *(continued)*

Richmond also offers so many options for personal growth. Music and Intra Mural sports have been my favourites so far. The Acapella group I joined, the Richmond Octaves, has built my confidence for performing, introduced me to some of the best American friends I've made so far and taken me to so many cool places for performances, including the prestigious Duke University and the Robins Stadium to sing the National Anthem before one of our college football teams games. Intra Mural Sports is a system where you pay a certain amount to play in tournaments for various different sports. The atmosphere is lighthearted and fun, and it's been a great way to discover new pastimes.

As for the city of Richmond, it is one of my favourite places in all of the US. As the capital of Virginia, it is full of Revolutionary and Civil War History, and its art and music scene is so diverse and unique. Getting around without a car requires some planning ahead, but all city and campus bus services are completely free and Ubers are very cheap if you travel in a group. I would heavily encourage anyone considering their options for study abroad to choose Richmond. GO SPIDERS!



Weekend Trip to  
Washington D.C, just  
a 2-hour train journey  
away from Richmond!



Virginia War Memorial



Virginia State Capitol





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# Selma (Creative Writing) studied in Hong Kong

My study abroad experience was probably the highlight of my university time so far. It broadened my worldview incredibly. The lecture environments were much more personal and discussion-based, creating a rich environment of learning and cultural exchange. It was difficult to get used to at first, but the lecturers at HKBU were really helpful. I lived on campus and made friends with both local and international students, building lifelong friendships. As well as studying, I spent some time travelling to countries like Vietnam, Thailand, mainland China, Macau, and more. It was fantastic to hop on a cheap flight and discover an entirely different culture! But even Hong Kong itself was a wonderful place to explore and there's so much to see.



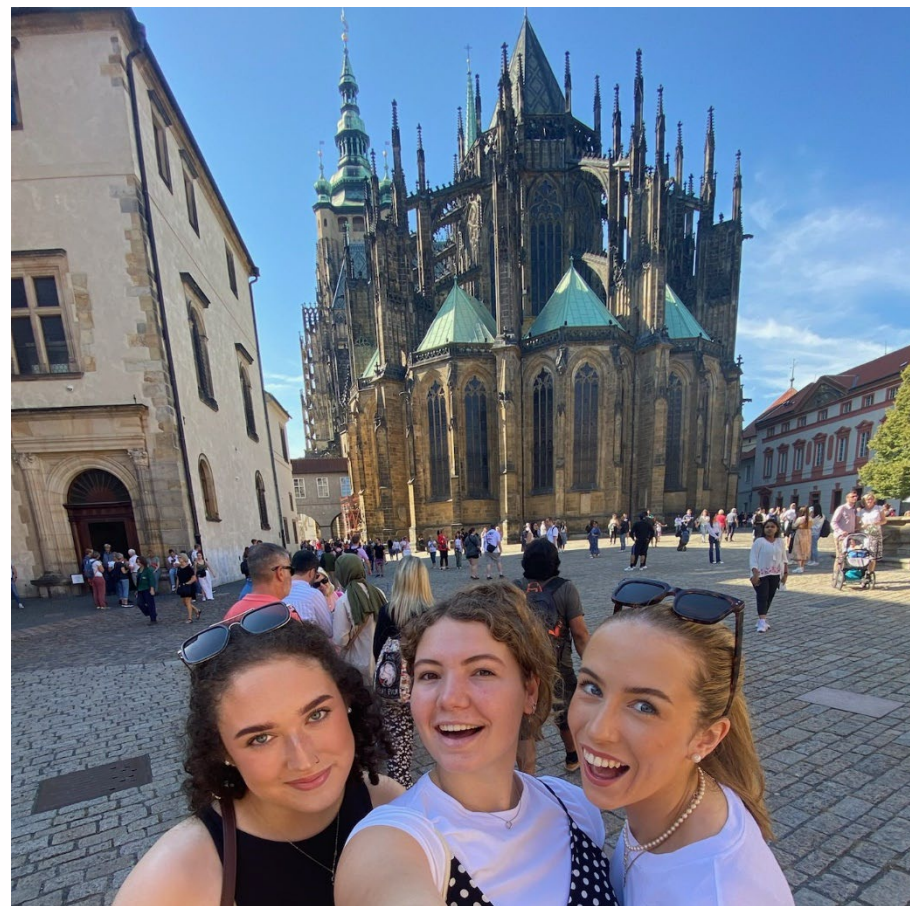


# Maggie studied Archaeology at Charles University Prague

*Prague was amazing, and I'd love for other students to experience it as well!*

*Registration was straightforward, staff were very helpful and lovely. The student life is great, lots of social events to take part in. Prague itself is an amazing city that is active all year round, obviously around Christmas and Easter there are the markets and all the touristy things such as Charles bridge, Prague Castle and the astronomical clock. However, there are always different events going on, such as concerts, cultural events and sports games.*

*I cannot even begin to describe how great the cost of living is. The price of groceries, going out, transportation is unmatched. Transportation is amazing as a student; you can get a monthly pass for a fiver and that is valid for bus, tram and metro all around Prague. Going out is affordable as well - in most restaurants a full meal will cost €8-10. Travelling outside of Prague is great as well, with trains and buses being so frequent and cheap. I would absolutely 100% do it again and I wouldn't change a single thing about my time in Prague. The memories I've made and the friendships I've developed will stay with me forever.*





# Anna studied at Comenius University Bratislava

Overall I found Bratislava to be a nice city to spend a few months. It's relatively cheap and its in an ideal location to travel around eastern and central Europe. I went to Vienna multiple times, to Brno in Czechia and to Budapest for a few days. I also know people who took trips to Prague, Krakow, Kosice and loads of other places too, so that's a really good reason to go to Bratislava. The food is decent, it's a city so there's a good few options. There are good pubs and some nightclubs too. The ESN there organises loads of nights out and also activities during the day and trips away if you want. So, I would recommend Bratislava to people considering their options.







# Grace, on Erasmus at LMU (Munich, Germany)

I'm currently studying English and Media at Ludwig Maximilian University in Munich. I've been here since September, and I have been loving my time here.

Munich is a big, beautiful city full of history but also full of life, there is always events, something to do or somewhere to go.

In late September, Oktoberfest starts, which is a big festival which happens in the city with big beer tents being set up as well as food stalls and funfair rides. People wear the traditional German clothes eg Lederhosen and Dirndl and you can buy these in second hand shops that pop up around the city.

Munich is also very central in Europe, so it is easy to travel around to different places such as Italy, Budapest or Austria.

In University class sizes are much smaller and they love to have discussions and really encourage participation even in the lectures which is different from Galway.

Overall, I'm really enjoying my time here, I love the German culture and living in Munich and also having the opportunity to improve my German.







# Paula, did Erasmus in Utrecht, 2024/25

Studying at Utrecht University has been such a wonderful experience so far. Not only is the city absolutely gorgeous, but the whole vibe of the place is honestly completely unlike Galway (in a good way!). It's so easy to make friends here because there are quite a lot of students. I like how the semesters are split into blocks; it allows for more self-study and gives me time to do things by myself or my friends around the city.

Oh, and one thing to note: you will 100% need to get a bike. It makes life so much easier around the city, and on the weekends, you can cycle to nearby towns to go exploring. The sheer number of cycle lanes is something I will definitely miss when I get back to Ireland!

(Watch Paula's [VIDEO!](#))







## *Where can I go?*

- It depends on what subjects you are studying
- Many exchange agreements (or “links”) are subject-specific
- Go to CASSCS website – click on International, then Outgoing Students, then Opportunities for non-language students
- Consult table of partner unis and subjects
- Pay attention to “**core subject**” requirements!
- BA Joint Hons and BA Govt: Erasmus AND non-EU, *provided your degree subjects are eligible and suitable*
- Denominated Psychology/Creative Writing: certain non-EU links only





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“Outgoing Students”

<https://www.universityofgalway.ie/colleges-and-schools/arts-social-sciences-and-celtic-studies/international-students/outgoingstudents/studyabroad/>

# College of Arts study abroad web pages







Partner uni fact  
sheets here

Excel list of partner  
unis and available  
subjects, and  
Appendix to  
application form,  
are here

A range of useful  
documents here  
for later

## Study Abroad

On these pages you can learn more about the many study abroad opportunities for students of the College of Arts, Social Sciences & Celtic Studies.

Overview	 <p>DESTINATIONS FOR STUDY ABROAD</p>	 <p>WHO CAN STUDY ABROAD?</p>
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# Please pay careful attention to this table!

ERASMUS CODE	UNIVERSITY NAME	exchange is with	useful info and practicalities	Archaeology	Celtic Civilisation / Gaeilg	Classics	Economics
BE LEUVEN01	<a href="#">KU LEUVEN, Belgium</a>	<a href="#">Social Sciences Faculty of Arts/Archaeology</a>	<a href="#">Erasmus students info for international students</a>	no	no	no	yes
CZ PRAHA07	Charles University Prague, Czech Republic	<a href="#">Institute of Law Faculty</a>	<a href="#">Info about exchange studies</a>	core subject	yes	yes	maybe
EE TARTU01	University of Tartu, Estonia	<a href="#">Dept of Classics &amp; Archaeology</a>	<a href="#">Erasmus mobility for incoming students</a>	no	no	no	yes
H BUDAPES01	Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest, Hungary	<a href="#">Faculty of Law</a>	<a href="#">Information for exchange students</a>	maybe	n/a	no	maybe
MT MALTA01	University of Malta	<a href="#">Faculty of Arts</a>	<a href="#">Info for exchange students</a>	yes	no	core subject	no
	<a href="#">University of Groningen</a>	<a href="#">Faculty of Arts</a>	<a href="#">Info for exchange students</a>				

What does “core subject” mean?”

It means that our exchange with that university is specific to that subject.

To select that university, you must be taking that subject as part of your degree.

e.g. You cannot apply for Prague unless you are studying Archaeology.

You cannot apply for the Malta Classics exchange unless you are studying Classics.

See tab called “key” for explanations of “yes”, “maybe” and “?”.





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# *Exciting new study abroad opportunities*

University College Maastricht:

Liberal Arts & Sciences

Take a look at their [Exchange Student Brochure](#)

- International university, global classrooms
- Unique problem-based learning approach – small tutorial groups, interactive learning, and real-world case studies encourage independence and teamwork.
- a valuable opportunity for students who want to learn useful skills and are prepared to work hard and attend class diligently
- A charming historic city with a community feel and a good quality of life
- Located at the heart of Europe – easy connections to major cities







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**University College Maastricht – a great opportunity for students with high grades –  
but consistent attendance will be required!!! Here are some of the advantages:**

**International & Multicultural Atmosphere** - one of the most international universities in the Netherlands: over 60% of students and staff are international, creating a truly global classroom. English is widely spoken, and many programs are taught fully in English.

## **2. Problem-Based Learning (PBL)**

Unlike traditional lecture-based systems, Maastricht University is famous for its **Problem-Based Learning (PBL)** approach. Small tutorial groups, interactive learning, and real-world case studies encourage independence and teamwork. This is very attractive for students who want **active, skills-based learning** rather than passive lectures.

## **3. Location: Heart of Europe**

Maastricht sits right on the border of Belgium and Germany, with **Paris, Brussels, Cologne, and Amsterdam** just a train ride away. Living in Maastricht means you're in a small city but at the **crossroads of Europe**. Housing is significantly easier to find and also more affordable than elsewhere in the Netherlands.

## **4. Charming Student City**

Maastricht has a **beautiful historic center**, cobblestone streets, old city walls, and a mix of Dutch, Belgian, and French influences. The city is **safe, walkable, and bike-friendly**, with lots of cozy cafés, bars, and cultural events. It's a smaller city compared to Amsterdam, Utrecht, or Rotterdam, meaning **less chaos and more community feel**.

## **5. High Quality of Life**

Green surroundings, the Meuse river, and nearby hills make Maastricht stand out in the otherwise flat Netherlands. Cafés, terraces, art festivals, and a vibrant nightlife make it attractive beyond academics. It's known for its **Burgundian lifestyle**—good food, good wine, and social life.

## **6. Tight-Knit Community**

Because Maastricht is smaller and more international than most Dutch university cities, students often say it feels like a **close, welcoming community** rather than just another big student hub.

## **7. European Heritage**

Maastricht is historically significant as the birthplace of the **European Union (Treaty of Maastricht, 1992)**. For students interested in politics, international law, business, or European studies, that's a huge symbolic selling point.





# Study Social Sciences at the University of Göttingen (Germany)

A great opportunity for students taking Soc. & Pol. in combination with Economics, Law or Global Media.

Check out their [fact sheet](#) – it has loads of useful information and links to give insights into student life in beautiful Göttingen, which has always been a very popular destination for students of German. Social Sciences is one of the few areas where they offer extensive teaching through English.

German is not necessary, but would be useful, and language classes are available.



# Some terms we use

**Home University:** University of Galway

**Host University:** the university where you study abroad

**Exchange agreement:** a “contract” between universities to exchange students, usually in a particular subject area

**Learning agreement:** a “contract” between you and your home/host universities, setting out what courses you will take while abroad.

**Academic coordinator:** the lecturer at the University of Galway who will provide guidance on course choice and sign your learning agreement, and with whom you are expected to keep in touch before and during your year abroad.







## *How should I choose courses?*

- Consult the host university's online course catalogue (links provided).
- Avoid duplicating what you've already studied.
- Avoid significant overlap with your Final Year courses.
- Modules to complement and enhance your study of your degree subjects.
- Modules that you wouldn't ordinarily get the chance to study.
- Modules related to society/culture of host country.
- Check location of teaching (some unis have multiple campuses)
- Avoid self-study modules.
- Need approval from University of Galway academic coordinators.





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# ***Will the University of Galway arrange my accommodation abroad?***

- No, but ...
- We will offer advice on this topic
- Each **host university** has a dedicated **Accommodation Service**.
- Possibility of a room in a student residence
- Early application advisable!





# *Will the marks I get while abroad count towards my degree?*

- Period abroad assessed on **Pass/Fail** basis by University of Galway
- Transcript from host university will show all your results
- Valuable document, e.g. for postgrad applications, seeking employment, etc





## ***What happens if I fail the Year Abroad? Or if I withdraw halfway through?***

- No International degree
- Return to enrol on Year 3 of normal BA
- Repeat fees will be payable (currently €2,140 for full year without Government-funded “free tuition”)
- Withdrawal after 60 days but before 30 Jan.: Leave of absence for semester 2, and one semester of fees (currently €2,869) payable in final year. Partial Erasmus grant repayment.
- Withdrawal before 60 days: repay Erasmus grant, and LoA not possible after 31 October





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# COSTS— What to budget for

- Flights, including flight home at Christmas
- Accommodation
- Household bills
- Food
- Books, materials
- Leisure
- Insurance (for North America)

## ESTIMATES – some examples

Uppsala University: ~ €920 per month

University of Tartu: €400 to €600 per month

Boston College: \$28,000 for the academic year (~ €25,640)

*(Check partner uni websites for estimated costs!)*

<https://www.numbeo.com/cost-of-living/>

## Start saving early!

**ESTIMATES – some more examples**  
**Helsinki: ~ €900 - €1250 per month**  
**Leiden, Leuven: €950 to €1300 per month**  
**Malta: €400 - €700 per month**







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# FUNDING

- Erasmus funding for study in Europe:
  - €385 per month for many countries
  - €330 per month for Czechia, Estonia, Hungary, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia, Spain
  - 80% of total grant at start, balance on return
  - Plus one-off travel grant, based on distance
  - Supplementary Erasmus funding for financially disadvantaged students
  - Maintain eligibility for SUSI grant, etc
  - “non-adjacent” rate may apply, provided study abroad integral to course
  - (Erasmus Disability grant, if applicable)
  - Erasmus funding cannot be guaranteed!*
- Boston College: \$5,000 scholarship (FY)
- Other non-EU: no funding







## Be aware that ...

- *Study abroad is demanding*
- *It will require a whole set of personal qualities to deal with the everyday challenges.*
- *These qualities can be developed, but you must be prepared to step out of your comfort zone.*
- *It's important to do thorough research on academic, practical and financial matters.*
- *Mental health issues? – study abroad may prove stressful, so please consider carefully whether it's appropriate for you.*





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# ***Making your application***

- Online form will be circulated by e-mail tomorrow.
- Strict deadline: **midnight on Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> February**
- Consult the materials on the web page mentioned earlier, especially the Appendix and list of host universities.
- In your application you must
  - provide First Year and 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Semester 1 results;
  - choose up to 3 potential host universities and explain your choices;
  - write a statement of motivation.
- Selections will be done in consultation with academic coordinators.
- In some cases, students may be called for brief informal interview.







# STUDY ABROAD: A STUDENT VIEW

“For me, Erasmus is more than just University: it’s the people, the culture, the places, the friends that I’ve made, the experience I’ve gained and the memories that I’ll have forever.”



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# Next steps

- Look up the materials.
- Start researching possible host unis.
- Consult Galway academic coordinator if necessary.
- Explain your choices and write a personal statement.
- Submit your form before the **deadline**.
- Successful candidates will be nominated to a host university in coming months.



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Any questions??



Please feel free to ask  
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