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Study and Work Abroad Opportunities for Students at the SEP[1]

1. General Information

Mandatory 3-Month Stay Abroad (Lehramt Students)

For Master of Education students in English, a study-related stay abroad of at least 90 days is a compulsory requirement before registration for the final module/Master's thesis. The requirement can be fulfilled through study abroad programmes, teaching assistantships, internships, language courses, Camp America, or certain au pair placements. The stay should normally take place in a country where English is an official language, although approved exceptions exist. Students are strongly advised to obtain approval before departure and must submit official proof after returning. Without this proof, registration for the Master's thesis is not possible. Contact: jpfaend@gwdg.de.

Optional Stay Abroad

All students of English/ELLC and/or North American Studies profit of a stay abroad, in terms of their language skills, knowledge about culture and institutions, and also in terms of intercultural and practical skills. Non-TEFL students can, for example, do an internship abroad and receive credits through B.Eng.802/B.Eng.812 or M.EP.18/M.EP.12b, depending on the internship area. Contact: frauke.reitemeier@phil.uni-goettingen.de.

Financial Support

A variety of funding opportunities are available to help finance international experiences. These include Erasmus+ grants, remuneration through PAD assistantships, DAAD scholarships, PROMOS funding, and Erasmus+ internship funding. Depending on the programme, financial support may contribute towards travel, living costs, tuition expenses, or placement-related costs.

2. Going Abroad Options

Erasmus+ Study Abroad

This opportunity is ideal for students who would like to spend one or two semesters studying at a partner university abroad while earning credits that can be recognised in Göttingen. The SEP currently keeps available ten exclusive Erasmus openings in Ireland, England, Italy, Portugal, and Poland. Applications should generally be planned about one year in advance. Students must also meet the deadlines of both their sending host institutions. A Learning Agreement is required for credit recognition, and Erasmus funding may be available to support the stay.

Teaching Assistantships and Internships

These opportunities are especially suitable for Lehramt students who want to gain practical teaching experience while living and working in an English-speaking environment. For recognition in the Master

[1] Please refer to the [2026 brochure] for detailed information on eligibility, application procedures, deadlines, funding, and recognition requirements.

of Education programme students must complete a preparatory seminar offered by the English Didactics division.

PAD Foreign Language Assistantships

The Pädagogischer Austauschdienst (PAD) places future teachers at schools in English-speaking countries. Placements are remunerated, often covering a substantial part of living expenses, and usually last for a full school year. Acceptance rates are approximately 50%, making this one of the most established and attractive options for Lehramt students.

Amity Institute (USA)

The Amity Institute offers German language assistant positions in U.S. schools. Placements typically include accommodation with a host family, providing deep cultural immersion alongside teaching experience. Acceptance rates have been strong in recent years, and student feedback has been consistently positive.

School Placements through Department Contacts

The English Department maintains contacts with as a wider network of schools that have previously hosted Göttingen students. These placements may be paid or unpaid and can offer valuable classroom experience and professional networking opportunities.

DAAD Teaching Assistantships

Through the DAAD programme "DeutschLehren.International", students can directly apply for funded teaching assistantships at universities abroad: https://www.daad.de/de/im-ausland-studieren-forschen-lehren/lehren-im-ausland/daad-lehrassistentenprogramm/. These placements combine practical teaching experience with international academic exposure and can be recognised as part of the required study-related stay abroad.

Study Abroad Beyond Erasmus

These programmes are suitable for students interested in studying or conducting research outside the Erasmus framework, particularly in North America, Australia, and South Africa. Some exchanges combine study with teaching assistantships, offer reduced or waived tuition fees, or include research-focused options designed specifically for Master's students. A Learning Agreement is not in every case required for credit recognition but strongly recommended to avoid difficulties with recognition afterwards.

Camp America and Similar Programmes

This option is well-suited to students seeking a practical and immersive experience in an English-speaking environment. Camp placements in the USA and other English-speaking countries can be acknowledged as part of the required stay abroad.