Information on institutions of higher education in the UK

General information, background

- educational marketing section of British Council http://www.educationuk.org

United Kingdom Council for Overseas Students Affairs

http://www.ukcosa.org.uk

Links to UK universities & colleges

http://www.hotcourses.com

Quality assurance

Teaching Quality Assessment and Research Assessment Exercise reports

Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education http://www.qaa.ac.uk (quality audits on individual institutions)

Research Assessment Exercise reports http://www.hero.ac.uk

For a full degree apply through the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service http://www.ucas.co.uk

For a term or year at a UK institution apply direct to the institution (enquire via the admissions office, for international admissions) http://www.hotcourses.com

Search for courses by topic/course of studies http://www.ucas.co.uk

Also links to universities and colleges via UCAS http://www.ucas.co.uk

Erasmus/Socrates – exchange year, so your credits are most likely to count towards your degree.

Leave of absence to study abroad for a term or year – no formal agreement, so IAA in Hamburg not bound to accept any of your courses.

Check with profs. and teachers before you go whether courses you want to do *might* be recognised

Remember - even an *enthusiastic might* not a guarantee.

Some top league universities don't take year or term abroad students unless it's part of an Erasmus/Socrates exchange deal.

Try mid-range universities - might nevertheless have a good reputation and good assessments for course of studies you want to do.

Start to get your information together now – takes 18 months to 2 years to get everything organised.

Alternatives?

An internship or work in the UK – take a look at http://prospects.ac.uk for jobs after your degree

A postgraduate degree in the UK – apply to the individual universities.