Study-Abroad requirement for students of English in Lower Saxony (Lehramt)

Herzlich Willkommen!

Agenda

- The requirement: what it is, what it means for me
- Destination Abroad: who we are, what we do (what we don‘t)
- Before you go abroad: planning efficiently
- While you are there and when you return
- Resources on the DA website
- Stay-Abroad Splitting
- Combination of stay abroad and Praktikum
- Study abroad: funding opportunities

The Destination Abroad Office

- **Prof. Dr. Anne Barron, Dr. Diana Pili-Moss, Leonie Preuße**
  - What:
    - Inform students about the viability of their stay-abroad proposals (please make sure you read ***in detail*** the online information before you start to draft your plan!)
    - Evaluate final study abroad plans > approve plans > sign + stamp Agreement Stay Abroad certificates (ASAs)
  - How:
    - Contact us by email in the first instance
    - Meetings **by appointment only**
    - Email to: destinationabroad@leuphana.de

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You are **required** to spend the period abroad, this is **not optional**.

- Officially this has the same weight of an examination: if you do not comply, you will not be able to graduate.

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***Note:**

In the **current** definition, an English-speaking country is a country where English is an **official language**.

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Countries where English is an official language include many more than the usual Ireland, US, Australia, etc. (see e.g., https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_official_languages_by_country_and_territory (indicative source)

What is a “suitable placement”?

- **Relevant study-related stays abroad in the English-speaking world include:**

Route 1

- Teaching (school, university, informal educational settings)
- Observing/shadowing a teacher (school, university, informal educational settings)
- Working/volunteering at an English speaking association, language course, organisation, business or company
- AuPair (**restrictions apply**) or

Route 2

- Studying at an English speaking university (you can consider a broader choice than just the destinations indicated for Lehramt) >> International Center manages Study Abroad opportunities

When does the Destination Abroad procedure need to be completed?

Independently of your type of stay abroad (internship or study abroad) you must get your ASA approved by us

before you leave

When should I start the process?

To be on the safe side initiate the process by contacting us with your plan no later than **3 months** before your intended departure.

A quality that is crucial to a successfully planned stay abroad?

proactivity

Before you go abroad

Important: Four Steps to Follow to Prepare Your Stay Abroad

(1) Inform yourself **in detail** on the Destination Abroad Website

- Rules and Regulations + **FAQs contain key information**
- Procedures and Process
- Forms and Templates
- Experiences and Partnerships

(2) Search and make initial contacts with potential hosting institutions to agree on possible dates and tasks

(3) Contact Destination Abroad Office via email **submitting an initial draft plan** for discussion

(4) Once your plan is approved, prepare and **sign Destination Abroad Agreement** with the Destination Abroad Office (download from website)

Step (3) of the planning process

Initial draft plan for discussion: what's in it?

At this point you will have completed key initial research on the practical implementation of your idea. In order for us to evaluate the plan's feasibility, we ask you to provide information about:

- whether you would like to do an internship or study abroad
- for how long and when you would like to go (provisional dates DD/MM/YYYY)
- what type of activities you are going to do (internship), what courses you plan to study (study abroad)
- whether and for how many weeks your stay abroad overlaps with your lectures/seminars at Leuphana
- information about initial contacts with institutions (potentially) willing to host you

Route 1: Internship

Information via the website >> Draft plan creation >> sending draft to DA for evaluation >> incorporate feedback and adjust plan >> re-submit …..>> upon confirmation plan is fine >> send completed and signed ASA form >> Stay can start

Route 2: Study abroad (DA related, contact IC for other aspects such as learning agreement and financial support)

Information via the website >> Liaise with IC >> Draft plan process >> sending draft to DA for evaluation >> incorporate feedback and adjust plan >> re-submit …..>> upon confirmation plan is fine >> **contact person academically responsible to okay course choice** (currently Dr Sina Werner) + let us know they did >> send completed and signed ASA form >> Stay can start

Important

To avoid disappointment, please do not just leave for a stay abroad without going through the process first, the ASA must be issued **before you go**.

Post-facto agreements are not issued and you would have to organise a new stay.

This applies for both Route 1 and Route 2 (NB: for the second, sorting out your admin with the IC is not sufficient, **you still need your ASA issued by us in advance**)

Since you followed our guidelines,
everything was straightforward and easy,
so you are now enjoying your stay abroad!

During and after your stay

Important: During the stay

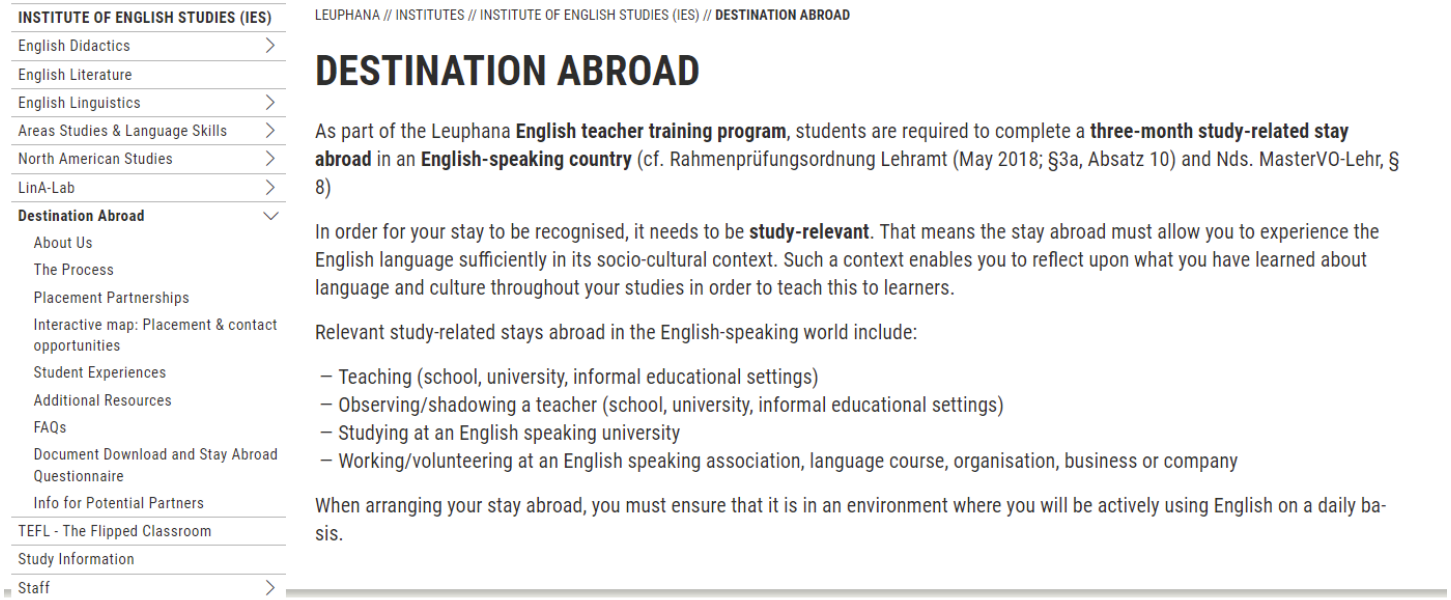
- Get a signed **letter of reference (**from your placement) or **transcript of records** from the university (study abroad)

Important: Upon your return

- Fill out and submit the online **Questionnaire Destination Abroad**
- Fill out the **Certificate of Completion** and hand it in to *study services*

Submit all this to the Studierendenservice for further processing (not us)

Destination Abroad: On the IES website



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In order for your stay to be recognised, it needs to be **study-relevant**. That means the stay abroad must allow you to experience the English language sufficiently in its socio-cultural context. Such a context enables you to reflect upon what you have learned about language and culture throughout your studies in order to teach this to learners.

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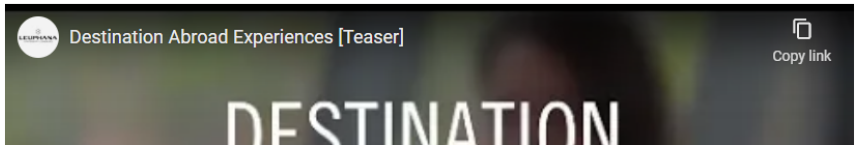
When arranging your stay abroad, you must ensure that it is in an environment where you will be actively using English on a daily basis.



Collection of resources on the website including:

- Regulations and procedures + **FAQs**
- Destination Abroad partner placements
- Links to other helpful resources

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We have a number of partnerships with institutions who have welcomed Leuphana students in the past. For further information on the teaching assistant and student exchange programme, please visit the International Office. To access their extensive database on student exchange programmes with partnering institutions click here.

CONTACT	COUNTRY	POSITION
UNIVERSITIES		
University of East Anglia	England	Exchange student (*Lehramt English students are favoured in this exchange)
University of Stirling	Scotland	Exchange student (*Lehramt English students are favoured in this exchange)
University of Glasgow	Scotland	Exchange student (*Lehramt English students are favoured in this exchange, Bachelor only)
University of Limerick	Ireland	Exchange student in MA studies
Chandigarh University	India	Exchange student (Bachelor only)
University of Mount Union	USA	Exchange student
Colorado College	USA	Exchange student (Bachelor only)

and many more!

*List of placement partnerships currently being updated, please check website

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FAQS

- I am worried to go abroad because of Covid - what are the rules?
- Why do I have to go abroad?
- I have been abroad before. Do I have to go again?
- What does 'study related' mean?
- Is it possible to spend the first study-related internship "SPS I" abroad?
- When is the best time to go?
- What if my stay abroad overlaps with the beginning of the new semester?
- Can I take a semester off (Urlaubssemester) when going abroad?
- Can I stay less than three months or split my stay?
- In which countries can I complete my stay abroad?
- I want to study abroad. Is that possible?
- Studying abroad: How do I choose my modules?
- Does the placement have to be in a pedagogical or school environment?
- Where can I get financial support?
- How do I get my stay recognised?
- I am a native speaker. Do I have to go abroad?

…**important** to read these!

From the FAQs

It is possible to **split the stay** (6 + 6 weeks or 8 + 4 weeks)

When spent **abroad, SPS1 or SPS2** count towards the fulfilment of the stay-abroad requirement

Overall 3 months, with a commitment of at least **25 hours/week**

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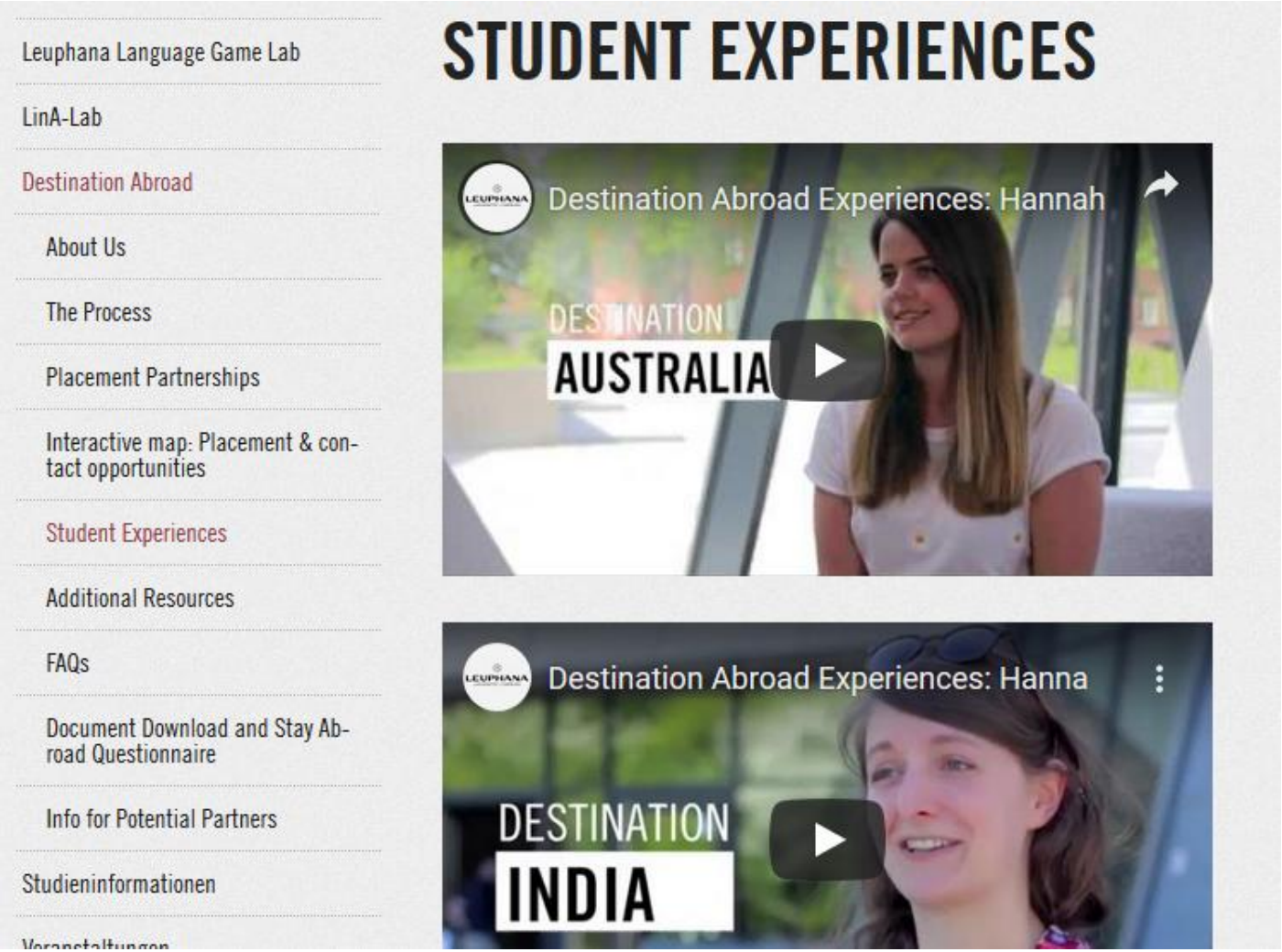

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Veranstaltungen

INTERACTIVE MAP: PLACEMENT & CONTACT OPPORTUNITIES

Search our **internal log-in area** » reserved exclusively for students of Lehramt Englisch at the Leuphana. Use our interactive map to see where your fellow students have been on their stay abroad, learn of their experiences (also via direct contact) and get some potential placement contacts abroad!

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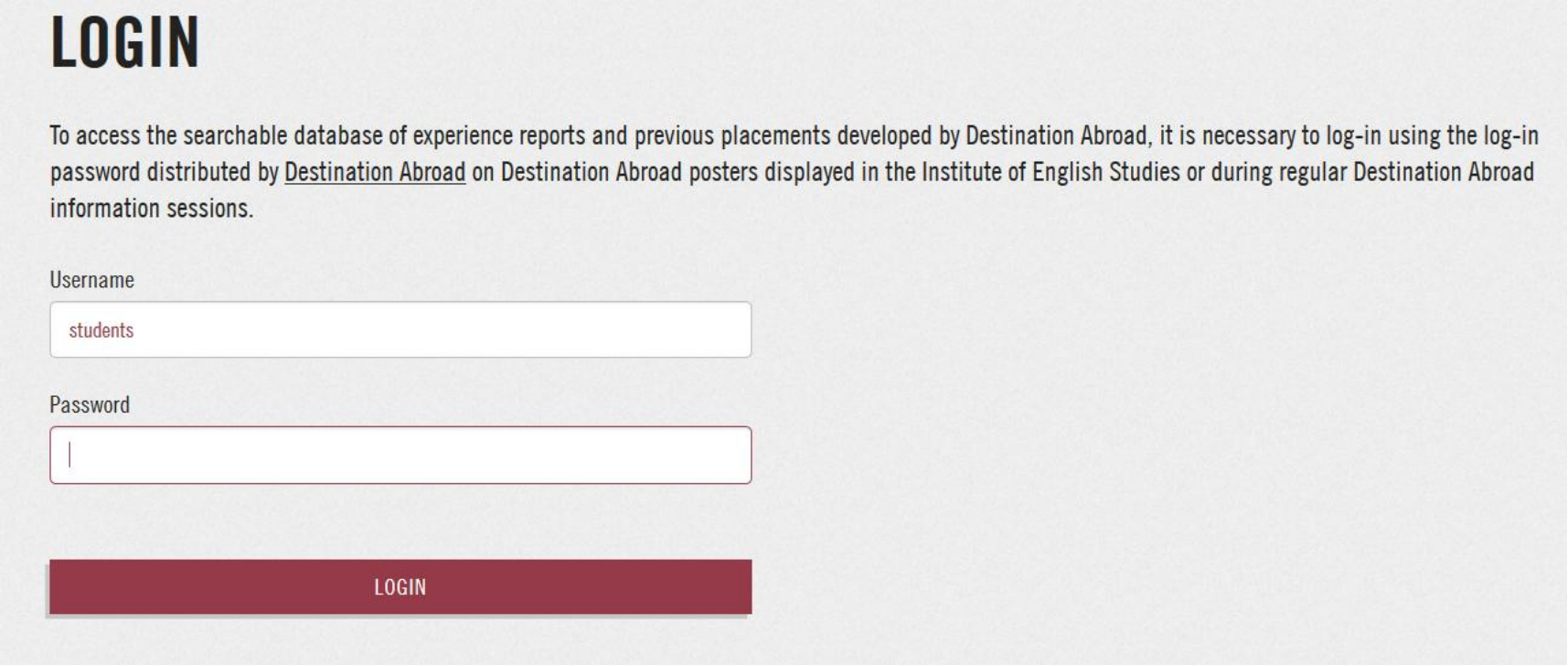

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Password: students

Kombination Schulpraktika + Auslandsaufenthalt

- Grundsätzlich können im B.A. LuL sowohl die SPS 1 als auch die SPS 2 im Ausland absolviert werden. In den LBS-Studiengängen können die Praktika im BA und MEd im Ausland absolviert werden.
- **Option A**: Anerkennung eines an einer Partnerhochschule absolvierten Praktikums (insb. Erasmus+).
- **Option B**: Selbst organisierte Schule im Ausland und Begleitung (+ Prüfung) durch die Leuphana.
  - Zeitraum des Praktikums muss (ungefähr) mit Zeitraum in Lüneburg übereinsteimmen.
  - Zum Prüfungszeitpunkt müssen Sie in Lüneburg eingeschrieben sein.
  - Alle Regelungen (z. B. Prüfungsanforderungen) des Praktikums gelten auch im Ausland
- **Immer**: **Infopaket Praktikum im Ausland lesen + persönlich melden (timo.beckmann@leuphana.de) >> Dr. Timo Beckmann**

Auslandspraktika: Fördermöglichkeiten

- Förderung von selbstgesuchten Praktika an Schulen im Ausland, 1-6 Monate, für Lehramtstudierende aller Fächer und Schulformen, Bewerbung direkt beim DAAD: www.studieren-weltweit.de/lehramt
- Erasmus+ Förderung von selbstgesuchten Praktika im europäischen Ausland, 2-12 Monate, Bewerbung über das IO der Leuphana: www.uni-hannover.de/eu-praktika
- Förderung und Vermittlung von Sprachassistenzen, 5-11 Monate, Bewerbung direkt beim Pädagogischen Austauschdienst: https://www.kmk-pad.org/programme/fremdsprachenassistenzkraefte/studierende-aus-deutschland.html
- Ansprechperson im **International Center: Eva Vosshagen**

Thank you!

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