

05: Studying away from the University

Placement, study year abroad, exchange and ERASMUS
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Introduction

The university offers a range of opportunities for student to study away for up to a year. These opportunities include industrial placement, exchanges with other institutions in the EU through the ERASMUS scheme or with partners in other countries.

Placement fees

The terms 'placement fee' and 'placement year' refer to the academic year spent away from the University undertaking work experience that is a requirement for a sandwich course. This does not apply to work experience that is built into a taught academic year and does not meet the requirements for a sandwich course.

Placement fees for home and European union students on pre 2012 fees

For students registering on their course for the first time between 2006 and 2012 there is an annual fee charged for the placement year. There is no reduction of the fee in the third taught year:

Example A – Placement 15 Credits included in the 360 taught credits required for the course (no additional modules taken; all modules passed first time)

Year	Credits	Fee
1	120	£3,465*
2	120	£3,465*
P (placement)	15	£750*
3	105	£3,465*

Example B – Placement 30 Credits included in the 360 taught credits required for the course (no additional modules taken; all modules passed first time)

Year	Credits	Fee
1	120	£3,465*
2	120	£3,465*
P (placement)	30	£750*
3	90	£3,465*

Example C – Placement 30 Credits in addition to the 360 taught credits required for the course (no additional modules taken, all modules passed first time)

Year	Credits	Fee
1	120	£3,465*
2	120	£3,465*
P (placement)	30	£750*
3	120	£3,465*

*actual fee will vary by course, student and year of entry, please refer to the fee check facility on the UWE website for details

Eligibility for students on placement to take additional modules is subject to the provisions of the University academic regulations. Student may not take additional modules in excess of the maximum permitted

Students required to retake modules see 07; Additional Modules and Retake Charges, for details.

Students who fail the placement year will, for funding purposes, remain registered on the placement version of their course with the SLC for funding purposes.

Placement fees for home and European union students on post 2012 fees

For students registering on their course for the first time from 2012 onwards the fee charged for the placement year is directly related to the number of credits studied during the placement year. Therefore, if the placement module is 30 credits, a fee is charged for the 30 up to the maximum fee cap for placement years, from academic year 14/15 this is 20% of the full-time equivalent year fee a maximum of £1,850.

Where the placement credit is in addition to the 360 taught credits required for the 3 years of study at the University the charge for the placement credit is in addition to the fees charged for the 3 taught years.

Where the placement credit is included in the 360 taught credits required for the course then successful completion of the credits reduces the fee due for the third year by the tuition fee amount paid in the placement year. Therefore, if the placement year required 30 credits, a student will be required to pay for the 30 up to the maximum fee cap for placement years, from academic year 14/15 this is 20% of the full-time equivalent year fee, details can be found on the tuition fees pages. If these credits are taken from the third taught year a student will normally then study a further 90 credits (to complete the 360 required for the course) and will be charged for the 90 credits only, this will be the full year fee less the amount paid during the placement year.

Example D – Placement 15 Credits included in the 360 taught credits required for the course (no additional modules taken; all modules passed first time)

Year	Credits	Fee
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1	120	£9,000*
2	120	£9,000*
P (placement)	15	£1,125*
3	105	£7,875*

Example E – Placement 30 Credits included in the 360 taught credits required for the course (no additional modules taken, all modules passed first time)

Year	Credits	Fee
1	120	£9,000*
2	120	£9,000*
P (placement)	30	£1,800*
3	90	£7,200*

Example F – Placement 30 Credits in addition to the 360 taught credits required for the course (no additional modules taken, all modules passed first time)

Year	Credits	Fee
1	120	£9,000*
2	120	£9,000*
P (placement)	30	£1,800*
3	120	£9,000*

*actual fee will vary by course, student and year of entry, please refer to the fee check facility on the UWE website for details

Eligibility for students on placement to take additional modules is subject to the provisions of the University Academic Regulations.

Students required to retake modules see 07; Additional Modules and Retake Charges, for details.

Students who fail the placement year will, for funding purposes, remain registered on the placement version of their course with the SLC.

Placement fees for offshore on pre 2012 fees

For students registering on their course for the first time between 2006 and 2012 there is an annual fee charged for the placement year. There is no reduction of the fee in the third taught year:

Example G – Placement 15 Credits included in the 360 taught credits required for the course (no additional modules taken; all modules passed first time)

Year	Credits	Fee
1	120	£6,300*
2	120	£6,300*
P (placement)	15	£3,000*
3	105	£6,300*

Example H – Placement 30 Credits included in the 360 taught credits required for the course (no additional modules taken; all modules passed first time)

Year	Credits	Fee
1	120	£6,300*
2	120	£6,300*
P (placement)	30	£3,000*
3	90	£6,300*

Example I – Placement 30 Credits in addition to the 360 taught credits required for the course (no additional modules taken; all modules passed first time)

Year	Credits	Fee
1	120	£6,300*
2	120	£6,300*
P (placement)	30	£3,000*
3	120	£6,300*

*actual fee will vary by course, student and year of entry, please refer to the fee check facility on the UWE website for details

Eligibility for students on placement to take additional modules is subject to the provisions of the University regulations.

Students required to retake modules see 07; Additional Modules and Retake Charges, for details.

Placement fees for offshore students on post 2012 fees

For students registering on their course for the first time from 2012 onwards, the fee charged for the placement year is directly related to the number of credits studied during the placement year. Therefore, if the placement module is 30 credits, a fee is charged for the 30 credits up to the maximum fee cap for placement years, from academic year 14/15 this is 20% of the full-time equivalent year fee.

Where the placement credit is in addition to the 360 taught credits required for the 3 years of study at the University, the charge for the placement credit is in addition to the fees charged for the 3 taught years.

Where the placement credit is included in the 360 taught credits required for the course and successful completion of the credits reduces the fee due for the third year by the tuition fee amount paid in the placement year. Therefore, if the placement year required 15 credits, a student will be required to pay for the 15 up to the maximum fee cap for placement years, from academic year 14/15 this is 20% of the full-time equivalent year fee, details can be found on the tuition fees pages. If these credits are taken from the third taught year a student will normally then study a further 105 credits (to complete the 360 required for the course) and will be charged for the 105 credits only, this will be the full year fee less the amount paid during the placement year.

Illustrative Example J – Placement 15 Credits included in the 360 taught credits required for the course (no additional modules taken; all modules passed first time)

Year	Credits	Fee
1	120	£9,000*
2	120	£9,000*
P (placement)	15	£1,125*
3	105	£7,875*

Illustrative Example K – Placement 30 Credits included in the 360 taught credits required for the course (no additional modules taken, all modules passed first time)

Year	Credits	Fee
1	120	£9,000*
2	120	£9,000*
P (placement)	30	£1,800*
3	90	£7,200*

Illustrative Example L – Placement 30 Credits in addition to the 360 taught credits required for the course (no additional modules taken, all modules passed first time)

Year	Credits	Fee
1	120	£9,000*
2	120	£9,000*
P (placement)	30	£1,800*
3	120	£9,000*

*actual fee will vary by course, student and year of entry, please refer to the fee check facility on the UWE website for details

Eligibility for students on placement to take additional modules is subject to the provisions of the University Academic regulations.

Students required to retake modules see 07; Additional Modules and Retake Charges, for details.

International placement fees

The terms 'placement fee' and 'placement year' refer to the academic year spent away from the University undertaking work experience that is a requirement for a sandwich course. They do not apply to work experience that is built into a taught academic year and that does not meet the requirements for a sandwich course.

Regardless of when a student paying international fees commenced their course the fee charged for the placement year is directly related to the number of credits studied during the placement year. Therefore, if the placement module is 15 credits, a fee is charged for the 15 credits.

Where the placement credit is in addition to the 360 taught credits required for the 3 years of study at the University, the charge for the placement credit is in addition to the fees charged for the 3 taught years.

Where the placement credit is included in the 360 taught credits required for the course and successful completion of the credits reduces the fee due for the third year by the tuition fee amount paid in the placement year. Therefore if the placement year required 15 credits, a student will be required to pay for the 15. If these credits are taken from the third taught year a student will normally then study a further 105 credits (to complete the 360 required for the course) and will be charged for the 105 credits only, this will be the full year fee less the amount paid during the placement year.

Illustrative Example M – Placement 15 Credits included in the 360 taught credits required for the course (no additional modules taken, all modules passed first time)

Year	Credits	Fee
1	120	£11,750*
2	120	£11,750*
P (placement)	15	£1,469*
3	105	£10,281*

*actual fee will vary by course, student and year of entry, please refer to the fee check facility on the UWE website for details.

Illustrative Example N – Placement 30 Credits in addition to the 360 taught credits required for the course (no additional modules taken, all modules passed first time)

Year	Credits	Fee
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1	120	£11,750*
2	120	£11,750*
P (placement)	30	£2,937*
3	120	£11,750*

*actual fee will vary by course, student and year of entry, please refer to the fee check facility on the UWE website for details.

Any student failing the placement year

Students failing the placement year and who are unable to redeem the failure through retakes or other academic processes will usually be required to complete the full-time version of their course rather than the 'with placement' or sandwich version.

As this is a different course, the full final year course fee will apply for the 120 credits taken in the final year

Illustrative example O – Placement 15 Credits included in the 360 taught credits required for the course (no additional modules taken) placement module failed, student required to complete the Full-time course in the final year of study AFTE the placement year;

Year	Credits	MoA	Fee	Outcome
1	120	SW	£9,000*	Passed
2	120	SW	£9,000*	Passed
P (placement)	15	SW	£1,125*	Failed
3	120	FT	£9,000*	Passed

*actual fee will vary by course, student and year of entry, please refer to the fee check facility on the UWE website for details

For the purposes of statutory funding however, students will be considered to have studied on but failed the placement year and will continue to be recorded as on the version of their course that includes the placement.

Retakes, additional modules during the placement

Students can take additional modules and sometimes may be required to retake modules; in these cases, the university arranges to charge students. For both additional and retake modules, full details of the additional credit charges and specific arrangements for placements can be found in 07; Additional Modules and Retake Charges.

Study year abroad

Fees will be charged in accordance with the maximum caps applicable to the type and location of study to be undertaken. Details are available on the university website

<http://www1.uwe.ac.uk/study/studyabroad>

ERASMUS

Fees for ERASMUS study are capped by the SLC and students will be charged accordingly.

Details are available on the university website <http://www1.uwe.ac.uk/study/studyabroad>