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.