



THE UNIVERSITY *of* EDINBURGH Edinburgh Law School

Information for Law Subject Specific Study Abroad in 2026-27

About Study Abroad

All students enrolled on a 4-year Honours degree are eligible to apply to study abroad in their 3rd year. Students on an Ordinary or General degree, lasting 2-3 years, are not eligible to apply to spend a year studying abroad.

Eligibility to Study Abroad

Students due to go abroad must have passed 240 credits by the end of 2nd year. August resits are not permitted to count towards this total according to University regulations. Only in certain circumstances can study abroad after failing any credits be permitted, valid exceptional circumstances and a concession would need to be in place for this to be considered. Please talk to your student advisor if you are interested in studying abroad and have concerns or queries about this.

Study and Work Away Service (SWAY) Information sessions

[Information sessions](#) are run centrally for students interested in applying to go on exchange, or who have a requirement to study abroad as part of their degree. These are aimed at 2nd year undergraduates and are centrally arranged by the Study and Work Away Service. Please also refer to the information on [key things to consider](#).

Funding

Funding is an important consideration when thinking about applying to study abroad. Further guidance on estimated living costs can be found against each available destination in this guidance document.

The University is prioritises financial support for students required to undertake work and study abroad as a mandatory requirement of their degree programme. Eligible students going on semester or year-long exchanges and placements can expect to receive between £336 and £532 per month, depending on their destination. The Turing grant is intended to help towards travel expenses and the cost of living abroad – it is not intended to cover all costs. Additional funding is available to students from disadvantaged backgrounds, and those with special educational needs or disabilities.

Further information about how to budget for studying abroad and funding schemes available can be found on [SWAY website](#).

Global Law LLB Programme

Students on a Global Law degree have a compulsory 3rd year abroad, as required by their programme. There are a number of specially selected host institutions available to Global Law students, in order to satisfy the requirement of the Global Law degree whilst studying abroad. Further details can be found in the table in this guidance document, and on the [Study Abroad section of the current student website](#).

Law LLB Hons Programme

Students on the Law Hons degree have the option to study abroad in 3rd year. There are a wide range of host institutions available to choose from, further details can be found in the table in this guidance document, and on the [Study Abroad section of the current student website](#).

Law and Language Programmes

Students on a Law and Language degree have a compulsory 3rd year abroad, as required by their programme. There are a limited number of options available to students on these joint language degrees, as they must select an institution which teaches in the language they are studying to satisfy the language requirement of their degree whilst studying abroad. Full details of languages taught at Law School exchange institutions can be found in the table in this guidance document, and on the [Study Abroad section of the current student website](#).

Joint Degrees

Students on a joint degree must ensure that they follow the same division of credit points across Law and their second subject area as specified for Year 3 in the Degree Programme Table for their degree. For example, students normally required to enrol in 40 credits of law and 80 credits of a second subject area must ensure they keep the same general 1/3 to 2/3 split on their year abroad.

Students must also liaise with the Law School Exchange Coordinator Longjie.lu@ed.ac.uk and the [partner subject School](#) to check there is sufficient and suitable course provision at their preferred institution to meet the requirements of their 2nd named subject area. As some exchange partners are Law School specific, they may not be suitable for students who are studying on a multidisciplinary degree, for example, Hong Kong. This includes students on the International Relations and International Law (MA).

Non-Law and Language Studying at Mixed Language Institutions

Students who are not studying a language degree, but opt to study at a mixed language institution (full details below) are responsible for checking adequate course provision in English before applying to study at the preferred institution. It should also be noted that students will be subject to a language test and must achieve at least a B2 in the relevant language of the host institution.

Law Subject Specific Exchanges – Destination Information

Please note: The information on courses and living costs is for the current academic year (2025-26); Available courses may change in 2026-27.

Please also check [Study Abroad section of the current student website](#) and the [Partner Guidance Notes](#) provided by SWAY.

Institution	Country	Language	Law LLB (i.e. non-Global Law) Spaces	Global Law Spaces	Credit Requirements	Courses (click on the hyperlinks for more information)	Living Costs (click on the hyperlinks for more information)
Aix-Marseille Université	France	French	3	0	55 ECTS <i>Law and French students must take at least 45 ECTS in French.</i>	- A French Law focus - Courses taught in English focused on English Law and public international law - Course information	- Recommended budget €800/month - - Recommended installation costs €1600 - Breakdown
Bucerius Law School	Germany	English	0	3	55 ECTS	Course list in 25-26	- Monthly total expenses € 1,300 - Breakdown
Barcelona: ESADE Law School	Spain	English / Spanish	2	0	55 ECTS <i>Not suitable for Law and Spanish students as unlikely to be enough Spanish-taught courses.</i> <i>Please note that a language certificate may still be required even if no plan to take any</i>	- A wide range of upper-year courses are taught in English - A list of electives on the exchange programme (Scroll to the bottom)	- Accommodation Off Campus (shared) €500-700 - Public Transportation €40 - Eating Out €215-320 - Groceries € 250-400 - Sports €45-80 - Miscellaneous €200-500 - Above is based on the Law Exchange Fact Sheet 25-26

					<i>Spanish-taught courses.</i>		
British Columbia: University of British Columbia (UBC)	Canada	English	2	0	22-24 Credits / 8 courses <i>Students are eligible to take 300- and 400-level courses.</i>	- A wide range of courses across different law subjects (a few not open to exchange students). - Special courses including trial advocacy, legal clinics, and academic legal research. - Course list and instructions on course selection for exchange students are available here	- Estimated total expenses: \$6,700-\$11,000 CAD per term - On campus housing \$3,700-\$6,400 - Off campus housing \$4,000-\$8,000 - Meal / grocery costs \$2,000 - Transportation: \$184 - Medical insurance: \$338 - Educational expenses: \$500-\$700 - Please find out more by using the cost of living calculation tool
Copenhagen: Københavns Universitet (University of Copenhagen)	Denmark	English	3	0	55 ECTS	- A broad range of masters level courses taught in English (open to LLB exchanges) - Course catalogue	- Estimated total costs: €1280-1800 per month (please find out more here) - Housing information
Diego Portales: Universidad Diego Portales	Chile	Spanish	1	0	8 Courses (4 per semester) <i>Law and Spanish students must take at least two-thirds of the courses in Spanish.</i>	- Strength in business law - Courses mainly taught in Spanish - More information	- Average total living costs: \$500000 peso chileno = £450 - Housing: \$220.000 – \$350.000 pesos chilenos (student accommodation) – university does not have student housing - Groceries: \$200.000 – \$300.000 pesos chilenos - Transport: \$40.000 pesos chilenos - Visa: US\$50 dollars - More information here
FGV Rio: Fundação Getulio Vargas Law School	Brazil	English/ Portuguese	2	3	8 Courses	- Legal practice clinics and multidisciplinary projects available - Some courses are taught in English - Details of Curriculum	- Housing: Renting a room usually varies from R\$ 1,000 to R\$ 3,000 per month. - Food: around R\$ 1,500 per month - Transportation: around R\$ 400 per month

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Groningen: Rijksuniversiteit Groningen (University of Groningen)	Netherlands	English	1	0	55 ECTS	- Good offers on international and European law (in English) - For more information	- Housing € 750-900 per month - Bike €80-110 - Public transportation €62 - Groceries €150-250 - Insurance €100-120 - Breakdown
Helsinki University	Finland	English	1	0	55 ECTS	- A wide range of courses across different law subjects, and taught in English - Course list in 2025-26	- Total living expenses €900-1250/month - Single room in a shared student flat €450 - 800/month - Family flats around €850/month - Breakdown
Hong Kong: University of Hong Kong	Hong Kong	English	3	1	55 Credits <i>Not suitable for joint degrees, as the Law Faculty imposes restrictions on non-law courses.</i>	- A certain number of designated courses for visiting students. - Please note: clinic-style courses that are assessed on a pass/fail basis, i.e. without a grade, will not be recognised for progression purposes at Edinburgh. - Course list and instructions	- Lodging fees for university undergraduate halls range from HK\$22,000 to HK\$45,000 per annum. - Further information
IE Law School Madrid	Spain	English	0	3	55 ECTS	Course list in 25-26	- Breakdown
Leiden: Universiteit Leiden (Leiden University)	Netherlands	English	2	3	55 ECTS	- Strength in international law and dispute resolution; EU law; aerospace law; governance and development. - A wide range of courses taught in English - Course list	- Total costs €968 –1338 per month - Housing €400 -700 - Travel: €70 – 100 - Groceries €173 - Health insurance €80-120 - Further information
Leuven: Katholieke Universiteit Leuven (KU Leuven)	Belgium	English	4	3	55 ECTS	- A wide range of law and criminology courses (course list) - Non-Faculty courses from the pre-approved list	- Total costs €1000-1350/month - Renting € 480 - 1200/month - Further information
Lucerne: Universität Luzern (UNILU)	Switzerland	English	2	0	55 ECTS	- A wide range of courses taught in English	- Monthly costs 2100 CHF - Breakdown - Housing information here

(University of Lucerne)						- Course list in 2025-26 (with detailed introductions)	
Maastricht University	Netherlands	English	1	0	55 ECTS	- A wide range of courses on European and International Law; IP law; Human Rights law; competition law; tax law - Course information	- Living expenses €1800-1900/month - Breakdown - Housing information
Madrid: Universidad Pontificia Comillas	Spain	English / Spanish	2	0	55 ECTS <i>Law and Spanish students must take at least 45 ECTS in Spanish.</i>	- A good selection of courses taught in English - Course list in 2025-26	- Total costs: €580 – 1033/ month - Accommodation: €250 – 700/ month - Meals: €165/ month - Public Transport: €26/ month - Breakdown
McGill University	Canada	English	3	3	22-24 Credits <i>Students are eligible to take 300- and 400-level courses. Law students may also take 500-level courses (postgraduate level).</i>	- A wide range of courses across all law subjects; - Advanced and specialised courses - Current courses in 2025-26	- Total: \$23,500 CAD annum - Room and board (meal plan): \$16,000 to \$18,000 CAD - Books and Supplies: \$1000 CAD - Personal expenses: \$2000 CAD - Phone plan: \$35-50 a month - Health insurance: \$700 CAD - Breakdown and instructions - Housing information
Munich: Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München (University of Munich)	Germany	German	1	0	55 ECTS <i>Law and German students must take at least 45 ECTS in German.</i>	- No courses available in English - See course offering in 25-26 for reference	- Rooms in private housing including utilities: €600 - 1000 - Rooms in university housing including utilities: €400-600 - Food, health insurance, leisure activities: €500 - More information
Nancy: Université de Lorraine	France	French	1	0	55 ECTS	- No courses available in English - Course information	- A minimum of €615 per month - Breakdown

					<i>Law and French students must take at least 45 ECTS in French.</i>		
O.P Jindal Global University	India	English	0	3	55 ECTS	The course list for law visiting students is not available. Please find the introduction to O.P. Jindal's LLB programmes (including course information).	- Student housing information
Osgoode Hall Law School, York University	Canada	English	3	0	28-30 Credits	- A broad range of upper-year courses - Strength in Animals and law, environmental law, climate change law, etc. - Course list in 25-26	- Rent (including utilities) on campus \$12,720; off campus \$16,750 - Food \$3,800 - Breakdown
Oslo: Universitetet i Oslo (University of Oslo)	Norway	English	1	0	55 ECTS	- A wide range of courses in English, including European and International law; commercial law; energy law; green criminology; human rights law, etc. - Course list	- Total costs NOK 14 000 per month - Breakdown
Padova: University of Padova	Italy	English	1	0	55 ECTS	- A good selection of courses taught in English - Course list in 2025-26 - Instructions on course selection	-Total costs: €850 per month - Breakdown

Queensland: University of Queensland	Australia	English	2	0	16 credits/8 Courses	- Advanced courses: Law and Indigenous Peoples; Asian Legal Systems; Islamic Law; Personal and Corporate Insolvency; Tort Claims Against Government - Private Remedies for Public Wrongs; Law of Political Institutions; - Special topics related to contemporary issues - Research-led projects to pursue an area of special interest under the supervision of an academic; - Courses specialised in moot court or law journal editing. - Course list in 25-26	- Total: \$1,567–\$3,991 per month - Accommodation: On-campus \$2,422–\$3,261 Off-campus \$950–\$2,686 - Breakdown
Roma Tre: Università degli Studi Roma Tre	Italy	English	2	0	55 ECTS	- A wide range of courses taught in English; - Global legal studies: Canon Law; Legal History; Roman Law; International Tax Law; Public economics; Comparative Legal System; Extreme Speech and Digital Media; etc. - Laws in other jurisdictions: Anglo-American Company Law; Chinese Law - EU Law: European Private International Law; European Private Law; EU Transport Law; etc. - Moot court or legal clinic: International Humanitarian Law (Legal Clinic); Protection of Human Rights (Legal Clinic); Advanced International Arbitration (Vis Moot); Advanced	- Total: €880–€1200 (per month) - Apartment rent (1 bedroom) in city centre about €1000 - Apartment rent (1 bedroom) outside of city centre about €680 - Housing assistance

						International Law for Moot Court Competitions; Legal Clinic on Migration and Asylum; - Course list in 25-26	
Sciences Po: Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Paris	France	English / French	4	2 (1 Paris space, 1 Reims space)	55 ECTS <i>Law and French students must take at least 45 ECTS in French.</i>	- Law and politics/economy: Constitutional challenges: Law and politics in the contemporary Middle East; International Law and Foreign Policy; Social Rights and Economic Governance in the European Union; etc. - International, transnational and comparative law: Transnational environmental Law; International Commercial Arbitration; International Criminal Law; Cross-border M&A transactions; International Courts and Tribunals in Global Governance; Comparative study of property and securities law in France, Germany and the UK - Legal methodologies: Comparative legal reasoning; Complex legal tools; Legal Data Analysis; - Profession-oriented: Dispute resolution; Accountancy for lawyers; - Course list for exchange programmes in 2025-26	- €700-€1000 in monthly rent (Paris) - Further information
Singapore: National University of Singapore (NUS)	Singapore	English	0	2	7-8 Courses	- Asian Law focus: Legal Systems of Asia; Asian Legal Studies; Islamic Law; Chinese Law; Law and Democracy in East Asia - Commercial and financial law: Maritime law; Corporate Finance Law; Banking Law; Taxation of Cross-Border Commercial Transactions; Mergers &	- Total Estimated Costs including Accommodation S\$11,400 - Accommodation On-campus: S\$5,400 - Meals S\$2,600 - Personal Expenses S\$2,200 - Transportation within Singapore S\$800 - Average Cost of Books/Supplies S\$400

						Acquisitions: A Practitioner's Perspective; Securities and Capital Markets Regulation - A certain number of designated courses are open to visiting students - Course list in 25-26	- Further information
Texas: University of Texas at Austin	USA	English	2	0	22-24 Credits/7-8 courses	- Profession-oriented: Advocacy Practice & Theory; Clinic (different topics e.g. human rights; supreme court; environmental); Negotiation; Capital Punishment, Advanced: Providing Effective Assistance of Counsel in Capital Trials; Emerging Skills: Litigators - Business law: Business Associations; Bankruptcy; Corporate tax; etc. - Special topics in local law: Texas Law; Law of the US-Mexico Border - Course list in 25-26.	- Room & Board \$17,270 - Transportation \$1,618 - Personal & Miscellaneous \$4,758 - Health Insurance \$3,769.50 - Breakdown
Universidad de Los Andes	Colombia	English	0	3	55 ECTS	The course list for law visiting students is not available. Please find a list of English-taught courses in 2024.	- \$ 17,100,000 \$ 25,300,000 Colombian pesos - Breakdown
University of New South Wales (UNSW)	Australia	English	0	3	55 ECTS	Will be circulated.	\$2,645 AUD to \$4,166 AUD per month More details here
Utrecht: Universiteit Utrecht (Utrecht University)	Netherlands	English	1	0	55 ECTS	- A good selection of courses on European and comparative law, criminal law, constitutional and administrative law and international law. - Available courses for exchange students	- Total costs: €1000 to 1,400 per month - Accommodation: €500 to 1,100 per month - Breakdown
Wien: Universität Wien (University of Vienna)	Austria	English / German	1	0	55 ECTS <i>Law and German</i>	- A range of courses taught in English, including legal research, moot courts. - English-taught courses	- Monthly total expenses € 1,200 - 1,230 - Accommodation (incl. heating, electricity) € 450

					<i>students must take at least 45 ECTS in German.</i>		- Food € 350 - Public transport € 30 - Study and personal requirements € 400 - Breakdown
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**The number of spaces available at each exchange destination is confirmed by the Study & Work Away service and may be subject to change each year.*

The Application/Allocation Process

Applications are made via Mobility Online between **29th October (12 noon) and 12th November 2025 (12 noon)**. Further information regarding the application process, and the associated guidance and timescales can be found [here](#).

All students will have the option to provide a personal statement to support their application. Please note that this is optional for all Law students, including Global Law students.

Please note that the Law School only administers our own subject-specific exchanges, and the university-wide exchanges are NOT available to School of Law Students.

After applications close, students are initially allocated to a preferred destination according to Year 1 credit-weighted average.

Once students are successfully allocated a place to study abroad, it is compulsory that you attend a pre-departure session which will be run by SWAY.

Learning Agreements and Course Requirements

Once you have completed your Learning Agreement, you should email it to Longjie.lu@ed.ac.uk to have it signed off by the Law School exchange coordinator. Students on other joint degree programmes must also have it signed off by the exchange coordinator in the [partner subject School](#).

Advanced Legal Writing (Online)

All programmes require Advanced Legal Writing in Year 3, students must **PASS** Advanced Legal Writing (Online) whilst studying abroad. This course is completed via online learning, and materials and assessment are handled via its own LEARN page. Advanced Legal Writing (Online) is worth 10 Edinburgh credits, which translates

into 5 ECTS (or the equivalent). The standard load whilst studying abroad is 120 credits, which is 60 ECTS (or the equivalent). As Advanced Legal Writing (Online) is included as part of the overall study abroad load, this is why the credits required abroad (as detailed above) are less than 60 ECTS.

Studying Law in Context

This is an optional course usually only available for Law and Language students who need to address a credit shortfall at the host institution. Studying Law in context is worth 20 Edinburgh credits, which translates to 10 ECTS (or the equivalent), and is also completed via distance learning with materials and assessment delivered via its own LEARN page. It is designed to complement their course credits by taking a full-year course culminating in the completion of a comparative and reflective essay on a selected topic of the legal system in which the exchange is taking place. The essay and course guidance are in English.

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It is extremely important that you check your Edinburgh University email account regularly. You will also be expected to keep up with materials and any assessments via the Advanced Legal Writing (Online) LEARN page, similarly for Studying Law in Context (if taken). You will also receive important information about course selection for your final year of study, as well as dissertation topic selection.

Contacts whilst Studying Away

You can contact Law.Exchanges@ed.ac.uk, monitored by the Study Abroad team, at any time during your studies abroad for assistance. You will still have access to your Student Adviser for any pastoral support during your study abroad, who you can also proactively contact via email: Law.SSO@ed.ac.uk

University Engagement Monitoring Requirements

You will be contacted at regular intervals throughout the year as part of the University's obligation to monitor the engagement of all students, even those who are studying away. It is important that you respond to messages of this nature to avoid any cause for concern.

Returning from Study Abroad

Course Selection – Year 4

You will be contacted by the Undergraduate Office in Semester 2 of your year abroad regarding course selection for studying in Year 4. Remember that you are unable to take courses in fourth year which have a substantial overlap with courses you have taken abroad. When thinking about your choices following your return, if you are in doubt about an overlap, contact the course organiser of the Edinburgh course with course outlines of the courses you are studying abroad. Full guidance regarding course availability and how to make your selections will be sent to your University email address. Honours course spaces are allocated on the basis of credit weighted average. For students returning from study abroad, your credit weighted average will be calculated using your results from Year 1 and 2, plus an additional percentage increase of at least 4% which reflects the average increase in grades between students from Ordinary to Honours.

Dissertation Information

You will also receive information regarding the Dissertation in Law topic selection (if required by your degree programme) in Semester 2 of your year abroad. The Dissertation topic should be chosen from a subject studied in 3rd year – this may also be useful to bear in mind when making course choices abroad, though additional flexibility is given to students who have spent their 3rd year abroad.

Progression to Year 4

The College Study Abroad Progression Committee meets in early-mid September to make progression decisions based on transcripts received from host institutions.

Transcripts

Students must be aware that there can sometimes be delay in the receipt of transcripts from the host institution. Where this occurs, progression decisions will be deferred. Students who know they have passed their year abroad courses can still progress onto Year 4, and the formal decision to 'progress' will be updated once a transcript has been received. Students who have any concerns about their year abroad results are encouraged to contact law.sso@ed.ac.uk.

Study Abroad and Degree Classification

Students should note that classifications following study abroad are based solely on performance in Year 4. This is with the exception of Law and Language degrees. Further details on how Law and Language degree classifications are calculated can be found on the relevant [DPT](#).

Enjoy your study abroad!

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