Eligibility criteria for outgoing student mobility

1. The University is committed to developing students' global skills and increasing the number of students who undertake formal study or work experience abroad as part of their studies.
2. This policy relates to the eligibility criteria for students who wish to undertake a period of study abroad at a partner institution, but does not apply to programmes with an integral year abroad, such as modern languages programmes. In the case of these programmes, students' eligibility to undertake an integral year abroad is based upon the progression requirements of the programmes.

3. The University Board for Teaching, Learning and Student Experience (UBTLSE) has approved the standard University-wide eligibility criteria for outgoing student mobility, specified in this policy, to ensure an equality of access to study abroad within and across Schools and to ensure that students have achieved a minimum level of attainment which would indicate that they were adequately prepared for the proposed period of study abroad.

4. UBTLSE has agreed that in order to be eligible to undertake study abroad, a student must normally achieve an average of 55% or higher in Part 1. This figure is based upon the admission requirements of certain popular partner institutions, the competitive process for places and the experience that students who fall below this threshold in the UK often struggle academically whilst abroad.

5. Students may apply to the Study Abroad Office for study abroad places in Part 2 if they have **both** met the progression requirements for their programme **and** additionally taken an overall weighted average of 55% or higher in Part 1.

6. Where a student needs to apply to study abroad before the publication of Part 1 results, the decision regarding whether they will be permitted to do so will be made by the Study Abroad Coordinator in consultation with academic colleagues, where needed, on the basis of coursework marks recorded in RISIS at the point of application. These grades must meet the required average of 55% or higher. The Study Abroad Coordinator can consult the School Director of Teaching and Learning for guidance, where needed. In the event that such a student fails to achieve 55% in their Part 1 results, they will normally still be eligible to take up the study abroad opportunity as long as they meet the general progression requirements for the programme and the entry requirements of the partner institution.

7. For further information, please contact the Head of Mobility (Mr Marcus Dowse m.a.dowse@reading.ac.uk)

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