Welcome to the Study Abroad Festival
IRO Study Abroad session 2021-2022

Study Adviser / Exchange Coordinator Ariane Berends – 5 October 2020
TOPICS

• Courses IRO year 3
• Options for elective Space
• Study & internships abroad

➢ Duration session: 1 hour
➢ Microphones will be muted
➢ Q&A at end of session
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Elements third IRO year

1. Elective Space 30 EC

2. Bachelor Seminar 10 EC (block course)

3. Bachelor Project 20 EC (semester course)

Total IRO year 3: 60 EC
Planning IRO year 3

First Semester (30 EC)

Block 1

Elective Space (30 EC)

Block 2

Second Semester (30 EC)

Block 3

Bachelor Seminar (10 EC)
- block course
- Block 3 OR block 4

Block 4

Bachelor Project (20 EC)
- Semester course
- Block 3 AND block 4

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Planning IRO year 3

First Semester (30 EC)

Block 1

Bachelor Seminar (10 EC)
  • block course
  • Block 1 OR block 2

Block 2

Bachelor Project (20 EC)
  • Semester course
  • Block 1 AND block 2

Second Semester (30 EC)

Block 3

Elective Space (30 EC)

Block 4

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OPTIONS Elective Space (30 EC)

1 Study Abroad
   > first or second* semester (*depending on partner university)
2 Minor
   > first semester or full year* (*depending on minor)
3 Elective Package
   > first and /or second semester
4 Research internship (15 EC) + 3 Electives (15 EC)
   > first or second semester

• See Brightspace HS 20-21 Academic Career Support IRO – about IRO year 3 – Elective space
Different application / registration deadlines

- **Study Abroad**
  - application deadlines: 12 November 2020, 1 December 2020, 15 February 2021
- **Minor**
  - registration deadline 1 May 2021 (for some selective minors in April 2021)
- **Elective Package**
  - Registration deadlines for electives > see info in prospectus, per block or semester
- **Research internship (15 EC) + 3 Electives (15 EC)**
  - Application deadline for Research internship 3 months before start internship
- Minor, elective package and research internship + electives > later deadlines
Study Abroad and Corona

Study Abroad options depend on development Corona virus

• Look into the opportunities but always draw up two plans with your Study Adviser:
  • a study-abroad plan
  • a staying-at-home plan (other options for elective space)

• Leiden University follows the travel advice issued by the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs: study-related activities may only take place in areas that are classified as code green or code yellow.

• Travelling and studying abroad is always at your own risk.
  • try to postpone incurring costs for studying abroad until shortly before departure.
Steps Study Abroad

Step 1: Orientation & application
Step 2: Offer (selection)
Step 3: To arrange before departure
Step 4: During the study abroad
Step 5: To arrange upon your return
Step 1: Orientation & application

Information

- Student website: info & exchange database with partner universities)
- Brightspace page HS 2021 Academic Career Support > elective space
- Online Study Abroad Festival > Monday 5 until Friday 5 October 2020
- Blackboard page Study Abroad outside of Europe
- > info about partner universities university-wide exchange outside of Europe

Requirements:

- **60 EC IRO year** 1 before application deadline (different deadlines)
- **Grade average**: minimum 7.0  (calculated over IRO year 1 courses)
- **Language requirements**: for some partner universities new IELTS or TOEFL test required
- For some universities additional language requirements German, Spanish, French

➢ No 60 EC IRO year 1 and / or GPA 7,0? Contact IRO exchange coordinator for other options
Orientation & application

• What is important for you?

• Do your research: check website partner universities

• What is possible for you?
  (keep Financial matters in mind)

• When can you go?
  • IRO year 3: First semester 2021-2022
  • IRO year 3: Second semester 2021-2022 (depending on the partner university)
  • IRO year 4: add a semester or year to your study programme)
3 types of agreements

- 1 University-wide agreements via central International Relations Office

- Large amount of agreements
- Partner universities outside of Europe
- Broader course offer
- Competition with students Leiden University
- *Purdue University, West-Lafayette (US) 1 fixed place for BSc Political Science*
- Deadline: 1 December 2020
- Selection: grade average + motivation letter (GPA leading criteria)
- [Lustra+ Scholarship](#) and [Holland Scholarship Outgoing](#)
- Financial matters
3 types of agreements

- 2 Programme agreement outside of Europe

- Pontificia Universidad Catolica de Chile
  - Joint agreement with BA International Studies and FGGA
  - 2 places for BSc Political Science students (3 specialisations)
  - Broader course offer
  - Deadline 12 November 2020
  - Additional Language requirement: Spanish B2/C1 (courses & exams in Spanish)
  - Selection: grade average + motivation letter (equal balance)
  - Lustra+ Scholarship en Holland Scholarship Outgoing
  - Working on new agreement with Sao Paolo, Brazil (course offer in English),
  - not yet in online exchange database, exceptional deadline 15 February 2021

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3 types of agreements

- 3 Programme agreements inside of Europe including Turkey

- Erasmus+ exchange
  - Competition BSc Political Science students (3 specialisations)
  - Course selection in field Political Science IR / Social Sciences
  - (at least 50% or sometimes 30 EC)
  - See information programme agreements in on Brightspace page
  - Application deadline: 15 February 2021
  - Requirement: 60 EC IRO year 1 + GPA 7,0
  - Selection: Grade average + motivation letter (equal balance)
  - Erasmus+ Scholarship (UK- Brexit!)
Where – online exchange database

Exchange agreements/ uitwisselingsprogramma’s.

Search through all Leiden University’s exchange agreements.

Search for your exchange programme:

- Faculty: Please choose...
- Continent: Please choose...
- Country: Please choose... (optional)
- Partner university: Please choose... (optional)
- Level: All, Bachelor, Master, PhD

Search
Where – online exchange database

University-wide agreements
➢ Faculty of Social and behavioural Sciences
➢ Continent, Country, Bachelor level
➢ Intended for: for All students, all faculties

Programme agreements
➢ Faculty of Social and behavioural Sciences
➢ Continent, Country, Bachelor level
➢ PUC de Chile > intended for BSc Political Science – POL, IP, IRO
➢ Erasmus+ exchange > intended for BSc Political Science – POL, IP, IRO

➢ link naar online exchange database
ISEP – other type of exchange programme

International Student Exchange Programme
➢ American exchange programme with worldwide partners
➢ Leiden University is partner in ISEP network
➢ Via university-wide exchange
➢ Select in online exchange database: Faculty of Social and Behavioral Sciences, North America, United States
➢ City Washington, name of the university: ISEP
➢ 2 application rounds (first for offer, second for partner university)
➢ Fixed fee per semester for rent and meal plan + tuition fee at Leiden University

❖ Check ISEP website for more information
❖ ISEP coordinator at Leiden University: Gaye Eksen
❖ Information session about ISEP on Study Abroad Festival
Information Course offer

• Check website partner universities
• Information courses not always easy to find
• Be flexible

• Course criteria:
  ➢ must be academic
  ➢ cannot overlap with content IRO courses
  ➢ language courses are allowed if partner university offers EC for courses

• University-wide agreements > all faculties > broader course offer
  ➢ check information on BB page Study Abroad outside of Europe
• Erasmus+ exchange > courses offer in field Political Science – IR
Who to contact for which agreement?

1 University-wide agreements / ISEP
International Relations Office on central level
Contact via webform
Online consultation hours after Festival

2. Programme agreements
> Outside of Europe: PUC de Chile

3. Erasmus+ agreements
> inside of Europe, incl Turkey

❖ Study abroad related questions

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Application deadline

➢ For application study abroad in first and in second semester

• Programme agreement PUC de Chile:
  • 12 November 2020: 23:59 CET

• University-wide agreements, incl Purdue University and ISEP:
  • 1 December 2020: 23:59 CET – select max 10 partner universities

• Programme agreements Erasmus+
  • 15 February 2021: 23:59 CET – select max 5 partner universities
  • (you apply from 15 January 2021 on)

➢ No first come first serve system
➢ All applications are processed after the application deadline
➢ You can only accept an offer for one exchange programme
Application procedure

Application procedure
• Via online application form
  • Add Certified Transcript of records (arrange via Student Services Centre)
  • Add Motivation letter
    ➢ format university-wide agreements
    ➢ Format programme agreements

Who handles my application and selection?
• University-wide agreements
• > central International Relations Office
• Programme Agreements
• > Institute of Political Science
Offer (selection)

- **Programme agreement PUC de Chile:**
  - Offer via umail before end of November 2020
  - Accept or decline offer within 1 week
  - No offer or decline offer > you can apply for university-wide OR Erasmus+ exchange

- **University-wide agreements, incl Purdue University and ISEP**
  - Offer via umail before end of December 2020
  - Accept or decline offer within 2 weeks
  - No offer or decline offer > you can apply for Erasmus+ exchange

- **Programme agreements Erasmus+**
  - Offer via umail between end of February – mid March 2021
  - Accept or decline offer within 2 weeks
  - No offer or decline offer > you can apply as free mover or choose other option for elective space
Changes for exchange offer

**Depends on:**
- Available spots per partner university and number of applicants
- Popularity of partner university
- Your GPA & motivation letter

- Don`t focus too much on one specific country, city, university
- Select a sufficient amount of universities in your application
- Make realistic choices (not only select top universities)
- Keep financial means in mind
Step 3: To do before departure

New information sessions or e-mail with specific information
- ISEP information session in January 2021 (second application)
- University-wide exchange information depends on application deadline
- Erasmus+ information session

Application as incoming student to partner university

Learning Agreement with course selection
- Course approval by Board of Examiners:
  - Course criteria: must be academic, cannot overlap with content IRO courses, language course are allowed if partner university offers EC for these course
- Mandatory Health & Safety session – see for more information
- Check Financial matters and arrange practical matters (travel, insurances)
Step 4: During exchange period

- Be flexible
- Expect that you may need to adjust course selection
- Select new course / courses
- Have new course(s) approved by Board of Examiners
- Have adjusted Learning Agreement signed by partner university
Step 5: To do upon your return

- Arrange Transcript of records for obtained study credits
- Have Learning Agreement signed (only Erasmus+ exchange)
- Application form + Transcript of records > for study credits in uSis

➢ Only study credits will be transferred (not the grades) so obtained grades will not count towards your IRO GPA
Other options to go abroad
Free mover

Semester abroad at a non-partner university inside or outside of Europe

- You apply directly to other university
- You pay tuition fees for semester to other university + to Leiden University for 2021-2022
- Course approval before departure to use study credits for elective space
- Transcript of records upon return to SSC via IRO Exchange Coordinator
- Application deadline different per university (check information on website)

❖ assistance IRO Exchange Coordinator Ariane Berends
Examples minors with study abroad period

- Minor Culture and Society in Morocco at NIMAR in Rabat (also a minor, full semester abroad)
- Semester Abroad at Netherlands-Flemish Institute in Cairo
  - information session NVIC: Wednesday 14 October – register via link

- Select minor with period abroad > application deadline April /May 2021
  - Frugal Innovation for Sustainable Global Development (period abroad)
  - Sustainable Development (period abroad)

- Check for more information:
  - Prospectus
  - Brightspace page HS 20-21 Academic Career Support IRO > about IRO yeae 3 > elective space
Research Internship for 15 EC abroad

- Research internship for 15 EC
- + Electives at Leiden University for 15 EC
- Prerequisites: IRO Year 1, RMPS, Academic Skills-Research Design
- Check information on Brightspace page HS 2021 Academic Career Support
- Discuss option with Study Adviser
- No vacancies available, contact organisations yourself for options
- Inside Europe / outside Europe
- Scholarships
  - Internship coordinator at Institute of Political Science
  - Internship supervisor at Institute of Political Science
  - Internship supervisor at Organisation
STudent REseArch Mobility (STREAM) Programme

What is STREAM?
- Student Exchange programme between Leiden University and several European Universities*, with the focus on conducting research.
- Transfer of academic credits.

Where?
- Université Paris-Saclay (France)
- Università degli Studi di Milano (Italy)
- Lund University (Sweden)
- Utrecht University (Netherlands)
- Université de Genève (Switzerland)
- University of Zurich (Switzerland)
- Albert-Ludwigs-Universität Freiburg (Germany)
(* mobility between institutions located in the same country are not allowed within this framework)

For whom?
- Students registered in their 3rd, 4th or 5th year of study and have not graduated yet.
- GPA of at least 3.2 (out of 4) / average grade: 7 or above
- Minimum English level: B2

Duration of the mobility?
- 1 month up to a full semester.

Funding?
- Students who are selected may also be able to apply for an Erasmus Scholarship at their home institution.

Outgoing students:  [https://www.leidenuniv.nl/stream/](https://www.leidenuniv.nl/stream/)
Incoming students:  [www.universiteitleiden.nl/stream](www.universiteitleiden.nl/stream)
Contact person: Ms. Usha Mohunlol (u.c.mohunlol@sea.leidenuniv.nl)

Quotes from Students

**David Wullimann**, Lund University: Research at University of Zurich.
“I am very happy with my exchange period and I am sure I will have great use in the future with the experience that I had.
I now have many reasons to go back and visit Switzerland, and there is still much more to explore culturally, new people to meet and work opportunities to discover. I was met by great people who taught me a lot, not just new techniques but also how to work in a lab group.”

**Linda Ravazzano**, University of Milan: Research at Leiden University.
“Taking part to the STREAM programme had been a great opportunity to work in a true research project inside an international research group. This experience not only made me grow up under an academic point of view, but also gave me the opportunity to discover a new country and to meet people from all over the world”.

**Marnix van de Sande**, Utrecht University: Research at University of Zurich.
“The STREAM programme offered me the opportunity to experience research first-hand, which really helped me in discovering my own passions and qualities. I am really grateful that I got the chance to take part in an ongoing research project as a fresh BSc graduate. The experiences in the lab have given me a solid impression of what work in a biomedical research lab is like, and this helped me a lot in the choice for a master’s degree. I have a much more realistic view of what life as a PhD student is like, and I now know better what to expect if I decide to continue in research”.

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Entire Master abroad

- Start early > 1 year in advance
- Discuss option with Study Adviser
- Look for possible scholarships
Summer Schools inside & outside Europe

- Short programme (2-4-6 weeks)
- Inside Europe / outside Europe
- Based on topics
- Tuition fee (beware of commercial organisations)
- Sometimes scholarships available
- Certificate, no study credits for Elective Space

- More information on [website](#) and [Facebook](#)
Health and Safety: Go abroad well prepared

Mandatory session for all students who go abroad for study or internship

About Health, security and cultural awareness
➢ offered monthly, alternate Leiden and The Hague
➢ See for information and registration for a session via this page

• Check information Corona

Arrangements
- Insurances
- Vaccinations
- Do you use medication?
- Make sure that you have enough money
Next step

- Check recorded Study Abroad Festival Sessions
- Do your research
- Discuss options with Study Adviser
- Discuss options university-wide exchange with International Exchange Coordinator
- Apply

- Tip university-wide exchange:
  Apply the latest 10 days before 1 December to make sure your application is complete
- Tip Erasmus+ exchange
  Apply the latest 10 days before 15 February to make sure your application is complete
Thank you for your attention
Any Questions?