Warwick Study Abroad

GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT
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“They say that life begins at the end of your comfort zone... that’s it! Be ready!”

Inbound Student
Warwick Study Abroad
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Welcome to Study Abroad

“The experience of studying abroad can be one of the most exciting times of your life. It’s an opportunity to experience learning in a new country sharing new outlooks, perspectives and ideals. Whether you’re considering studying overseas for a term, two terms or a year, it’s an experience that can change your life.

We are delighted you are considering Warwick for your study abroad experience. Each year we welcome around 600 students to study with us for either a term (10 weeks), two terms (20 weeks) or a full academic year. Our ranking as one of the top 50 universities in the world means that you will be learning in an academically challenging environment, with an immersive student experience and living environment.

Warwick receives students from throughout Europe, mainly through the Erasmus+ programme, as well as students from all over the world through our visiting student programme with our prestigious partner universities. For more information, visit warwick.ac.uk/studyabroad/inbound. In addition to worldwide exchange agreements we work very closely with Monash University in Australia through the Monash Warwick Alliance which was created in 2012. To see more about the Alliance visit monashwarwick.org.

At Warwick you will study alongside fully-enrolled students and you will also take part in the many activities offered throughout the year. You’ll find over 300 student-run societies and sports clubs awaiting you, along with opportunities to expand your personal development by volunteering or learning a new language. The World@Warwick society warwicksu.com/worldatwarwick is an active society for students who have already engaged with study abroad, offering social activities including trips and events. With approximately 150 nationalities on campus, we are proud of our student diversity and we hope you will take advantage of all we can offer.

We look forward to welcoming you to Warwick soon.”

Helen Johnson
Head of Study Abroad, Global Engagement
Studying in the UK

warwick.ac.uk/about/profile/ranking

Studying in the UK provides an experience that is both enriching and full of discovery. With over 800 years of Higher Education history, Britain provides access to a world-renowned education system. Whether you are studying for one term or more, you cannot help but be influenced by the high-calibre academic research and teaching that you will receive.

All UK universities are subject to a high level of external assessment by independent bodies such as the Quality Assurance Agency and the Higher Education Funding Councils, which conduct the Research Assessment Exercise. As a result, British universities have a strong international reputation for the quality of research output.

The method of teaching within UK universities is via lectures, seminars, tutorials and the personal tutor system, which allows students to experience small teaching groups. This provides a high level of contact with the teaching staff, many of whom will be active researchers. Degrees in the UK are specialised and focused, allowing students to study to a greater depth in their chosen subject.

The UK is a diverse and exciting place to study. Warwick has a large international community with around 35% of students originating from outside of the UK. Students from approximately 150 nationalities are represented on campus, contributing to the richness and vibrancy of student life.
We have over 200 university partners for study abroad and welcome students from within the Erasmus+ programme and from worldwide partnerships. We hope you enjoy finding out a bit more about our University, as well as our world-class teaching and research. You may also find it useful to visit warwick.ac.uk for more general information about the University, or for more specific information about Study Abroad you can visit warwick.ac.uk/go/studyabroad.

If you are thinking of applying to us as a study abroad exchange student you will need to be nominated by your home university. Our team of study abroad advisers will then work with you to ensure you have the information you will need to complete your study abroad application.

The academic year is split into three terms – autumn, spring and summer – but usually students select to study with us for a full year. The terms are 10 weeks in length and our students usually take examinations in the summer term. If you are applying as a visiting student (not through an exchange programme) you will need a recommendation from your home university. For further details of the visiting student programme, please visit: warwick.ac.uk/study/studyabroad/inbound/how.

To get the best out of your study with us, you may require additional language support, and through the Centre for Applied Linguistics warwick.ac.uk/services/ldc/development/cal you will find support for In-sessional language tuition.

Selecting the right length of time to study with us may depend on the subject. Some subjects will be available for a full-year and other subjects will only be available during either the autumn term, or the spring term (for example). To help with your selection, please look at the modules available on the following link: warwick.ac.uk/study/studyabroad/inbound/modules.

Some modules may not be available in all terms and there may be changes in the modules on an annual basis. Modules are mainly weighted in the Credit Accumulation and Transfer Scheme (CATS). A part-year module may be equivalent to 15 CATS and a full-year module for 30 CATS but this can vary in different departments. CATS are credit and this system is a quantified means of expressing and measuring learning equivalence, awarded for the demonstrable achievement of learning outcomes. The University recognises credit as a means of measuring, describing and comparing learning achievement which sets out how much learning is required for each course and at what level. Warwick uses CATS to express credit weightings for each unit of learning. Credit is expressed in quantified form so that achievement in different contexts can be broadly compared in terms of intellectual depth (level) and relative volume (number of credits). As a guide, 1 CAT represents 10 hours of learning effort.

Many students will require ECTS equivalent grades, and as a guide 30 CATs is equal to 15 ECTS. warwick.ac.uk/services/aro/dar/quality/categories/courseapproval/credit

At the end of your study, you will be issued with an electronic Higher Education Achievement Record (HEAR) that will record your modules and your grades. warwick.ac.uk/services/aro/dar/quality/categories/examinations/hear
Warwick student population 2016

- **23,570** total number of students
- **13,049** undergraduate students
- **9,317** postgraduate students
- **8,608** international students (UG and PG)

[warwick.ac.uk/about/profile/people]
Warwick’s global engagement
“Get as much out of this experience as you possibly can. If you can do that, this year has the ability to set you up for life.”

Outbound Student
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Studying in the UK provides the opportunity to benefit from the range of cultural opportunities that lie on the doorstep in Europe. There are many international regional airports located throughout the UK, as well as direct train and bus routes to many European locations. You can make the most of our amazing location by spending the weekend or the holidays embracing the cosmopolitan cities in Europe.

You can travel to Europe easily from the Warwick campus. By train, you can travel directly to London from Coventry station in under 60 minutes. France is only an hour’s train journey away from London. Birmingham International Airport is just over 10 miles away and can be reached in less than 25 minutes. From Birmingham you can fly to almost every country in Europe.

“Enjoy your year. Visit places, meet as many people as you can, share great moments.”

Inbound Student
Warwick Study Abroad
Warwick and the local area

Location
With city lights and countryside both within easy reach, you won’t be short of choice for things to see and do in the local area. We are located in Coventry and close to the Warwickshire towns of Leamington Spa, Kenilworth and Warwick, so you don’t have far to go to find some great nights out, live music and theatre, cultural and historical attractions, and beautiful countryside.

When you’re on campus, surrounded by our lovely green spaces, you could be forgiven for thinking we’re in the countryside, but in fact we’re just three miles from Coventry city centre, where you’ll find everything you would expect from a thriving, modern city.

A 10-minute bus ride from campus, Coventry offers award-winning attractions such as the Transport Museum, the Herbert Art Gallery, the Belgrade Theatre and Medieval Spon Street. The city’s SkyDome leisure complex has a multiscreen cinema, restaurants, bars and clubs and an ice rink.

To the north of the city is the Ricoh Arena, the home ground of the league-topping Wasps Rugby team, as well as a live concert venue with several bars, restaurants and a casino. Coventry also hosts The Godiva Festival, one of the UK’s biggest free family music festivals, held over three days in July.

The city forms the base for many of our students living off campus, offering plenty for you to do and experience, wherever your interests lie. The cathedral city was built up around motor manufacture and engineering, and we have built up strong links with local industry.

Warwickshire towns
The elegant 18th century town of Royal Leamington Spa is also home to many Warwick students and is within easy reach of campus by public transport. Leamington Spa is a lively student town, with cafés, restaurants, bars, clubs and shops to suit all tastes and budgets.

For those looking to explore more of Warwickshire, the historic towns of Kenilworth, Warwick and Stratford-upon-Avon provide more options for days and nights out, and are all easily accessible by public transport.

Well connected
If you want to venture further, London is just an hour’s train ride from Coventry, Birmingham is 20 minutes away by train, and Birmingham International Airport is a 20-minute drive from campus.
We have a beautiful campus with a bank, supermarket, hairdresser, coffee shops, chaplaincy, post office, bars, sports centre, cafés and the Students’ Union. Warwick Arts Centre, based on central campus, is one of the largest multi-art form venues outside of London, offering a diverse programme of performances and events throughout the year, and the Mead Gallery which hosts regular exhibitions. The advantage of the campus is that all our facilities are within a 15 to 20-minute walk of each other.

By joining Warwick you would become a valuable part of an energetic community where the starting point is always ‘anything is possible’.

“...a year abroad as it is a great way to expand one’s horizons, experience a new culture and way of learning, and meet incredible people.”

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Over 6,400 rooms are available on our campus, in purpose built residences. All residences are within 15-20 minutes’ walk of central campus, and many are located within 5 minutes’ walk of the main social and sports facilities. We cannot guarantee on-campus accommodation, but our friendly and experienced staff will assist in finding suitable off-campus housing should this be required.

All our campus bedrooms are furnished to a high quality, and come equipped with Wi-Fi connection. All rooms have access to a kitchen and living area. If you prefer to live off campus, the University manages around 2,000 rooms in nearby Coventry, Kenilworth and Royal Leamington Spa. All properties are accredited to ensure they meet high standards of health, safety and maintenance and that rents are suitable for your budget. All properties are located within easy reach of local transport links and will be furnished with kitchen and living area access. Information for both on and off campus accommodation can be found here: warwick.ac.uk/services/accommodation/studentaccommodation

“The study abroad experience was one of the most challenging and wonderful I have had.”

Inbound Student
Warwick Study Abroad
"Go on your year abroad ready to throw yourself at everything. Try not to stay in the international exchange group of friends and really make an effort to immerse yourself with the students of your host university."

Inbound Student
Warwick Study Abroad

Warwick life

Social
From Warwick Student Cinema to the Good Food Society, there really is something for everyone here at Warwick SU. There are currently 262 societies and 65 sports clubs - and, particularly in the case of societies, our students are always volunteering to set up their own society.

Societies represent an amazing opportunity to meet new people, develop your interests, gain crucial extra-curricular skills to aid you with whatever you want to do in the future, and - most importantly - to have fun.

If there is an activity or hobby that you want to pursue at Warwick, then there is probably already a society for it. But you can check for yourself at warwicksu.com/societies. Don’t hesitate to drop an email to the specific society or club account that you are interested in to chat with the student executives who run these, and they can tell you more.

Students who join societies often say that they are genuinely the highlight of their time at Warwick, and many make friends for life through them. So why not give it a go?

World@Warwick

warwicksu.com/worldatwarwick

World@Warwick is a society with students just like you. Whether you are already a Warwick student or on exchange with us, if you want to meet people from all over the world, and possibly learn, or share your language and culture then this society will welcome you. There is also a great programme of social activities throughout the year.

With World@Warwick you can:

► Receive a welcome from the society executive and an insight into student life at Warwick
► Join one of the language classes and language cafes
► Enjoy a day trip or possibly longer - visit as part of the society
► Have a night out in the Terrace Bar
► Take part in our Language Buddy Scheme
► Join the World@warwick sports team

Become a member:
warwicksu.com/worldatwarwick

Visit the Facebook page:
facebook.com/worldatwarwick
Sport
We provide the opportunity for everyone who wants to take part in sports to join in at whatever level they feel comfortable. For more information visit warwick.ac.uk/services/sport

Our Sports Centre provides a wide range of exercise and fitness classes throughout the year. We also offer over 65 sports clubs to choose from, which you can find out more about at warwicksu.com/sports/clubs

Our sports facilities include:

- A 25 metre, 6 lane swimming pool, squash courts, a state of the art gym, a performance weight training centre and an aerobics studio - all under one roof at the University Sports Centre
- More than 60 acres of outdoor playing fields, including football, rugby, lacrosse, cricket and frisbee pitches
- Three all-weather floodlit pitches, including a synthetic grass pitch that’s ideal for football, rugby and American football
- A £2.5 million indoor tennis centre and floodlit outdoor courts
- A ‘Mondo’ 400 metre, all-weather running track (similar to the Athens Olympic track) that’s shared with Coventry Harriers and the city of Coventry
- The Bear Rock indoor climbing centre and specialist bouldering room
- Three indoor sports halls used for a variety of sports

Intramural leagues, also known as ‘Active Leagues’, focus on the social side of sport. They give an opportunity to pursue team sports in a friendly setting with the focus on fun rather than normally built around halls, departments or societies.

Arts Centre
warwickartscentre.co.uk/students

Warwick Arts Centre, based at the heart of campus and open 364 days of the year, is one of the largest arts centre in the UK and boasts a rich programme of world-class theatre, music, visual arts, comedy and film.

It houses two theatres, a cinema, an art gallery and a 1500-seat concert hall to keep you entertained.

With free wifi, comfy chairs and sofas, an on-site café and theatre bar, it’s your perfect alternative venue for studying and socialising.

Music Centre
Warwick.ac.uk/musiccentre

The Music Centre is a free facility, open to all. Here you’ll find a suite of practice rooms and a large Ensemble Room, as well as use of spaces in Warwick Arts Centre. The Music Centre runs 30 different groups and societies catering for most musical interests, and there are lots of concerts, competitions, tours and performance opportunities every year. Individual tuition and workshops are also available.
It is important that you budget carefully during your studies at Warwick. As a minimum, you would need £800 per month to cover accommodation and living expenses. Home Office requirements may stipulate a higher figure. This does depend upon whether you live on or off campus, and your own lifestyle. It can be hard to calculate how much things will cost in the UK, but the following link will help you to plan your budget: www.warwick.ac.uk/study/international/admissions/finance/livingcosts

“Don’t stress out if you can’t figure everything out before coming - in the end everything will be fine and you’ll find more support and patience than you expect!”

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Warwick has four faculties; the Faculty of Arts, Social Science, Science and Warwick Medical School. Students on exchange will enter either Arts, Social Science or Science. If you are interested in modules across the different faculties and if timetabling and pre-requisites allow, we would support you to take advantage of the wide range of subjects on offer. You will need to check that the modules you are interested in are available for your chosen time of study. The Study Abroad team are always happy to help if you have any questions on availability. You can also find information at warwick.ac.uk/study/studyabroad/inbound/modules

Each department will have an English language requirement. For further details, please check warwick.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/apply/language

For details of the departments within the faculties please visit one of the following links:

Faculty of Arts
warwick.ac.uk/fac/arts

The Faculty of Arts at Warwick is one of the world’s top 50 Arts and Humanities faculties, and is home to a number of departments and research centres spanning the Arts subject areas.
“Don’t limit yourself by sticking too much with friends from your home Uni or other students/people from your home country - to truly learn about and appreciate the host country and its culture, immersion is imperative. Don’t be afraid to do things outside your comfort zone. Time goes really fast so milk every experience and opportunity.”

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Faculty of Science
warwick.ac.uk/fac/sci

The Faculty of Science is home to 9 departments and 28 research centres, which span the science disciplines.

Faculty of Social Science
warwick.ac.uk/fac/soc

“One of the greatest things about Warwick is the level of discussion and debate going on about important developments in the world.”

Didem, Economics and Politics
Here at Warwick, it is important that you are able to get the most out of your experience of studying with us. We therefore encourage you to get involved with as many activities as possible to increase your international outlook while you study with us.

We understand the importance of developing your intercultural skills in the globalised world of today, so our Go Global initiative makes it easier for you to find out about the intercultural opportunities available to you at Warwick via our website at: **www.warwicksu.com/goglobal**

As well as helping you to take advantage of the many opportunities available to you as a Warwick student, we also offer an interactive 3-stage intercultural communication skills training programme, delivered through workshops and online media, designed to help enrich your study abroad experience at Warwick.

The course has been designed to help you to:

- transition into your new intercultural experience;
- make the most of your participation in the intercultural experience through the use of reflective tools;
- and finally focus on employability by helping you to articulate your intercultural skills to employers.

More information about the training can be found via our website: **www.warwick.ac.uk/study/international/students/interculturaltraining**
“Enjoy this amazing opportunity as much as they can. It is surely an opportunity to meet new people from different nationalities but it is also a chance to be part of an English university which is really good. In my case, I really loved what I’ve studied this year, my courses were extremely interesting, although I had a lot of work.”

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Library and Learning Grids

Library
warwick.ac.uk/library

The library is in the heart of our campus. It is open from 7.30 am to midnight, seven days a week during term time, with extended opening hours at important times of the academic year.

The library houses more than one million books, thousands of e-books and e-journals, and digitised core readings. Its online search tools make it simple to find the materials you will need and easy to renew or reserve items.

The first two floors encourage informal and collaborative working and are equipped with computers and other multimedia equipment such as plasma screens and interactive smart boards. The extension building and upper floors have a more traditional style – they are discreet and quiet, and are ideal for research, revision and writing.

Librarians who specialise in your subject area can help you make the most of the library’s resources and provide consultation sessions if you need extra help.

Learning Grids and study spaces

The Learning Grids are innovative and flexible spaces that support individual and group study in locations both on and off campus. Staff are available to help you to deliver your presentations and support you in the use of multimedia for your assignments, revision and projects.

Institute for Advanced Teaching and Learning (IATL)
warwick.ac.uk/iatl

IATL encourages you to experience different ways of learning and developing. It funds teaching and learning projects for both staff and students, hosts cross-faculty modules, and runs the Student Ensemble. IATL also edits Reinvention: an International Journal of Undergraduate Research.

For more information, visit warwick.ac.uk/iatl/studentportal
“Embrace every opportunity that comes your way. It is very possible that you will never get another opportunity like this again. Be brave and don’t be afraid to step outside your comfort zone and push yourself in order to.”

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“Although I have struggled at times on my year abroad and occasionally wondered why I opted to do it, as cliché as it sounds it really has been a life changing year and I am so glad I stuck with it! It has taught me a lot about myself and given me so much confidence to know that I have successfully settled and lived in a foreign country with a foreign language.”
Enjoy, Enjoy, Enjoy!!! Get involved as much as possible, join societies etc. and you will have an amazing year!

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Term dates

Application deadlines for Study Abroad:
31 May for Autumn Term start
30 September for Spring Term start

2016 – 2017
Autumn Term  Monday 3 October 2016 – Saturday 10 December 2016
Spring Term   Monday 9 January 2017 – Saturday 18 March 2017
Summer Term  Monday 24 April 2017 – Saturday 1 July 2017

2017 – 2018
Autumn Term  Monday 2 October 2017 – Saturday 9 December 2017
Spring Term   Monday 8 January 2018 – Saturday 17 March 2018
Summer Term  Monday 23 April 2018 – Saturday 30 June 2018

2018 – 2019
Autumn Term  Monday 1 October 2018 – Saturday 8 December 2018
Spring Term   Monday 7 January 2019 – Saturday 16 March 2019
Summer Term  Wednesday 24 April 2019 – Saturday 29 June 2019

2019 – 2020
Autumn Term  Monday 30 September 2019 – Saturday 7 December 2019
Spring Term   Monday 6 January 2020 – Saturday 14 March 2020
Summer Term  Monday 20 April 2020 – Saturday 27 June 2020

2020 – 2021
Autumn Term  Monday 5 October 2020 – Saturday 12 December 2020
Spring Term   Monday 11 January 2021 – Saturday 20 March 2021
Summer Term  Monday 26 April 2021 – Saturday 3 July 2021
What if you were encouraged to push the limits of your own academic curiosity, with support from some of the world’s top academics?

What if you took advantage of the countless opportunities to meet people, learn valuable skills and try new things?