

UG Summer Abroad Programmes

Why a summer abroad?

Summer schools abroad are an excellent way to gain global experience and study outside of your curriculum here at Essex. Taking part in a summer school does not impact on your studies at Essex, and it can be recognised as an extracurricular activity via the Big Essex Award. It's a great way to travel over your summer break and experience new cultures and international perspectives.

Find below summer schools recommended by our staff or partner universities.

Staff recommendations

1. El Colegio de Mexico Summer school, Mexico

Location: Mexico City, Mexico

Website: <https://summerprogram.colmex.mx/en>

Approx dates: To be confirmed soon but usually held July to August (please note Graduation takes place during July, so this opportunity will not be suitable for you if you are planning to attend Graduation).

Brief overview: Offered since 2017, the program has provided lectures, knowledge exchange, and student enrichment on subjects such as migration, political economy, cultural sociology, demography and urban studies through courses offered to more than 100 students/participants from the United States, Germany, Spain, South Korea, The Netherlands, Brazil, Colombia, China, the United Kingdom, Russia, and more.

Staff expert: Dr. Alejandra Diaz de Leon

Open to: All UG students but may be of particular interest to those taking Migration Modules (e.g. SC308 Race, Ethnicity and Migration).

Applications: Applications are direct (see [admissions information via the summer school website](#)).

Costs: Programme fees are \$1000.00 Accommodation, flights and personal costs must also be considered.

2. Brazil Intensive Seminar, Brazil

Name of programme: Critical Pedagogies of Emergencies on Immigration.

Location: LaSalle, Canoas, Brazil.

Website: Link to be announced soon!

Approx dates: To be confirmed, but usually held over July / August.

Brief overview: Seminars are usually offered from a variety of topics, including international law, criminal justice, restorative justice, international trade, critical race theory, decolonial

theory, political philosophy, law and finance. This programme hosts a number of visiting professors from across the world, including Bergen University, Essex University (featuring Soc&Crim staff member Dr. Phoebe Kisubi), Coimbra University and Coruña University. Classes take place on site at LaSalle University, Canoas, Brazil. SC389).

Staff expert: Dr. Phoebe Kisubi.

Open to: All UG students but may be of particular interest to students on our political economy, media and sexuality studies modules (e.g. SC233, SC389).

Applications: Applications are direct and will be via the website (once available).

Costs: Programme fees are expected to be around \$400. Accommodation, flights and personal costs must also be considered.

3. Black Europe Summer School, Netherlands

Name of programme: BESS, Black Europe Summer School

Location: Amsterdam, Netherlands.

Website: <https://www.blackeurope.org/>

Dates: 21 June to 01 July 2026

Brief overview: The Black Europe Summer School is now in its 18th year. It runs from 21 June until 01 July in Amsterdam and consists of a series of lectures, workshops, activities, and a tour of Amsterdam. The deadline for applications is 1 February 2026. Last year they did accept late applications into March.

The overall goal of this course is to examine the contemporary circumstances of the African Diaspora (and “other” immigrants of colour) in Europe. It focuses on and histories of Black Europe, colonial legacies and contemporary policies, social organizations and legislation today. The issues are considered in light of the immediacy of contemporary global and European forces, including competing issues and discourses on Islamophobia, increased non-Black migration into and across Europe, and the debt crisis in the European Union.

Staff expert: Prof. Colin Samson

Open to: All UG students but may be of particular interest to those taking the following modules (SC201, SC233, SC301, SC308).

Applications: Applications are direct ([see application page via website](#)). Please note, the website states that applications close 01 February, but last year they were extended to 01 March 2026.

Costs: The tuition for this course is €1,150. Tuition includes an opening reception, seminars with BESS faculty, required readings, and excursions in Amsterdam to the World Museum and Black Archives coordinated with [Black Heritage Amsterdam Tours](#). Tuition does not include housing, food, or travel to and from Amsterdam.

4. NOISE summer school at Utrecht University, Netherlands

Name of programme: Network of interdisciplinary gender studies in Europe, NOISE summer school

Location: Utrecht University, Netherlands

Website: <https://graduategenderstudies.nl/education/noise-summer-school/>

Approx dates: Late August, info for summer 2026 to be added to the website soon.

Brief overview: In 1991 Utrecht University started with a pilot for a Summer School in Women's Studies, called NOI♀SE: Network Of Interdisciplinary W♀men's Studies in Europe. Since 1994 NOISE has been a successful yearly event giving students and teachers the opportunity to exchange their knowledge in the field of Gender Studies in an international context

Open to: Meant for PHD or MA students, but may be open to UG students in their final year of studies.

Applications: Direct, please see the webpages for more details.

Costs: Tuition fee is €500 and excludes accommodation and food.

Staff expert: Dr. Phoebe Kisubi.

Partner University opportunities

1. Masaryk University, Czech Republic

Range of courses on offer - <https://summeratmasaryk.cz/>

2. The European System of Human Rights Protection, Germany

Summer school 2026 to be announced - <https://www.rewi.europa-uni.de/en/studium/summer-school/index.html>

3. UPF Barcelona Summer School, Spain

29 June to 24 July

Range of courses on offer - <https://www.upf.edu/web/barcelonasummerschool>

4. Antwerp Summer University, Belgium

Range of courses on offer - <https://www.uantwerpen.be/en/study/programmes/antwerp-summer-winter-university/summer-winter-schools/all-summer-and-winter-schools/>