

## Information on language/culture stays abroad

### CREDITS FOR LANGUAGE/CULTURE STAYS



We strongly recommend that all our students spend time studying in an English-speaking country at some stage during their studies.

Students can obtain 5 ECTS credits by studying in English abroad (outside the academic year).

For English as a 90-credit major, the stay abroad is obligatory.

To obtain credits for the stay abroad, the following conditions must be fulfilled:

- 📅 WHEN – either directly before entering university (2 years) or during university vacations.
- 📅 LEVEL – an **advanced** course at an English-speaking **university** or **college**.
- 📅 LENGTH – a total of **125 hours of study**, i.e. a stay of 3 or 4 weeks (at least **60 hours of tuition**).
- 📅 ATTESTATION – on their return, students write a 2-page report about their stay and provide official written evidence (e.g. an attendance certificate) that their stay fulfilled the required conditions.

Information on stays abroad, including details of language and other summer courses at universities in English-speaking countries, as well as information on finding a summer job or voluntary work, is available online. A few selected links to language programmes are provided below. Students are encouraged to seek out information on places they would like to choose for their stay.



### CHOOSING A LANGUAGE COURSE



#### Type of institution

To ensure the appropriateness of the level, facilities and general environment, the programme you choose should be at a **university** or **college of higher education**. Private language schools are an option, but they need to be approved by the director of the English institute. If in doubt as to the status of a particular institution, feel free to ask.

#### Quality assurance

The URLs listed below will help you search for appropriate language courses. It is important to ensure that the course you choose has been approved or accredited by an appropriate official organisation or professional association.

These official bodies and the standards they apply are referred to on the websites listed below. Many sites include “active maps”. By clicking on the map, you can go directly to a particular region (metaphorically speaking), or you may even be directed straight to the site of the selected institution.

## Costs

With the aid of the websites listed below, you will be able to choose a language course and find accommodation as well as estimate the cost of your stay (for which you may find the [XE.com Universal Currency Converter](#)® helpful).

Do not forget that major cities such as London or New York will be significantly more expensive than provincial towns in terms of accommodation and other basic living costs.



## A few suggestions for UK language programmes

Please note that these are only suggestions. The list is based on personal knowledge, recommendations, or the general reputation of the institution. The suggestion of these institutions as suitable for the language stay does *not* imply that other accredited centres are less suitable.

To find suitable courses in other countries, check out the URLs on page 3.

## UK Regions

For its size, the UK is very varied geographically and culturally. It is possible to find suitable English language programmes in the heart of major cities as well as near to areas of outstanding natural beauty. Here is [a good tourist information site](#) to help you choose a region.

The following university language centres all provide a range of courses that suit the requirements of the Institute of English Studies:



### ENGLAND

[SOAS \(London\)](#)

[St Clare's \(Oxford\)](#)

[Anglia Ruskin University](#)

### WALES

[Studying in Wales](#)

[Swansea University](#)

### SCOTLAND

[University of the Highlands and Islands](#)

[University of Glasgow](#)



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