Information for V100 students considering study abroad at stage 3

In general, it is preferable for students to do study abroad in stage 2 rather than stage 3. However, it is possible to go away for a semester in your third year. If you decide to do this, you must go in the first semester. This is to ensure that you are in Newcastle and able to get supervision in the lead-up to the submission date of your dissertation.

Going away in your third year is more complicated than going away during stage 2, because all stage 3 V100 students are required to take Writing History (HIS3020). It is a 40 credit module that runs all year. It is, however, possible to participate in the first semester of the module while you are away, maintaining contact with your dissertation supervisor via email and possibly skype, and receiving notes about the lectures attended by all students through email/Blackboard. You should be aware that you will inevitably miss some contact time if you choose to do this, but will receive additional tutorial time of one hour for in semester 2 to ensure that you are fully informed about anything you might have missed during semester 1.

If you decide to pursue this, you will need to decide between two options.

Option One: Do the equivalent of 40 credits work at the overseas institution (ICM0102)

If you choose this option, you will study for your dissertation in semester 1 alongside 40 credits of work at the overseas institution. In semester 2 you would take 60 credits at Newcastle (including the second half of Writing History).

The advantage of this option is that your workload is evenly divided between the two semesters.

Option Two: Do the equivalent of 60 credits work at the overseas institution (HIS3100)

If you choose this option, you will study for your dissertation in semester 1 alongside 60 credits of work at the overseas institution. This would mean that in semester 1 you were doing 80 credits. In semester 2 you would take only 40 credits at Newcastle (including the second half of Writing History).

The advantage of this option is that you can take a wider range of modules at the overseas institution. The disadvantage is that you may find it difficult to get as much work as is ideal on your dissertation in semester 1, but you may find that this is compensated for by the fact that you will have more time available in semester 2.

If you require a visa to attend your overseas institution you may find that you are required to be registered as a full-time student at your overseas institution, in which case you will have to take this option. It is your responsibility to investigate visa requirements.