

What happens now?

Helping returning students make the most of
their Study Abroad experience

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'London's Global University'

UCL Student Profile

- 52.9% UK students
- 47.1% non-UK Domiciled
 - 15.7% Rest of EU
 - 31.4% Overseas

Global Engagement Strategy

30% of the Undergraduate cohort to have had some kind of international experience by 2020

41,539 Students

19232 Undergraduates
and 22,307
postgraduate students

GES Progress

Currently achieving around 26%,
including traditional Study Abroad
placements, short mobilities and
Medical Electives

The Study Abroad Programme

Sending approx. 630 students per year on semester and year-long placements (over 700 individual mobilities)

Just over half of our outbound cohort go abroad under Erasmus Study and Traineeships;
the rest on reciprocal, non-EU Study placements

UCL Study Abroad Team

Implement the Global Engagement Strategy at operational, student-facing level

- Promote the Study Abroad programme
- Manage an internal application cycle and allocate study abroad placements
- short-mobility provision
- Manage UCL's Erasmus Agreement
- Oversee a student's study abroad 'journey' from initial interest to return from year abroad



The 'Study Abroad Journey'

Promotion of Study Abroad through Information Sessions and a Study Abroad Fair



Comprehensive Preparation Programme



'Departure Lounge' drop-in events



Study Abroad Newsletter, Social Media competitions, Vlog and Blog Scheme



Study Abroad Feedback Questionnaire



Final paperwork chasing!



What happens now?!

*'Cultivating our **global outlook** to offer our students the best possible preparation for **global lives and careers**'*



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Returning to UCL

If are feeling a bit overwhelmed at the thought of coming home, here are some things you should think about to help you get organised for your return.

Accommodation

Things to consider when looking for accommodation for your return to London.

Re-enrolling and Module Selection

Key information on re-enrolling and selecting your modules on your return to UCL.

Careers Information

UCL Careers Service are on hand to help you to present your year abroad achievements to potential employers.

Support UCL Study Abroad

Use your experience to help other students who are considering or about to embark on a period of study abroad.

2016 Study Abroad Returners Event

Title	Delivered by	Time
Introduction	Study Abroad Team	18:00
Your global experience	UCL Careers	18:05
Graduate Schemes- Civil Service Fast Stream Scheme	Civil Service Fast Stream Graduate Team	18:30
Teaching English abroad	JET: Teaching in Japan	18:40
Global journeys	Alumni	18:50
Networking	All	19:15
Close	All	20:15

Held in mid-October 2016 and open to all students abroad in 2015/16

Promoted via social media channels, email and Study Abroad Newsletter

Around 70 students in attendance

UCL Careers Service Session

Help students to formalise their experiences abroad and identify key skills to enhance future job applications

- Interactive, 'workshop' style segment run by the UCL Careers Service
- Practical tips and exercises to help students update their CV and sell themselves in interviews
- Overview of Graduate Scheme Recruitment Cycles to help students make the most of their final year of study
- Good opportunity to promote their own events and services to recently-returned students



FIND *your* FUTURE

The graduate job market

Characteristics	Graduate 'Schemes'	Graduate 'jobs'
Structure	3 months to 3 years 80% offer up to 4/5 rotations Professional qualifications Fast-track to future leadership	Ad hoc
Industry coverage	Largely commercial focus	All sectors
Graduate intake	Between 5 – 1,500	1+
Recruitment timelines	Typically 1 to 3 intakes per year Limited number recruit all year round	Flexible (as required)
Competition	Highly competitive	Opportunity dependent
Internship/ work experience opportunities	85% offer internships. High % conversion to graduate job offer.	Sometimes. Often sourced through networking/ speculative approach

FIND *your* FUTURE



Typical Graduate 'Scheme' / 'job' recruitment Cycle

2016

2017

Jul | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | July | Aug | Sep



Grad JOBS - Year round recruitment

Grad SCHEMES start dates



Grad SCHEMES applications window

Grad SCHEMES recruitment, selection and offers

Employers seek a range of qualities...

Academic achievement

- (70%+ of graduate jobs are available to students from any discipline)

Motivation

- sector and organisation awareness

Is there a link between your motivation for job and why you chose the year abroad?

Evidence of transferable skills

- 'competencies' – see person specification
 - source: volunteering / student societies / hobbies / year abroad

Work experience:

- internship / other part-time / shadowing

▶ The process starts with the role, not your experience

1st - What competencies are **they** looking for – see person spec.

2nd - Generate your best example (S.T.A.R.) for each based on your academic, extra-curricular, time abroad, and work experiences.

3rd - Use the examples in your cover letter and in interview.

4th - Create a CV that highlights how you meet the criteria; while succinct include objective evidence/detail. Not your life story.

How We Can Help

One-to-one Careers Guidance

- Short Guidance (20 min)
- 60 minute career discussions (by referral)

Application and Interview Advice

- Jobs / Further Study
- Applications Advice (15 min)
- Mock interviews

Careers Resources / Information

- Careers Tagged www.careerstagged.co.uk
- Going Global ucl.ac.uk/careers/specialistsupport/overseas
- UCL JobOnline (search engine) and UCL Talent Bank (shortlisting)
- Information Officers & Careers Library at 4th Floor, Student Central (ULU Building)

And more...

Employer Presentations

Representatives from JET and the Civil Service Fast Stream Recruitment Team promoted their own Graduate schemes

- Tips on skills and experience they look for in recent Graduates
- Guidance on application timeframes and processes
- Information on career development opportunities
- Opportunity for Q&A



Civil Service
Fast Stream

Study Abroad Alumni Panel

Former UCL students who had been abroad in 2011/12 and graduated in 2013 were invited back to share their experience of how studying abroad helped shape their career

- Informal Q&A style segment
- Excellent opportunity for peer-to-peer interaction

After graduation I worked in Poland for two years as Accounts Payable Accountant (AP) at a large pharmaceuticals corporation. I was actually offered the job a year before graduating from UCL. They were looking for a fluent Croatian speaker, and at the time I was studying Serbian/Croatian and East European Studies at UCL and on my Year Abroad in Zagreb, Croatia.

In August 2016 I was offered a position of Accounts Payable Manager within broadcasting company based in London. Initially, I had to migrate the whole AP department from Stockholm to London and establish it in our London HQ. Now, as a manager, I run the team of AP Clerks.

Studying abroad gave me the confidence to apply for overseas jobs, as I knew that I was already capable of living independently abroad'

What worked well!

- Provided bespoke information from Careers Service for Study Abroad returners
- Provided platform for Study Abroad Alumni to reflect on the experience
- Opportunity for the Study Abroad Team to congratulate students in person for completing their year abroad
- Cost-efficient event; run in-house with minimal catering costs



Challenges and ideas for future development

- Collaborative effort with Careers Service and relies on availability of speakers- allow plenty of time to plan
- Consider revising timing of the event to avoid start of term 'overload'!
- Include a celebration of student achievement and give students the opportunity to share their Study Abroad story
- Include a round-up of the year's Vlog submissions
- Collect event-specific student feedback-
 - What do students want to hear about?
 - Important for us not to assume that we know