

Short term programmes – advice from students

There's a lot of choice when it comes to a short-term international experience. Each year we gather feedback from students, and we've shared some of this below. Where possible we may be able to put you directly in touch with someone that has completed a programme that you are interested in and we are always happy to try and answer any questions you may have. Drop us an email stpabroad@essex.ac.uk, follow us on social media @essexabroad or [book in a one to one](#).

What made you choose that specific experience?

- The cost was affordable
- I would like to experience the difference teaching emphasis of economic in Denmark.
- To develop my professional skills, expand education and personal growth
- Exploring new country and culture while studying valuable curriculum for my degree
- Tend to my specific educational needs
- Location and hobbies
- Totally different culture that I wanted to explore.
- My keen interest in animals, felt this would be an enjoyable experience to meet other likeminded people
- Wanted to try something different and experience university in a different country
- It was an opportunity to continue learning about a topic I was taught as part of my course
- I wanted to learn about something completely different to my degree
- I wanted the chance to get some work experience as I have no idea what to do when I graduate!

What did you enjoy about your experience abroad?

- My horizon and mind have been broadened in the process of adjusting study methods
- The ability to explore the city as well as study in with new, friendly likeminded students
- Meeting people from all around the world and learning about their culture
- Gained skills and experience including communication skills, critical skills and dedication to specific subjects
- Exploring and learning
- The University, the collective I was there with, the city, the classes, the culture.
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- It fitted in with my plans and I feel like I've done something useful with my summer.
- The opportunity to explore unique modules and modules that I hadn't had the ability to do during my undergrad.
- The knowledge it was shared by the teachers and by the texts to read.
- Having an experience to add on my CV is really motivating and pushes me to gain even more experiences of the sort.

What advice would you give another student?

- Make sure you take part in all the activities - you did pay for it. Make friends with everyone, it's more fun having the choice to be able to explore alone or with a group of friends
- If you want to broaden your knowledge about your subject while exploring new country and culture go on this programme (summer school in Shanghai)
- Get knowledge about the contents of summer school before going
- Make most of every day it goes quickly
- Even though it might seem to be stressful, in the end it's definitely worth your time.
- Do your research so you know what to expect. There might be something more suitable elsewhere. Make use of Essex Abroad as they have lots of knowledge that they are happy to share – you just need to ask!
- If given the opportunity they MUST take it.
- Always have a basic understanding of the language before travelling

