

Meet our Student Exchange Buddies

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NTU Global



Name: Rebecca King
NTU course: Sport and Exercise Science

Travelled to: USA - University of Vermont
Studied: Kinesiology and Exercise Science

Highlight: Joining the Vermont Rowing Team & meeting some of the most amazing teammates who truly made my experience in America – they made getting up at 5am to train a pleasure!

"I would 100% recommend study abroad to anyone looking to broaden their horizons. Not only did I have the time of my life but I learnt valuable skills which I will carry with me for life. It gave me the opportunity to learn in a completely different environment, make life-long friends and explore another country."

Top Tip: Get stuck in – join clubs, speak to people, attend additional classes and do things that you can't do at home. Take pictures and videos to look back on!



Name: Becky Muia
NTU Course: BSc (H) Psychology

Travelled to: Canada – Thompson Rivers University
Studied: Psychology and Sociology

Highlight: Weekends away with my host family in the snow: hiking, snow-shoeing, tubing and game nights.

“It was one of the most amazing experiences of my life in so many ways. It’s a great way to develop your global mindset & broaden your international network. You get to fully immerse yourself in the culture & it becomes a second home. You can take classes that aren’t available at NTU. All whilst gaining life experience & gaining more confidence & independence, among other skills.”

Top Tip: Take part in everything you get the opportunity to, whether it be with your homestay family, new friends or your host university – you’ll never regret taking part!





Name: Kofi Turkson

NTU Course: MSc International Business

Travelled to: France – KEDGE Business School

Studied: Dual Degree programme

Highlight: Seeing & experiencing how, amid a pandemic, people rallied around & supported each other. It was beautiful to see how it brought us together and made us closer than ever before.



"I realised my ability to adapt to different environments and make informed decisions has improved drastically."

Top Tip: GO!! explore the world, make new friends, don't say no to new experiences when they pop up, taste new dishes, try new hobbies, run all over the place, make every day count, make it an adventure.

Name: Jess Lindsay
NTU course: BA (H) German and Linguistics
Travelled to: Germany – PH Freiburg University
Studied: German, teaching and Literature

Highlight: Karaoke nights and hiking in the Black Forest which was a 3 minute walk from my flat!



“A really friendly university, a beautiful and diverse city and area in the heart of the Black forest. People in and around Freiburg were so friendly, and you are so close to the borders of France and Switzerland with many more travelling opportunities. Being in a different country to live and study is an invaluable experience - you learn so much and to experience a different culture on that level is such a wonderful opportunity.”

Top Tip: Say yes to as much as possible – it may be tough but it’s so worth it.



Name: Antra Vidinevica

NTU course: BA (H) International Business

Travelled to: France – KEDGE Business School (Marseille Campus)

Studied: Business and French

Highlight: Meeting people from around the world, travelling to explore different places with them and learning about different cultures.

"It was one of the most amazing experiences of my life. I was able to live and experience a completely different environment. Also, I got to meet so many different people from different cultures and countries, which allowed me to grow, understand the world more and make amazing life-long friends."

Top Tip: Get out there and be involved in activities with other exchange students. Remember, everyone is in the same boat so don't be afraid to get involved, meet new people and experience the culture.



Name: Fraser Chaplin
NTU Course: BA (H) Business Management & Marketing
Travelled to: New Zealand – Massey University
USA – Utah State University
Studied: Business courses
Highlight: Going to the Cook Islands on holiday during my mid-semester break!



“It was a great experience, I made some of the best friends and I have gained knowledge for my final year of study.”

Top Tip: Just say yes! If people ask if you want to do an activity say yes. Get involved and make the most of it!



Name: Robyn Welch
NTU Course: International Business with Spanish

Travelled to: Spain – Universitat de Valencia
Studied: Economics / Work placement at The Spanish Association for Children's Products

Highlight: Playing hockey for Valencia Hockey Club where I got to travel to different provinces & make friends for life!



"It's a great way to gain independence and meet people from not only your host country but also people from all over the world. Valencia is one of the biggest Erasmus cities so there is no doubt that you'll make a mountain of friends who also have a passion for travelling. It's also the best way to increase your knowledge of the language."

Top Tip: Join a club whether that be sport or any other hobby, it's the best way to meet new people and branch out of your comfort zone.

Name: Sitwat Bukhari
NTU course: MSc International Business

Travelled to: Spain – ESIC Marketing and Business School
Studied: Business

Highlights: The chance to explore a new city and culture, visit Oceanographic, the largest oceanarium in Europe, and taking part in a beach clean-up day.



"This is something you should do if you are looking to gain new experiences, meet new people & grow as a person. It teaches you a lot & opens your eyes to things that you were not aware of before. This is especially true of the new cultural environment you experience or the key skills you develop such as problem solving."

Top Tip: Find out how the education system at your host institution works, how you'll be assessed and what the teaching style is like.



Name: Sue Chan-Wyles

NTU course: BA (H) Mandarin Chinese and International Relations

Travelled to: China – East China Normal University

Studied: Standard Chinese Course

Highlight: The campus was home to 150 cats so whenever I'd go to class or cycle around I'd see and say hi to at least 2 or 3. I missed my cat back in the UK so this helped my homesickness.

"It was an experience - there is nothing like learning a language whilst living in a country where only a small percentage speak English. The culture difference is incredibly interesting and the opportunity to meet other international students is amazing."

Top Tip: Try your best not to speak English, even if you really want to. Don't be afraid to make mistakes because the locals know you are a foreigner and they are happy that you are trying to learn their language.



Name: Kieran Wade
NTU Course: BA (H) International Business (SW)

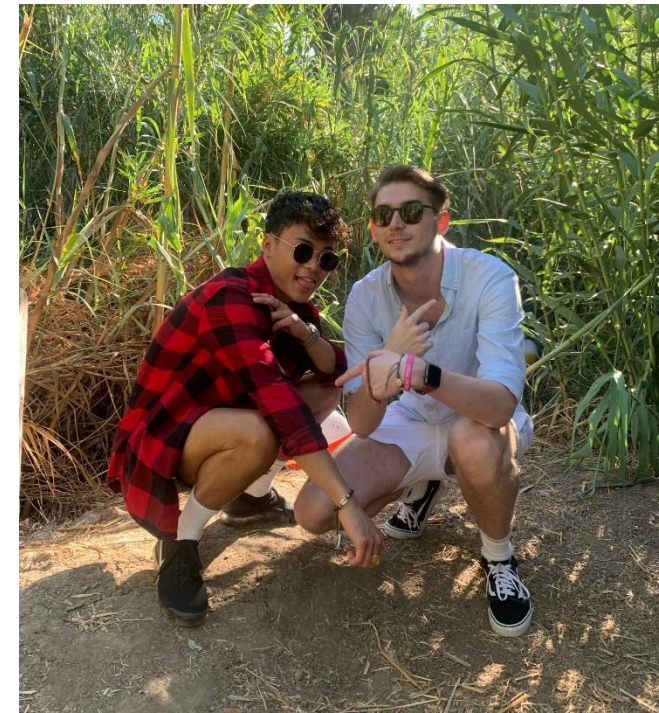
Travelled to: USA – San Jose State University
Studied: Business modules, international marketing and project management.

Highlights: Thanksgiving weekend in Los Angeles with an American family, and going to an NFL game in San Francisco!



"I had the best six-months of my life, made incredible friends and had some of the best experiences I could dream of. It helped me to make my mind up about where I want to live in the future."

Top Tip: take advantage of every opportunity you get, you never know who you'll meet or what you'll get to experience.





Name: Sonia Asryan
NTU Course: BA (H) Politics and International Relations

Travelled to: France – Sciences Po University
Studied: Naval Powers, Feminism, Violence in World Politics, International Negotiation.

Highlight: Making lifelong friends & studying modules that NTU doesn't offer, thus expanding my knowledge.

"It is a great opportunity to learn how international universities teach and also to make new friends."

Top Tip: Try to be as open-minded as possible!



Name: Molly Bowles
NTU course: BSc (H) Psychology (SW)

Travelled to: The Netherlands – University of Groningen
Studied: Psychology modules

Highlights: Meeting all of the kind & brilliant people out there and travelling across Europe with them. Oktoberfest, eating black forest cake in the Black Forest and cycling around Groningen!



"Study abroad provides the opportunity to push yourself out of your comfort zone. I could develop my independence, interpersonal skills and confidence whilst travelling across Europe and tailoring my learning to interesting and new topics."

Top Tip: Make the most of the facilities provided by the University, be open to travelling to new places with people you meet, and be willing to try new things.



Name: Kitty Bailey

NTU course: BA (H) Mandarin Chinese and International Relations

Travelled to: China – East China Normal University

Studied: Standard Chinese Course

Highlight: ‘Mid-Autumn Festival’ a traditional festival - a truly authentic cultural experience & opportunity to bond with new classmates. We ate mooncakes, lit rabbit lanterns & took part in a wish-making ceremony.

“My time studying abroad as been one of the best years of my life. You learn the language more effectively through immersion, meet amazing people who will make your time abroad even more unforgettable, and you will form a sort of ‘home away from home’ bond with them.”

Top Tip: Make the most of every opportunity – say yes to everything! Go out as much as you can & meet new people.



Name: Steph Dixon
NTU Course: BA (H) International Business

Travelled to: Thailand – Thammasat University
Studied: Business modules

Highlight: Travelling around Thailand as it is such a beautiful country – the low cost of living meant I could afford to visit some amazing islands and experience scenic waterfalls and magical temples.



“It is becoming increasingly important to understand other cultures & adapt quickly in situations. Thailand is very different to the UK in many ways: the culture, the weather, the cuisine & the overall lifestyle. By studying here, you’ll develop those skills very fast!”

Top Tip: Even though the Thai language is very difficult, make sure that you learn the basics! Many Thai people cannot speak English so it would be beneficial to learn useful phrases for services that you will use such as shops, restaurants and taxis.





Name: Abi Robson

NTU Course: LLB (H) Law with Business

Travelled to: USA – San Jose State University, California

Studied: American Legal System and Society

Highlight: Weekend road trips around California with new friends especially watching the sunset from the Pacific Coast Highway!

“It’s a fantastic opportunity to make new friends from all around the world. It was also a chance to study a different legal system and the history behind it as well as studying subjects I don’t have the chance to in England!”

Top Tip: Get involved with everything you can and don’t be afraid to say yes!



Name: Kiran Bawa
NTU course: BA (H) International Business SW

Travelled to: ICHEC Brussels Management School
Studied: Business & marketing modules, French language

Highlights: Meeting other Erasmus students from around the world and seeing famous landmarks like Atomium in Heysel, and 'La Monnaie', a royal opera house in central Brussels!



"Studying abroad enables you to experience new cultures, improve your language skills, gain an increased sense of independence, and even gain key skills such as working in a global team and enhancing your cultural awareness - what amazing skills to have on your CV!"

Top Tip: Embrace the experience! 'It's a big world out there, it would be a shame not to experience it.' Jo Andrews



Name: Ava Whybrow

NTU course: BA (H) Politics and International Relations

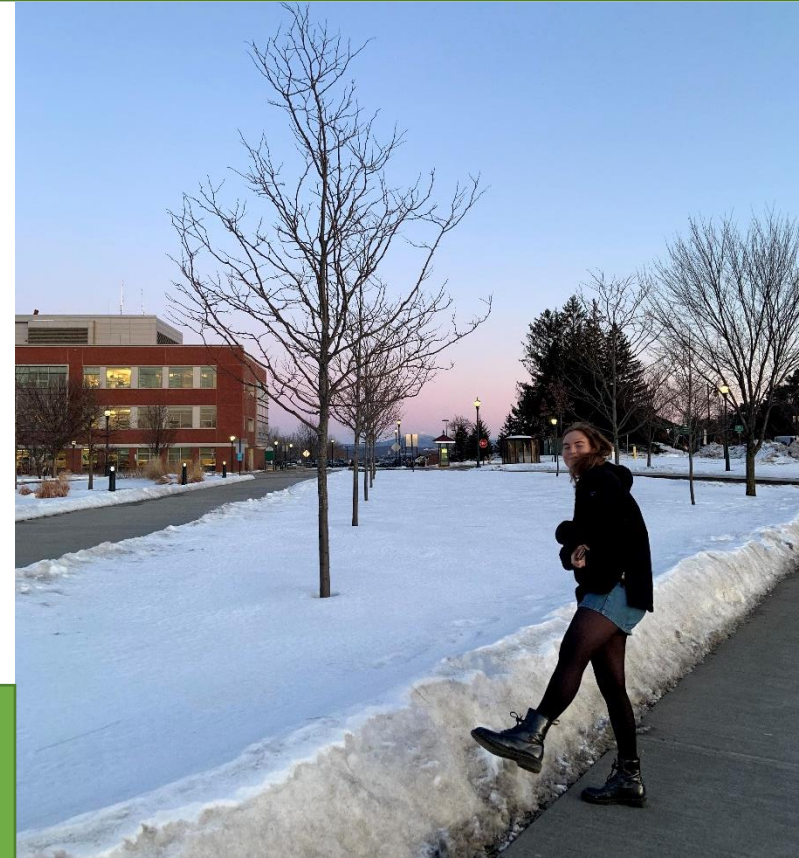
Travelled to: USA – University of Vermont

Studied: Politics classes

Highlight: Hearing Bernie Sanders speak at a rally.

"I recommend study abroad as it's a unique experience and gives you the opportunity to meet new, interesting people from around the world. It allows you to grow and become more independent as you visit a new country."

Top Tip: Say yes – to everything. Getting sent home because of Coronavirus made me so grateful I did so much whilst I was there.



Name: Ellie Webster
NTU Course: BA (H) French and Spanish

Travelled to: Chile – Universidad Chileno Británica de Cultura
France – Université de Nice Sophia Antipolis

Studied: Language learning and teaching English

Highlight: Travelling around South America and being able to put my languages into practice – I experienced a variety of accents and dialects while seeing and exploring the most beautiful places.

“Studying abroad is one of the most valuable parts of a language degree. You can immerse yourself in the culture as well as the language, and improve your self-confidence. If you have the opportunity to study abroad there is no way you’ll regret it!”

Top Tips: if you need a visa be organised & sort it out way in advance. Push yourself out of your comfort zone to improve your confidence and your language skills.





Name: Waiyin Li

NTU Course: BA (H) Accounting and Finance

Travelled to: South Korea – University of Seoul

Studied: Business administration modules

Highlight: The nightlife! I really enjoyed how there were establishments open late into the night where we could chill with other people and provide exceptional bonding time.

"I saw a big change in my personal growth. Going to a foreign country on your own for the first time and living there makes you mature and resilient to tough situations. After my year abroad I can see how much I've changed and am very grateful I made the decision to study abroad."

Top Tip: people are what really makes the experience special and going out of your comfort zone and trying new things will definitely make you get the most out of your exchange.



Name: Isabelle Taitt
NTU course: BA (H) Spanish and European Studies

Travelled to: Spain – CEIP Infanta Elena, Madrid
Studied: English Language Assistant

Highlights: Traveling and seeing new places such as Mallorca (see pic)!



“Teaching abroad was an invaluable experience. From making friends, to seeing the young students really progress in their English skills, my time working in the school was very rewarding. Not only did my year abroad teach me about the Spanish language and culture, but also about myself, my personal growth and professional goals.”

Top Tip: make sure you have completed all the necessary paperwork as it can be stressful dealing with bureaucracy in a foreign country.