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# Stay Abroad Information Meeting 2023



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## 1. Lehrdiplom – Regulations for the Stay Abroad Requirement

Six-month stay abroad (i.e. 26 weeks – i.e. 182 days – with max. one interruption) **before** being allowed to book the module *Fachdidaktik I*.

The stay abroad must take place after the *Matura*, in a region in which English is the first language of a majority of inhabitants (see list on ES website). This requirement can be waived if:

- the candidate spent a full academic year at an English-language school in a predominantly English-speaking region after the age of 15 (e.g. at a US high school);
- one's entire schooling until at least the age of 12 took place in English-language schools in predominantly English-speaking regions.





## 1. Lehrdiplom – Regulations for the Stay Abroad Requirement

There are no rules regarding what students have to do during their stay abroad. You can study, work, travel, etc. Students are expected to **be able to submit written proof** of their stay abroad (e.g. flight tickets, certificates of enrollment and/or employment, etc.). **Note:** Flight tickets alone do not constitute proof!

More information on the English Stay Abroad Requirement:

<https://www.es.uzh.ch/en/studies/lehrdiplom/stayabroadrequirement.html>

→ If you have any questions, please contact me via [studyabroad@es.uzh.ch](mailto:studyabroad@es.uzh.ch)





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## 2. Exchange Places Reserved for Students of English - SEMP

### Aim

to promote student mobility and cooperation between European universities.

### Conditions

- enrolled at UZH when applying and during exchange
- min. 2 semesters at UZH completed before leaving for exchange (for BA students)
- Learning Agreement (UZH Global Student Experience Office via Mobility Online)
- Anerkennungsvereinbarung (ES → Studiendekanat)

**Note: Please check the Mobility Online search platform to see the available exchange places for HS23/FS24. You can apply until January 15, there is no first come first served!**



## 2. Exchange Places Reserved for Students of English - SEMP

Country	University	BA	MA
Austria	Universität Wien	1 x 1 Sem.	
Finland	University of Helsinki*	1 x 1 Sem.	
	University of Tampere	1 x 2 Sem.	1 x 2 Sem.
Germany	Friedrich-Schiller-Universität Jena	1 x 1 Sem.	
Romania	Babeş-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca	1 x 1 Sem.	
Spain	Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona	1 x 2 Sem.	-
Ireland	Trinity College Dublin (only Literature!)	1 x 1 Sem.	-
UK	University of Aberdeen	2 x 1 Sem.	-
	University of Lancaster	1 x 1 Sem.	1 x 1 Sem.
	Plymouth University (only Literature!)	1 x 2 Sem.	-
	University of Sheffield	2 x 1 Sem.	1 x 2 Sem.
	University of Warwick, Coventry	1 x 1 Sem.	
	Queen Mary University of London	2 x 2 Sem.	-

\*Faculty-wide contract with 1 reserved slot for a student of English

1 x 2 Sem. =  
(No. of slots; 1) x (Max.  
no. of semesters; 2)





## 2. Exchange Places Reserved for Students of English – Places Outside of Europe



Halifax, Canada

Country	University	BA	MA
Canada	Mount Saint Vincent University, Halifax	1 x 1 Sem.	-

### Conditions

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- Anerkennungsvereinbarung (ES → Studiendekanat)



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### 3. Other Exchange Places: UZH “Diverse” and Worldwide Agreements

All possible exchange slots for English Literature and/or Linguistics students can be found on the Mobility Online search platform (for 2024/2025):

[https://mobility.int.uzh.ch/mobility/MobilitySearchServlet?identifier=ZURICH01&kz\\_bew\\_pers=S&kz\\_bew\\_art=OUT&sprache=de](https://mobility.int.uzh.ch/mobility/MobilitySearchServlet?identifier=ZURICH01&kz_bew_pers=S&kz_bew_art=OUT&sprache=de)







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## 4. When to go abroad

Bachelor (if you want to complete the degree in six semesters):

- not during first two semesters → only **after successful completion of foundation studies**
- **if one year: semesters 3 & 4**
- **if one term: ideally semester 5, but 3-5 all possible**
- the final semester is not ideal for a stay abroad

Master (if you want to complete the degree in four semesters):

- **ideally semester 2 or 3, but semester 1 is also no problem**
- the final semester is not ideal for a stay abroad

HOWEVER: be aware that sometimes, course choices may change and that not all courses can be accredited the way you would like them to be accredited.



## 4. Application Process & Deadlines

**Option 1:** Min. 1 ES-only place (+ 0-2 UZH «Diverse» or worldwide places)

Examples:

1. London, 2. Lancaster, 3. Vienna (all ES-only places)

1. Sydney, 2. Lancaster, 3. Durham (1 worldwide, 1 ES-only place, 1 «Diverse»)

**Deadline: January 15 (earlier deadline counts!)**

- Applications via Mobility Online (opens on November 1, 2023)
- Follow the guidelines on Mobility Online and the ES website!
- ES specific documents: Application Form and 3 Referee Reports  
→ digital forms available from November 1, please check the English Department Stay Abroad website







## 4. Application Process & Deadlines

**Option 1:** Min. 1 ES-only place (+ 0-2 UZH «Diverse» or worldwide places)

Financial support for SEMP: fees at guest university waived + grant\*: CHF 1330.- for a trimester (2-3 months) and CHF 1900.- for a semester (3+ months)

(\*Mobility grants cannot be guaranteed, grant sum may vary!)

### Important Links:

- ES guideline (Application Steps) & links to Application form and Referee Report form:  
<https://www.es.uzh.ch/en/studies/stayabroad/uzhoutbound/studyingabroad.html>
- Abteilung Global Student Experience (GSE) guidelines:  
SEMP & «Diverse»: <https://www.int.uzh.ch/de/out/program/erasmus.html>  
Worldwide: <https://www.int.uzh.ch/de/out/program/world.html>



## 4. Application Process & Deadlines

**Option 2:** Only UZH «Diverse» and/or worldwide places

Examples:

1. Nottingham, 2. Sydney, 3. Melbourne (1 Diverse and 2 worldwide)

**Deadlines: see Global Student Experience website (usually January 15, subject to change)**

<https://www.int.uzh.ch/de/out/program.html>

- Applications via Mobility Online (opens on November 1, 2022)
- Follow the guidelines on Mobility Online!
- Financial support: fees at guest university waived, some grants available (see <https://www.int.uzh.ch/de/out/finance.html>)
- ES students can also apply for financial support via the ES Alumni Student Fund: <http://www.es.uzh.ch/en/alumni/esalumnistudentfund.html>



## 4. Application Process: Global Experience Talks

Global Experience Talks (by the UZH Global Student Experience office)

[https://www.int.uzh.ch/de/out/global\\_experience\\_talks.html](https://www.int.uzh.ch/de/out/global_experience_talks.html)



23. Oktober 2023	<i>Global Student Experience UZH</i>
12:15 – 13:00	<b>Bewerben! Aber wie?</b>
Raum: KOL G 217 EV	Was gilt es zu beachten, um eine möglichst erfolgreiche Bewerbung um einen Austauschplatz einzureichen? In dieser Veranstaltung informieren wir über den Bewerbungsprozess, geben Ihnen wertvolle Tipps und beantworten Ihre offenen Fragen.





## 4. Application Process: Experience Reports

Experience Reports may help you find the perfect exchange slots for you:

[https://mobility.int.uzh.ch/mobility/MobilitySearchServlet?kz\\_bew\\_pers=S&s=1&inst\\_id\\_heim=428057&kz\\_bew\\_art=OUT&allowApplication=1&kz\\_search=Q&reloadCompleteUrl=1&identifier=ZURICH01&sprache=de](https://mobility.int.uzh.ch/mobility/MobilitySearchServlet?kz_bew_pers=S&s=1&inst_id_heim=428057&kz_bew_art=OUT&allowApplication=1&kz_search=Q&reloadCompleteUrl=1&identifier=ZURICH01&sprache=de)

(from 2017 onward)





## 4. Accreditation

- The accreditation criteria for English Literature and Linguistics can be found on the English Department Stay Abroad website:  
<https://www.es.uzh.ch/en/studies/stayabroad/uzhoutbound/studyingabroad.html>
- Before you go abroad, you must contact the study abroad coordinator and discuss your course choices to make sure they get accredited.
- Course choices may change once you arrive at the partner university  
→ contact study abroad coordinator again to discuss changes
- Before you go abroad, you need to sign
  - an Anerkennungsvereinbarung (filled out by the study abroad coordinator)
  - and for SEMP places also a Learning Agreement





## 4. Accreditation

- no accreditation without prior Anerkennungsvereinbarung!
- compulsory courses should be completed at the UZH ES and not abroad  
***exception: obtain written confirmation before departure***
- in many cases: credit points from abroad must be converted, ask the study abroad coordinator for details
- upon return: submit original transcripts & all written work to [studyabroad@es.uzh.ch](mailto:studyabroad@es.uzh.ch)





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## 5. What About Brexit and Erasmus+?

- Neither the UK nor Switzerland are member states of Erasmus+
- SEMP includes UK partners for the 2024/25 exchange period
- Future of SEMP-UK-Erasmus partnerships still unknown
- **Visa regulations have changed considerably!**
  - No visa necessary if you stay for less than 6 months, Student Visa required if you study in the UK for more than 6 months
  - Check <https://www.gov.uk/browse/visas-immigration/student-visas>
  - Check <https://www.gov.uk/check-uk-visa>
- **Language requirements at UK partner universities have become very strict!**  
Please inform yourself early enough about any requirements and take the required language tests before you apply at the partner university. The English Department does not offer official language tests.



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## 6. Further Options (I): Teaching Abroad, Fulbright Scholarships & Summer Schools

### Yeats Summer School **(not yet certain whether the project will continue!)**

The Yeats Society in Sligo, Ireland, organises the Yeats International Summer School every year - an opportunity to learn about the famous Nobel-prize winning poet William Butler Yeats (1865-1939), comprising cultural events and excursions in the beautiful county Sligo.

For 2024, please check the information that will follow on the ES website:

<https://www.es.uzh.ch/en/scis-zjif/projectsandresources/yeatssummerschoolstipend.html>

**More Summer Schools via the GSE:**

<https://www.int.uzh.ch/en/out/summerschools.html>



## 6. Further Options (I): Teaching Abroad, Fulbright Scholarships & Summer Schools

Teaching Abroad – USA: Amity Intern Program (cf. <https://amity.org/>)

### Entry Requirements

- be currently enrolled at a university OR have graduated no more than 12 months before the start
- have a career goal in education
- proficiency in English – and be enthusiastic about sharing their culture and native language

### Interns:

- are assigned to a supervising teacher
- work in school for approximately 32 hours a week (excludes occasional special events)
- play a flexible role in the classroom (e.g. assisting teacher, developing materials, etc.)
- **Note:** Interns stay with a host family (free room and board) + monthly stipend of \$200



## 6. Further Options (I): Teaching Abroad, Fulbright Scholarships & Summer Schools

### Fulbright-Swiss Foreign Student and Visiting Scholar Program, USA

#### Entry Requirements

- Swiss citizenship
- Undergraduate degree from a University or University of Applied Sciences and Arts completed by summer 2024.
- English proficiency with a TOEFL Internet-based iBT score of 100 or higher.

**Duration of stay:** 4-10 months, not renewable

**Grant sum:** ca. \$20,000, depending on the number of finalists and on the availability of funds

**Application Deadline:** August 2024 for an exchange in summer 2025

<https://www.swissuniversities.ch/service/stipendien-ausland/grants-for-the-usa/fulbright-student-grants>







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## 7. Further Options (II): Stay Abroad Portfolio & Research-based Report

### Stay Abroad Portfolio (Bachelor Module) and Stay Abroad: Research-Based Report (Master Module)

- Students who have spent six or more weeks within one year and with max. one interruption (i.e. min. 42 days) in the same particular Anglophone region (region = usually not a whole country) can choose to compile a stay abroad portfolio (BA) or a research-based report (MA) and earn 3 ECTS.
- If you have already received credit points in English for a stay abroad or studying abroad (e.g. exchange semester, credited summer school, credited internship, regular studies in another country, etc.), it does NOT count as a possible stay abroad for the portfolio/report.
- **Before you book the module** you should send an outline to the study abroad coordinator and discuss your idea for the portfolio/report
- The portfolio must be **handed in no later than 12 months after the end of the stay abroad**
- **Submission deadlines: Fall semester: November 1 / Spring semester: May 1**



## 7. Further Options (II): Stay Abroad Portfolio & Research-based Report

Please have a look at the module websites and **read the additional guidelines carefully (top link on module website):**

BA module:

<https://www.es.uzh.ch/en/studies/bachelor/advanced/modulecatalog/modulesalphabetical/stayabroadportfolio.html>

MA module:

<https://www.es.uzh.ch/en/studies/master/advanced/modulecatalog/modulesalphabetical/stayabroadresearchbasedreport.html>

See also our ES website for more options:

<https://www.es.uzh.ch/en/studies/stayabroad/uzhoutbound/furtherstayabroadoptions.html>



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## 8. Q&A session

