Study Abroad

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Studying Abroad
UCL Computer Science

- There is only one way to study abroad

- MEng International

  - Year 1 and 2 at UCL

  - Year 3 at a partner university

  - Year 4 at UCL

Transferring to MEng International

- You can transfer from BSc and MEng to MEng International

  - Mathematical Computation, new 2016

  - BSc → MEng International ⇒ 3 → 4 years

- You can transfer from MEng International back to BSc or MEng

Options

- Australia

- Canada

- France

- Germany

- Hong Kong

- Italy

- Japan

- Mexico

- New Zealand

- Singapore

- Spain

- Switzerland

- USA

Selected Partner Universities

- Caltech

- Columbia University

- Ecole Polytechnique

- ETH Zurich

- Hong Kong University of Science and Technology

- McGill University

- National University of Singapore

- National University of Singapore

- Politecnico di Milano

- Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

- Rutgers, State University of New Jersey

- Technische Universität Dresden

- Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya

Partner Universities

Find update-to-date list at

https://www.ucl.ac.uk/studyabroad/options/options-guide/faculty-list/engineering

Two Routes

- Exchange Agreement (Outside Europe)

  - High Demand

  - UCL-Level

  - Decided by the Study Abroad Team

- Erasmus (Inside Europe)

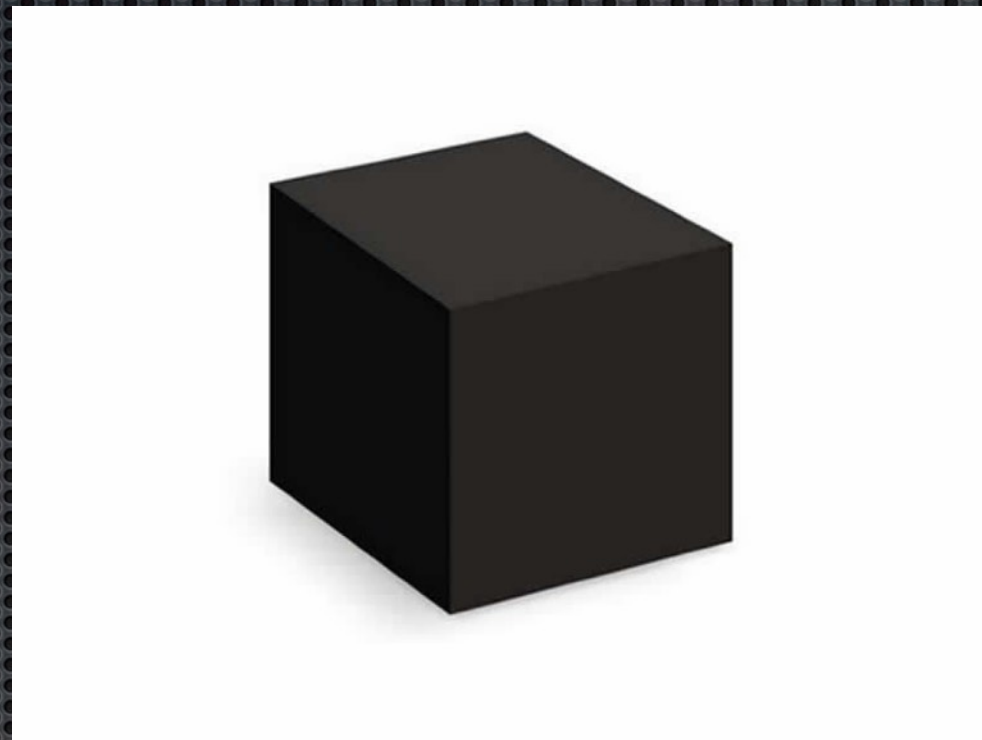 - Low Demand

  - Only CS

  - Decided by the Department

Eligibility

- You have to have a 2.1 average in the first year

- You also have to maintain a 2.1 average in 2nd year

- You will need a first average for placement at a high-demand universities

  - Some universities require 80 average

High Demand Partners

* Many US universities are in high demand

* You will submit a ranked list of partners together with your application to the Study Abroad Team

* The Study Abroad Team allocates the places based on the quality of your application

    * Mostly boils down to your grade average

    * This does not garauntee a place! The foreign institution has final say.

Placement Decisions

Study Abroad Team

Appears to be a lookup table…

The Placement Table

	65–9	70–4	75–9	>=80
Low	X	X	X	X
Medium	—	X	X	X
High		—	X	X
Very High			—	X

My Role

I help you

1. Select universities

2. Select classes during your year aboard

3. Enrolment issues at the foreign university

I assess your year abroad transcript and convert it into a UCL grade.

Selecting Universities

The American Dream?

* Midterms and finals vs end-of-year exams

* Heavy coursework load

* Course balance: 'guts' vs cores

  * All units are created equal but some units are more equal than others

  * Uni in the USA: The UK Guide to US Universities by Alice Fishburn and Anthony Nemecek

Courses to Take

"Self-interest makes some people blind, and others sharp-sighted."

Francois de La Rochefoucauld

- Theory of Computation

- Others: Think about your 4th year schedule

Results?

* Your results from the year abroad will be transmitted to UCL from the host university

* Your results will be translated into one single mark for module COMP3100 (4 full units)

* You cannot resit modules you fail abroad

Mark Conversion

- Your aggregate mark (i.e. GPA or average) is converted on a per-country, per-university basis into a UCL mark

- After initial conversion, if you are close to a grade boundary, your transcript will be carefully scruntised

- Marking fairness requires consistency; consistency dictates that the assessor have all of the physical transcripts.

How to Apply?

* http://www.cs.ucl.ac.uk/fileadmin/UCL-CS/students/cs_student_handbooks/cs_student_handbook_ug_1617.pdf

* Visit "Computer Science Study Abroad Students" https://moodle.ucl.ac.uk/course/view.php?id=21983

* Register your interest by sending an email to the External Student Tutor (me)

* The "real" application is later in the term, dates below

Questions I Cannot Answer

* Portico Problems

  * Porticio frustrates and confuses me as much as you

* Finances

* Visas

* Which university should I go to?

Engagement Monitoring

UCL is required to monitor students holding a Tier 4 visa, whilst abroad.

Please promptly reply to engagement emails.

- Each year, there are 10 monitoring points.

- Replying yes is sufficient.

Engagement Monitoring

* Failure to respond can have serious consequences.

    * One missed checkpoint: you will be required explain your failure to reply.

    * Two missed checkpoints: you will be required to attend a telephone/skype meeting with an administrator.

    * Three missed checkpoints: the department will take action (e.g. impose a learning agreement, suspend, or withdraw) and UCL may withdraw sponsorship of your Tier 4 visa if there are no extenuating circumstances.

Next Steps

- Visit the moodle page

- Register your interest via email

- Visit the Study Abroad Team

  - https://www.ucl.ac.uk/studyabroad

- Transfer to MEng International

- Prepare your Application

The Study Abroad Fair

- 20 October 2017, 4pm-6pm

- Jeffery Hall, Institute of Education
  20 Bedford Way

- View information from over 70
  of UCL's partner universities

- Speak to UCL students who have recently returned from
  a period of study abroad about their experiences

- Meet exchange students from our partner institutions
  who are currently studying at UCL

Transferring to the MEng

- You must enrol, at the beginning of your 2nd year, in MEng Computer Science International Programme to spend your 3rd year abroad.

- You must maintain a 2.1 average in your first and second years to be able to transfer to or stay on the Internationale Programme.

Transferring to the MEng

* Send an email to the Study Abroad Tutor (i.e. me)

    * State your first year grades and

    * the reasons for wanting to study abroad.

* Apply to transfer to MEng International via Portico

    * Navigating to "C2RS 005"

Study Abroad Workflow

1. http://www.ucl.ac.uk/studyabroad/how-to-apply/ apply-portico

2. Optionally Attend Study Abroad Information Sessions

   Monday 16th October 6-7pm
   https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/study-abroad-info-session-monday-16th-october-2017-tickets-38575255628

   Thursday 19th October 1-2pm
   https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/study-abroad-info-session-thurs-19th-oct-2016-tickets-38575296751

3. Attend Study Abroad Fair (See above slide for details)

3. Study Abroad Portico Application Portal

Study Abroad Portico Application Portal

- Part 1 Application Deadline
Friday 17th November 2017
*Deadline for logging your 3 *approved* choices.*

- Part 2 Application Deadline
Friday 25th November 2017
Deadline for submitting your complete application, including personal statement questions and CV.

Process external to UCL

1. The study abroad team sends your application to your choices.

2. One of them accepts you

3. When enrolment opens, you make a course selection and send it to me

4. Bon voyage

5. When enrolment opens for the 2nd term, you again make a course selection and send it to me.

Questions?