



# GUIDE TO CHOOSING MODULES FOR STUDY ABROAD STUDENTS

This guide will help you to select modules for study during your time at Liverpool.

We know that this can be a daunting prospect this guide provides information on how to find the right modules for you, how to input them in your application, and what happens next.

Please read the information in this guide before you attempt to select your modules from our **MODULE LIST** available on our webpage **HERE**.

We hope you find this guide useful. We look forward to welcoming you to the University of Liverpool!

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## Study Abroad at the University of Liverpool

Study Abroad students at the University of Liverpool have access to a wide range of modules across our departments. The majority of modules are worth 15 or 30 Liverpool credits: you can take a minimum of 45 credits and a maximum of 60 credits per semester while studying with us. When selecting modules, ensure that:

- ✓ Your choices are approved by your home University
- ✓ You are eligible for the course

The University is divided into three faculties which house our academic schools and departments:

## Faculty of Health and Life Sciences

## Institute of Life and **Human Sciences**

#### School of Life Sciences

Anatomy and Human Biology Biochemistry

Bioveterinary Science

Genetics

Human Psychology

Microbiology

Pharmacology

Tropical Disease Biology

Zoology

#### School of Psychology

Psychology

Institute of Veterinary Sciences

## **Faculty of Humanities** and Social Sciences

#### School of the Arts

Architecture

Communications and Media

English

Music

Philosophy

# School of Histories, Languages

and Cultures

Archaeology, Classics and

Egyptology

History

Irish Studies

Modern Languages and Cultures

**Politics** 

# School of Law and Social

#### Justice

Law

Sociology, Social Policy and

Criminology

# University of Liverpool

### Management School

Accounting and Finance

**Business Economics** 

**Business Management** 

Economics

International Business

Marketing

# **Faculty of Science** and Engineering

## School of Electrical Engineering, Electronics and Computer Science

Computer Science

Electrical Engineering and

Electronics

#### School of Engineering

Aerospace

Architectural

Civil

Industrial Design

# School of Environmental

#### Sciences

Earth, Ocean and Ecological

Sciences

Geography and Planning

#### School of Physical Sciences

Chemistry

Mathematical Sciences

Physics

## Understanding this Guide: Glossary of Terms

**Module:** At the University of Liverpool, a unit of study is referred to as a **module**. A course refers to someone's degree of study; i.e. someone may take an Economics *module* as part of their wider Business related *course*.

Global Opportunities Academic Advisor (GOAA): Each academic department/school has a GOAA who will review your module selections in Mobility Online. They will academically approve or reject your choices based on your academic transcript and the pre-requisites of the module. If your choice is rejected you may need to make further choices; see page 6 for more details. Please note that an approval by your GOAA does not mean you will be registered for the module; it may be that there is a timetable clash with your other modules or it will be at capacity.

If you're taking modules from only one school/department, you will have only one GOAA. If you take modules from multiple schools/departments, you will multiple GOAAs. You will meet your GOAA(s) during mandatory academic meetings at the start of the semester, where they'll share important details about the academics in their school/department. If you have multiple GOAAs, you should attend the meetings with each of them.

**Level**: Study Abroad students are generally recommended to take level 4-6 (years 1-3) modules. All modules in this guide are organized by level, so you can clearly see which modules will be appropriate for your year of study.

Level	Year of Study
4	1 <sup>st</sup>
5	2 <sup>nd</sup>
6	3 <sup>rd</sup> (final year)
7	Postgraduate (Masters)

**Credits:** While studying at Liverpool, you will earn transferable credits to take back to your home University. Whist at Liverpool you must be enrolled on a minimum of 45 credits and a maximum of 60 per semester. 60 **Liverpool credits are equivalent to 30 ECTS**. You must list a minimum of 120 credits per semester on your application in order to have back-ups.

**Semester** The academic year comprises two semesters. Semester 1 takes place between September and January. Semester 2 starts in late January and finishes in June. When selecting modules ensure your choice takes place in the **correct semester**; you will be rejected for any modules not offered in your semester of study. Students from the US, Canada, Hong Kong, India and Singapore are eligible to request taking their Semester 1 (January) exams on their home campus rather than returning to Liverpool. More information about this process and the associated fee will be given to you upon arrival.

**Pre-requisites** Each module lists pre-requisites that you must have before enrolling on the module details page (linked to from the module codes). This could be prior experience in the subject area or a specific module that you must have taken the equivalent of at your home university. **Do not apply** for modules for which you do not have the pre-requisites.

## How To Select Modules

- ✓ Please read the guidance in this document first before consulting the Module List which can be found on our website (here).
- ✓ In the Module List/spreadsheet, you will find modules categorised by School
- ✓ Identify modules for which you are eligible, would like to study, and are approved by your home university. Input the module codes and titles into your Mobility Online application. Be sure to write the module code and title exactly as they appear in the module list when you insert them into your application.
- ✓ Your modules will then be subject to academic approval by your Global Opportunities Academic Advisors (GOAAs). You **cannot be issued an offer** until you have been approved for at least 45 credits. Therefore we advise you to list **at least 90-120 credits** worth of modules so that you have back-ups should you not be approved for your first choices or you have a timetable clash.

PLEASE NOTE: List your modules in Mobility Online in <u>order of preference</u>. Where possible you will be registered for the first 60 credits for which you are approved, but this is <u>not guaranteed</u> due to unforeseen timetabling and availability issues. Therefore, you should list back-up modules to ensure you access modules you need to study.

Any guidance listed under each school/department or recommended modules are given directly from our Global Opportunities Academic Advisors (GOAAs) regarding modules from their subject areas. To learn more about each module, please click on module description link within the Module List.

## Frequently Asked Questions

#### Can I take modules from any department?

Yes, you are free to take a selection of modules, but it is **your responsibility** to ensure the credits will be transferrable to your home university. Furthermore, ensure that you meet the **pre-requisites** for the modules.

Note that taking modules from two or more different departments increases the likelihood of timetabling clashes as the timetables are created by year and by school/department.

#### I have core modules essential to my degree progression; can I study these at Liverpool?

We **do not** advise that you take core modules while studying abroad, as we cannot guarantee module availability. We would advise you to study elective or optional modules with us to ensure you get your preferred choices and can transfer credit back home.

#### The links to the module details pages aren't working, what do I do?

If you encounter link problems, please e-mail gouol@liverpool.ac.uk

#### How many credits can I take?

In order to study with us, you must be enrolled on a minimum of **45 Liverpool credits per semester**. You can study a maximum of **60 Liverpool credits per semester**. Remember, however, to list more modules than you intend to take on your application (see next point).

## Once my modules are approved, are they guaranteed?

Due to timetabling and class sizes, we **cannot guarantee** that you will be registered for your academically approved modules exactly as they appear on your offer letter. You should therefore list **at least 90-120 credits** worth of modules **in order of preference** to give yourself back-up choices. Where possible, you will be registered for your **first 60 approved credits**.

#### How long will it take to receive an offer once I have inputted my module choices?

We work with our academic colleagues to get your modules approved as soon as possible. At peak times, there may be a delay, and we thank you for your patience in the interim.

#### I have been approved for less than 45 credits, what should I do?

If you are approved for less than 45 credits, you will receive an e-mail asking you to select further module choices. Use this Guide to select your further choices and e-mail them to gouol@liverpool.ac.uk.

#### Can I see the class times for my modules?

You will be able to access your timetable roughly 2 weeks before the start of the semester. The central timetables are not finalised until this time.

#### I have received an offer but have changed my mind; can I change my modules?

After you have received an offer, your next opportunity to edit your module choices is within the first 2 weeks of the semester. We will explain this process thoroughly during orientation.

#### Can I take other modules aside from those listed here?

Generally, no. This list has been compiled with each of our GOAAs to ensure it's a list that includes what you may be eligible to take as a study abroad student. If a module has been left off this list, that's because it is not available for study abroad students. In case there is a module you're interested in that isn't listed here (e.g. 4<sup>th</sup> year Master's modules), these may be discussed on a case-by-case basis with some schools or departments. In this case, please contact us at gouol@liverpool.ac.uk for more information.