

Education Abroad Programs: UK, Ireland

Whether you have browsed the OSU GO website or just know you would like to have an abroad experience in the UK, you should be aware that there are many options. To help you narrow down your search, set goals and ask yourself what you want out of your abroad experience. Doing a bit of background research to narrow down the number of programs you're interested in will not only help your advisor but will make you feel much more prepared and less overwhelmed. Below are several tools to help you explore programs and the many wonderful sites in the UK! But first, visit the link below if you are unsure of the political and geographic differences between England, Great Britain, and the United Kingdom.

1) Research your program options

Study Abroad Program Website:

<http://international.oregonstate.edu/osugo/study-abroad-programs>

International Internship Website:

<http://international.oregonstate.edu/osugo/international-internships>



2) Define your goals and ask yourself what you want out of the experience

- Are you looking for hands-on field experience in the environmental sciences?
- Are you looking for educational experiences in the Humanities, Media/Communications, Physics or other Sciences? (English, languages, music and the arts are commonly offered throughout UK & Irish institutions)
- Are you looking to gain professional work experience through an international internship?
- Are you interested in living in a city or are you open to a smaller community? Keep in mind that larger cities like London or Dublin are typically more expensive for day-to-day living.
- What do you prefer for housing – on campus or nearby apartment? Universities may offer traditional “College” residences, which are a great way to meet and integrate with locals, but may be more expensive than off-campus.
- Are you looking for specific credits in your major, or are you open to a site that might offer “Bacc Core” or other types of credit toward your program of study?
- How LONG do you want to go? Programs in the UK can vary between 12 and 16 weeks per academic-year term (4-8 weeks in summer), so be sure to check the dates for the specific university of interest. Students can participate for a semester or full year, including:
 - Semester 1: September – December/January
 - Semester 2: January – June
 - Full academic year (usually Sept-June)
 - Summer terms ranging from 3-12 weeks

- Are you an in-state resident, interested in paying OSU tuition? Look at Exchange offerings via OSU or [IE3 Global](#). The application process is more involved than for some other Study Abroad options, but the cost savings makes it worth the extra effort. Exchange options are described below.

3) What is an Exchange, and what are the exchange options in the UK?

With an *Exchange* option, students pay their OSU tuition (and some fees) and trade places with a student from another country, in terms of enrollment at each University (not in respective coursework- each student chooses their courses). This is most financially beneficial for students who are Oregon residents, but it is possible for students who are non-residents to participate by paying tuition (and some fees) directly to the overseas institution (this is called “*Direct Enrollment*”). In some cases, the Direct Enrollment option may still be less than the cost of OSU non-resident tuition. With IE3 Global programs, for example, the non-resident program fee, which includes tuition, is often less than an out-of-state resident already pays in tuition at OSU.

The Exchange Application will include essays, recommendations and an interview with the Program Coordinator, among other items. There are a limited number of ‘slots’ available, so there is a GPA requirement for each. There are limited numbers of government scholarships available for OSU students who study at each of the OSU Exchanges listed here.

Exchange Offerings in the UK, Ireland:

OSU offers 4 exchanges and IE3 Global offers 3 additional exchange options, which are open to students from all public Universities in Oregon. Exchanges include:

1. Lancaster University,
2. University of Nottingham,
3. University of Sussex,
4. Bangor University, Wales
5. University of Sheffield
6. University College Cork, Ireland
7. University of Limerick, Ireland

Non-residents may opt in to any of these and pay tuition directly to the overseas institution. For additional questions about the IE3 Global exchanges, contact Marit Legler at: Marit.Legler@ie3global.org



Co-Providers

If you do not receive an exchange offer or are interested in attending other universities in the UK and Ireland, there are a numerous co-provider organizations that offer additional programs abroad. These organizations offer a wide range of scholarships, and provide academic and personal support while you are abroad. Students enroll in a university and all credits are earned as OSU “resident credit,” allowing use of credits for major or minor specific coursework or program requirements. Students apply for a Co-provider program option in conjunction with OSU International Program recommendations. For more information regarding our co-providers, as well as a complete list of available programs and universities, visit the OSU international programs website:

<http://international.oregonstate.edu/osugo/study-abroad-programs>

IE3 Global Internships

Intentional internships offer the opportunity for students to gain practical work experience while living in the UK or Ireland. They require you to go deep into a project and simultaneously balance work demands with wider learning about the culture. Internships are typically open to students who have completed their junior or senior year and have an idea of the type of career they would like to pursue after OSU. For more information regarding IE3 global internships visit the link:

<http://ie3global.org/school/oregon-state-university/internships/>

OSU Exchange: Lancaster University, England

Home to literary greats such as Beatrix Potter, Lancaster’s cobblestoned city is an ideal place to explore historic and contemporary cultural activity. Lancaster offers a small town atmosphere, home to a scenic university of 11,000 students. There are a wide range of courses, from pre-medicine to History.

<http://international.oregonstate.edu/education-abroad/programs/united-kingdom/osu-england-lancaster-university-exchange>

OSU Exchange: University of Nottingham, England

Nottingham is one of the most vibrant and cosmopolitan cities in England, with a population of 300,000. The city offers an array of fashionable nightclubs, traditional markets, and is well known for its contemporary art scene. It also continues to pass on the legendary history of Robin Hood, whose statue can be found just outside the castle walls. The university has a thriving 30,000 students with a renowned international research program.

<http://international.oregonstate.edu/education-abroad/programs/united-kingdom/osu-england-university-nottingham-exchange>

OSU Exchange: University of Sussex

Located just on the edge of the city of Brighton, an hour away from the heart of London, the University of Sussex contains a bustling 10,000 students. Brighton is a vibrant city of culture and tolerance by the sea, creating an air of both intimacy and freedom that is ideal for all students. The university offers high quality research opportunities as well as effective and innovative styles of teaching.

<http://international.oregonstate.edu/education-abroad/programs/united-kingdom/osu-england-university-sussex-exchange>

*Please note: University of Sussex also offers a variety of courses at the **International Summer School**. Students may choose one 4 week term or combine 2 terms for a total of 8 weeks of study.*

<http://international.oregonstate.edu/education-abroad/programs/united-kingdom/osu-england-university-sussex-summer-program>

OSU Exchange: Bangor University, Wales

Bangor is a historic city of 13,000 inhabitants located on the northern coast of Wales, with the Snowdonia mountain range providing an aesthetically pleasing backdrop. Wales is currently undergoing a resurgence of nationalism and a revitalization of Celtic language and culture, so students will have the opportunity to study Welsh and immerse themselves in the language every day. The university is highly ranked in its ocean studies and environmental sciences, so majors such as biology, oceanography, and fish and wildlife are strongly represented.

<http://international.oregonstate.edu/education-abroad/programs/wales/osu-wales-bangor-university-exchange>

IE3 Global Exchange: University of Sheffield

Sheffield is one of the greenest cities in all of Europe with 83 parks and 2 million trees planted throughout the city. This lively city is bursting with entertainment, including the pubs and clubs, museums, galleries, and world class sport facilities. The University is widely regarded as one of the top universities in the UK. It has won UK "University of the Year" in both 2001 and in 2011 and has produced 5 Noble Prize winners. It has about 25,000 students from 120 countries and is only minutes away from the scenic Peak District National Park, where students can climb, hike, and cycle. The university offers a diverse array of academic courses, from Engineering and Sciences to English and Liberal Arts.

<http://international.oregonstate.edu/office-global-opportunities/programs/united-kingdom/ie3-global-england-sheffield-university-sheffield>

IE3 Global Exchange University College Cork, Ireland

Cork is the second most populous city in the state and in recent years has seen influence from migrants from Western and Eastern Europe. There are a variety of multicultural food shops you can find from French patisseries to Middle Eastern Kebab houses. However, you can still find your traditional Irish dish just about anywhere. The University is a highly prestigious research center and was awarded the top Irish University in 2011-2012. It offers many academic programs including arts, sciences and health, Celtic studies, and business and law.

<http://international.oregonstate.edu/office-global-opportunities/programs/ireland/ie3-global-ireland-cork-university-college-cork>

IE3 Global Exchange University of Limerick, Ireland

Limerick is the third most populous city in the state. It has a rich history and is bustling with culture. It has a strong music scene, producing bands such as the Cranberries. Some say that it resembles a traditional English town with cobblestone architecture and castles throughout the city. The university offers a wide range of programs, including engineering, business, technology and humanities. It is also ranked among the top 100 universities in the world.

<http://international.oregonstate.edu/office-global-opportunities/programs/ireland/ie3-global-ireland-limerick-university-limerick>

Please note: Summer offerings are available. Check with Marit Legler for details:

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Location Information, Other Resources:

Lancaster

- Things to do/map: <http://www.lonelyplanet.com/england/northwest-england/lancaster/things-to-do>
- Undergraduate course catalogue: <http://www.lancs.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/courses/>
- Accommodation options: <http://www.lancs.ac.uk/study/accommodation/>

Nottingham

- Things to do/map: <http://www.lonelyplanet.com/england/the-midlands/nottingham>
- Undergraduate course catalogue: <http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/ugstudy/courses/a-zsearch.aspx>
- Accommodation options: <http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/accommodation/accommodation.aspx>

Brighton

- Things to do/map: <http://www.lonelyplanet.com/england/southeast-england/brighton-and-hove/travel-tips-and-articles/76518>
- Undergraduate course catalogue: <http://www.sussex.ac.uk/study/ug/2013/>
- Accommodation options: <http://www.sussex.ac.uk/study/ug/location>

Bangor

- Things to do/ map: <http://www.lonelyplanet.com/wales>
- Undergraduate course catalogue: <http://www.bangor.ac.uk/courses/undergrad/index.php.en?menu=1>
- Accommodation options: <http://www.bangor.ac.uk/courses/accommodation.php.en?menu=7&catid=1762&subid=0>

Sheffield

- Things to do/map: <http://www.lonelyplanet.com/england/yorkshire/sheffield>
- Undergraduate course catalogue: <http://www.shef.ac.uk/undergraduate/courses>
- Accommodation options: <http://www.shef.ac.uk/undergraduate/accommodation>

Cork

- Things to do/map: <http://www.lonelyplanet.com/ireland/county-cork/cork-city>
- Undergraduate course catalogue: <http://www.ucc.ie/en/study/undergrad/what/>

Limerick

- Things to do/map: <http://www.lonelyplanet.com/ireland/county-limerick/limerick-city>
- Undergraduate course catalogue: <http://www3.ul.ie/courses/CoursesByDiscipline.shtml>
- Accommodation options: <http://www3.ul.ie/courses/accommodation.shtml>