

Section 6: Programme-related
matters

Eligibility criteria for outgoing student mobility

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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, as part of its vision for 2026.
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 and Learning (UBTL) 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. UBTL 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 Erasmus and 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 at the partner institution before the publication of Part 1 results, they will be permitted to do so on the basis of the School Director of Teaching and Learning's academic judgment that it is overwhelmingly likely, on the basis of confirmed coursework marks to date, that the student will fulfil the requirement of achieving an average of 55% or higher in Part 1. This responsibility may be designated to another member of academic staff within the subject area by the SDTL, as appropriate. In the event that such a student fails to achieve 55%, 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 Erasmus and Study Abroad Manager (Mr Marcus Dowse m.a.dowse@reading.ac.uk).