

Undergraduate **Work Placements**



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Faculty of Humanities & Social Sciences



Economics • Education • Health • Languages • Politics • Psychology • Social Sciences

What is a placement?

The placement ('sandwich') year is an opportunity to undertake a period of professional work experience away from campus in the third year of your undergraduate degree (BA, BSc or MSci).

All our undergraduate degrees offer the option of a placement, and some include a placement as an integral part of the course.

Where can you go?

Over 60% of our undergraduates undertake a professional placement, often with leading businesses and charities in the UK and overseas.

Study abroad opportunities are offered on some of our degree courses.

Why do a placement year?

- Benefit from 'real world' learning and take on an increasing degree of responsibility
- Return to university with a wealth of experience you can apply to your final year; students often choose to do a dissertation based on aspects of their placement they want to explore further
- Improve your time management, problem solving, decision making and team working
- Acquire transferable skills and sometimes professional qualifications
- Identify and explore potential career paths
- Enhance your employability; employers favour graduates with employment experience as well as a good degree – for more details, see: go.bath.ac.uk/employability

How will you be supported?

We run one of the most established placement schemes in UK higher education and you will benefit from our long-established connections with a wide range of placement providers – many of whom are now exclusive to the University of Bath.

Our dedicated placements team will provide you with information, advice and support throughout the placement process. If you are on placement in the UK, a member of our staff will visit you.

We will support and guide you with:

- writing your cv and application letters
- interview practice
- finding a placement
- getting the most out of your placement
- your re-integration into academic life.

Some frequently asked questions:

Will I be paid?

We encourage employers to offer paid placements. However, there are a number of unpaid placements each year within hospitals, charitable organisations and academic institutions.

Do I still pay university fees?

Depending on the type of placement/study abroad you undertake your fees will vary. Please refer to our web pages for the most up to date information on fees and available grants: go.bath.ac.uk/ug-fees

What is it really like on placement?

Take a look at the videos of students on their placements (links overleaf, or through department web pages), and at the blogs some of our students post about their experiences: blogs.bath.ac.uk

There may be rare occasions where due to unforeseen or unavoidable circumstances it becomes necessary to make significant changes to a course or to withdraw it or part of it (e.g. a particular unit/module).

Visit: www.bath.ac.uk/study/ug/apply/admissions/changes-withdrawal

Education Placements



Education with Psychology

Recent student placements include:

Autism UK
Families Effective Learning and Literacy (FELL)
Tamagawa International School, Tokyo
The Hermitage Museum, St Petersburg
Wesley Intermediate School, New Zealand
Trauma Recovery Centre, Bath



Placements are a fantastic opportunity to meet new people and immerse yourself into a new culture."

Terri Parkin

Psychology Placements



Psychology

Recent student placements include:

Centre for Research in Autism and Education
Universities in the USA, Australia, New Zealand & South Africa
National Crime Agency
Inspectorate of Prisons
Great Ormond Street Hospital
Institute of Child Health, London



I have developed skills that will be useful for my final year and I have learnt that psychology has such a large presence, I have much greater insight into where I can go."

Luke Treglown

Health Placements



Sport and Exercise Science • Health and Exercise Science • Sport Management and Coaching

Recent student placements include:

Australian States Sports Institutes
UK premiership Rugby Union clubs
Children's Hospital Research Institute of Manitoba, Canada
ESPN Sports Media, London
Neurokinex UK
Hawk-Eye Innovations
Army Research Training Division
Harbour Sport, New Zealand



My placement was a great opportunity to experience working in a few different roles within a company to help me decide on my ideal career."

Lucy Ferguson

Economics Placements



Economics • Economics and Maths • Economics and Politics

Recent student placements include:

Private Sector

Morgan Stanley • EY • Dyson • HSBC Investment Bank • Amazon • BP • Microsoft • NGOs • International Development consultancies

Public Sector

Bank of England • House of Commons • NHS England • Welsh Government • HM Treasury • Transport for London • Cabinet Office • Ministry of Justice



Working with leading experts on some of the most challenging problems faced by the world today has opened my eyes to real-world Economics; I would highly recommend undertaking a placement."

Steven Newcombe

Politics Placements



Politics and International Relations •
Politics with Economics

Recent student placements include:

Business and Finance Sector

PriceWaterHouseCoopers • The Walt
Disney Corporation • Airbus • Deloitte
• EY • Nissan • UBS

Public Sector

Local UK political party offices • NGOs
• Political think tanks • Lobbying
companies, London & Brussels •
National Embassies • International
Development consultancies



Placements provide you with an invaluable and early opportunity to see what it's really like to work in a field that both interests and excites you."

Joshua Rhodes

Social and Policy Sciences Placements



Sociology • Social Policy • Social Sciences •
Sociology and Social Policy •
International Development with Economics

Recent student placements include:

Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Prisons
Big Issue
Citizen's Advice Bureau
City Year (youth and education charity)
Morgan Stanley
Panasonic
Vauxhall
Disney



My placement has been really inspiring and I am really happy that I chose to do it. I have gained a lot of transferrable skills, which will stand out on my CV against other graduates."

Shivani Govindia

Languages Year Abroad



Language and Politics •
Modern Languages and European Studies

All language students spend their third year abroad, within Europe or beyond – as a Language Assistant; on a study exchange; or on a work placement. You can ‘mix and match’ both the activities and the countries.

Recent student placements include:

EURORDIS, France • European Parliament, Brussels • Loftus, Spain • San Pio X, Italy • Siemens, Germany • TECHO, Chile • The Bubble, Argentina



I have absolutely loved my time abroad. You don't really realise until you're actually here, living the lifestyle, how good our degree is and how good the opportunity is."

Susannah Tarrant

Study Abroad



Students studying modern languages, politics, economics or sport have the opportunity to study overseas – both in Europe and further afield.

The Faculty has links with prominent universities across the globe. Please contact us for the most up to date information on Study Abroad.

Currently, we have Erasmus and global partners in:

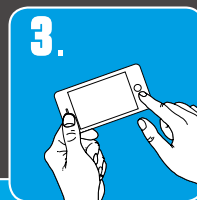
Argentina • Chile • France • Germany • Hong Kong • Italy • Mexico • Singapore • South Africa • Spain





My year abroad has been the best part of my course so far, not only thanks to the brilliant city, but also the knowledge that this year has been as academically rewarding as it has personally."

Liam Farrow

Images with this symbol  link straight to our videos.
Please follow the instructions below



Getting started with Augmented Reality

1. Download the free **HP Reveal** App from the App store or Google Play store
2. Open your web browser and visit: bit.ly/bathchannel then select **Follow**
3. In the HP Reveal App use the camera view (tap the  icon), hold your device over an image when you see this symbol:  Watch the video come to life!

Need more help? Visit go.bath.ac.uk/hp-reveal

Need to find out more?

If you would like more information on placements at the University of Bath,
please email: hss-placements@bath.ac.uk

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