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Study Abroad in 2027-28



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I went to Keene and America completely on my own and gained so much confidence in myself and being there I learnt how to network, how to communicate with different cultures and how to make new friends. I met some of the best people that I still speak to now and learnt so much about myself and skills that are going to last me a lifetime!

Ellie, Keene State College



Photo by Calleigh Cartlidge

What is Study Abroad?

The Study Abroad programme is an incredible opportunity for you to spend a semester or a year of your York St John University degree studying in a different country. We have exchange agreements in place with universities all around the world that have been carefully selected for their compatibility with our courses.

Important info at a glance

- **Funding may be available via Student Finance England (SFE)**
- Study Abroad will not add extra time to your degree.
- All modules studied abroad are credit bearing and will count towards your York St John University degree.
- You will not pay tuition fees to your host institution. These are payable to YSJU as usual.
- You are guaranteed YSJU accommodation for the semester you are not abroad.
- All modules are delivered in English.



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Why should I study abroad?

Network internationally

"I am an interior design student and at Keene I did a few architecture classes, and they were some of the best people I met. Everyone was so lovely and welcoming and including. They were always wanting to show and teach me new things as well as learn things about my life and how we do things at York St John."
Ellie Roberts-Minto, U.S.A

Gain a new perspective on your subject area

"Classes here tend to be more discussion-based than at home, and the professors often connect lessons to local topics, for example, I'm taking a Making of Modern China history class and one lesson we got to look at the university's own archives of their Boxer mascot that has a long history of its creation and why it ended up at Pacific!"
Andreana Kokkinos, U.S.A

Enhance your employability

"This experience strengthened my adaptability, intercultural awareness and professional confidence. If you're considering study abroad, my advice is simple: say yes. The challenges are what make it transformative."
Lena Finney, U.S.A

Travel and discover a different culture

"In Japan, there are many foods that are completely different to the ones that are generally available in England. Going out to eat food and drink has been one of my favourite ways to meet up and spend time hanging out with friends. Often times when I meet with one of the friends I made in my first semester, we will go to a gyudon chain called SUKIYA and order the king size cheese gyudon, which is a kind of challenge item that unlike everything else on the menu, you need to order directly from the workers as it does not appear on the regular menu which you usually order on a tablet"
Connor Campbell, Japan



"I highly recommend you immerse yourself into these cultural events too as soon as you can, as you will never experience anything else like it anywhere else. Especially so during the summertime when students first move in and start their study abroad experiences, it's an amazing time to experience the festivals, fireworks, food and friends that come along with it."

Jamie Darch, Japan

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What costs should I be aware of?

Transportation
You will need to pay for your transportation to and around the host country if you plan on travelling. This often includes flights to the host country, followed by buses or trains for transport within the host country.

Accommodation
Accommodation will need to be paid for. If your exchange is enrolled in the Bed4Bed scheme, this sum will be payable to York St John University. Otherwise, you will arrange payment with your host university (or the provider if you are in private accommodation). If you are only going for one semester, you will need to pay for your accommodation for the semester you are studying at YSJU, if you accept the guaranteed accommodation offer.

VISA
You will need to cover the costs of your VISA, as well as any costs for travelling to the Embassy in London (if applicable). You may also need to purchase a new passport if yours is currently expired (or close to expiring).

Meal Plan (U.S.A Universities only)
You will need to purchase a meal plan for the duration of your stay with your host university. Different packages may be available. All of this information will be made available by your host university, as to what is included and how to pay.

Travel/Health Insurance
Whilst we provide a level of travel insurance and, in some cases, your host university will also insure you, we strongly advise you to purchase your own travel insurance cover. If you have an existing health condition, you will need to buy your own health insurance at the very least.

Medical Tests
There may be an expectation that you will pay for a number of medical tests prior to studying abroad. These will be on a case-by-case basis, and you will be made aware of these should they be required.

Miscellaneous Costs
These costs vary tremendously between institutions. Miscellaneous costs may include orientation fees, supplies and personal expenses, bedding, application fees, college fees, activity fees, health fees and technology fees, to name a few. Those relevant to each institution are listed on our Funding and Costs page on the Student Hub.


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Financial support available

Student Maintenance Loan
If you are in receipt of a maintenance loan, then you will continue to receive this as usual when you are abroad, but may also be eligible for a higher amount depending on your circumstances. There is also the option to receive your first instalment early if your time abroad would begin sooner than if you remained in the UK.

Tuition Fee Reduction
All Home students who study abroad for a year will receive an 85% discount on 2027/28 tuition fees. You will not pay any tuition fees to your host institution; these are instead paid to York St John University.

Student Finance Travel Grant
You may be eligible to claim back on certain travel expenses from your time abroad. The amount for each greatly depends on your household income, and covers reasonable costs incurred on different expenses during the academic year. Any claims made are subject to your financial circumstances. These can include:

- Any reasonable travel undertaken.
- Medical expenses portion of your insurance policy.
- Vaccination costs (if required)
- VISA costs (if required)

For more specific information regarding these claims, eligibility, and how you can submit a claim, please scan the QR code below:

gov.uk/travel-grants-students-england

For the SFE Claims form, please scan the QR code below:

gov.uk/government/publications/student-finance-application-for-travel-grant

BUTEX Scholarships
Butex Scholarship Butex awards a number of scholarships to students studying abroad for a semester or the full year, which are typically around £600. The scholarship application period opens in May 2027 and you can find more information here: https://butex.ac.uk/scholarships

For more information, please visit our Funding and Costs page on the Student Hub

What do I do next?



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Next Steps

Studying abroad requires careful consideration, commitment and planning. By following the steps below, you can ensure that you meet this opportunity with as much insight as possible.

1. **Start your search on the Student Hub.** There we have articles related to costs, funding, support and host universities.

2. **Check where and when you can study abroad with your course.** Compare and research partner institutions (if applicable).

3. **Book an appointment with one of the team via our careers platform, Handshake.**

4. **Apply from Tuesday December 1st to 9:00am on Monday 11th January 2027.** Scan the QR code below to apply:

yorksj.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/study-abroad

> As well as studying for classes, enjoying yourself with friends is also important, and making lasting memories on your study abroad.
>
> **Mia Corden, Japan, Ryukyus**



> It's a dangerous business, going out of your door. You step into the road, and if you don't know your feet, there is no knowing where you might be swept off to.
>
> **J.R.R. Tolkien**

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