Junior Study Abroad Programs

Junior Year programs are offered through the College of Engineering in Australia, Ireland, New Zealand, and Singapore. These programs require significant work during the approval process. The course approval process can take weeks, so plan accordingly. The steps outlined below are meant to guide you through the process.

The GPA requirements determined by the institutions abroad are: Sydney 3.0, Dublin 3.0, Auckland 2.8, Singapore – no specific GPA but courses are challenging. To get started:

1. Visit the website for your location of interest and search courses that seem to be the equivalent to courses required for your ENG program. Do NOT just look at courses equivalent to those offered here in the relevant semester of the junior year (look for electives that you would normally take as a senior, or other ways in which you can manipulate the curriculum). You should identify equivalents for 5-7 courses. Students interested in Dublin must have 7 approved courses. Students may not be able to enroll in their first choice class, so options are essential.

   Auckland:  http://www.calendar.auckland.ac.nz/courses/prescriptions/engineering/
   Singapore:  http://www.nus.edu.sg/registrar/nusbulletin/modulesearch.html
   Sydney:  www.usyd.edu.au/courses/?action=uos_search_advanced
   Dublin:  www.dcu.ie/registry/module-contents.php

2. Complete the course substitution form and attach course descriptions and syllabi for any courses you wish to take. This packet must be approved by your faculty advisor and the Undergraduate Associate Chair:

   ME     Prof. Nagem, nagem@bu.edu
   BME    Muhammad Zaman, Zaman@bu.edu
   ECE    Mark Horenstein, mnh@bu.edu

3. You must present a plan for the courses you will take abroad AND a plan for how you will complete all the remaining degree requirements. For example, if you miss a 2nd semester junior course, when will you complete it?

4. Bring the signed form to Ruthie Jean in ERB 107. When it has been reviewed, notification will be sent to the Study Abroad Office.

5. You can only be accepted into one of these programs after ENG clears your courses, and notifies the International Programs Office that your paperwork is approved.

6. For Students Applying to Dublin: Credits for courses taken in Dublin (called units) can vary. Units translate to credits as follows: 5 units = 3 credits, 7.5 units = 4 credits and 10 units equal 5 credits. You must take the equivalent of 16-20 credits while you are abroad. You may need to take 4 or 5 courses at DCU to accumulate the required number of credits.

7. Please Note: All study abroad applications must be completed on-line. When you push “submit” you will be automatically charged a non-refundable fee of $50. You can complete your application on-line but, to avoid the non-refundable fee, you may want to wait to actually submit the application until you know your courses are approved.

8. Once admitted, Abroad will require you to get a CORY form notarized. ENG students can get documents notarized in ERB B15 by Joe Precopio. You must email Joe at jsp@bu.edu to schedule an appointment for this. You’ll need to bring your passport, a copy of your Passport photo and your completed CORY form with you.

9. When you are abroad, you will be required to submit your syllabi of courses you take to Ruthie Jean, ruthiej@bu.edu.