

Liverpool Hope University

Study Abroad and Exchange Programmes

Guide to creating your Study Plan

Please note: this guidance only applies to students who are taking the 12-week or the Double Programme. Students taking the Full Year Programme will earn 120 credits by completing coursework assessments and taking exams at the end of the academic year.

What type of courses can you choose?

We accept applications from students at all levels of study, so whatever year you are studying at your home institution, you should find courses to suit your needs.

Before choosing your courses, you should have a clear idea of what you need to progress in your current degree – your Study Abroad Advisor or Exchange Co-ordinator can help you with this.

We have an exciting range of courses in our Course Lists, but please bear in mind that availability can change, even after you have arrived.

What experience or prior learning do you need?

We do not have a 'Freshman' year in the UK, so all our courses are majors from Year 1 and can be quite challenging. As such, even if you are currently a second or third year student at your current institution, you will find that our Year 1 courses provide an interesting experience.

Some courses require particular skills and experience, such as Design, where sharp instruments or kilns may be in use, so only choose these courses if you feel you have the correct skill set. If you are unsure, email us and we can put you in contact with the subject Tutor.

Please note that where studio space is required, for example, Fine Art, Design or Dance, the number of available places will be restricted and even if you have the necessary prior experience, we may not be able to offer you a place on the course.

Year 1

You do not require any experience in Year 1 courses but please bear in mind that you should have some 'natural' ability in the subject – for example, don't choose a Mathematics course if you are hopeless at math, or choose a Fine Art practical course if you can only draw matchstick men! However, if you are interested in a subject and would like to try it, please feel free to add it to your selections.

Year 2

If you have some prior experience in the subject, you can select courses listed as Year 2. If you are unsure, just email us and we can check if your level of experience is sufficient for the subject.

Year 3

You should only select Year 3 courses if you have significant prior learning in the subject, for example, if it has been your Major for at least one academic year and you are a Junior or Senior at home. Remember that Year

3 is the final year at LHU and our students are working towards completion and graduation in the subject. Naturally, the curriculum is fast-moving and intense, so you have to be ready to study at this level.

Submitting your selections

Please look through the relevant Course List for the Fall or Spring Programme. If you are taking the Double Programme (Fall and Spring), just submit your Fall selections for now.

You will notice that courses are listed for either 15 or 30 credits, so you should choose a combination of 15 and 30 credit courses to make up the full credit load of 60 (or less, if your institution has an Agreement for less than 60).

Please enter your selections on the Course Selection Form (linked from the 'How to Apply' page) and add plenty of reserve choices. When we receive your course selections, we will start to check that your chosen study plan will work in practice. There is a high probability that some of your choices will clash, as the timetable of classes is fixed and there are no repeats. If this happens, we will choose alternatives from your reserve list. If there are a large number of participants in the Programme, these checks can take several months to complete, so please be patient while we carry out the necessary work.

How will you earn credits?

Credits link directly to your assessment marks. You will complete at least one large assessment for each course you take. An example of a single assessment would be an essay of 1,500 - 2,500 words. Therefore, if you take the maximum of four different courses, you will have assessments in four different subjects. There are no in-class tests, quizzes or exams. Credits are earned by completing your assessments and gaining a mark of 45 or more (out of 100).

You are expected to continue studies outside the classroom by carrying out research for your assessment - this is probably a more independent way of studying than you are used to and will feel very strange at first, but it will help to develop your resilience, self-motivation and time management skills, which prepare you for Graduate School.

How will credits transfer back to your degree?

You will earn up to 60 UK credits per 12-week Programme. There are no strict rules about how credits are transferred back to your home institution and it can vary from one institution to another, but in general UK credits can be converted as follows:

UK	US	Europe
15	Up to 4	7.5
30	Up to 8	15
60	Up to 16	30

Confirming your Study Plan

We will contact you if we need to discuss any details with you. You will receive confirmation of the final Study Plan by email prior to arrival. You can email us to discuss the Study Plan if you have any questions. Please try to avoid changing anything after arrival, as we do not have the resources or time in Orientation Week to make changes.