

Annex A.6 Study Abroad Framework

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1. Introduction

- 1.1 A Programme may include one or two terms or a maximum of 60 credits of study at an overseas Higher Education institution approved by Northern School of Contemporary Dance.
- 1.2 The Study Abroad Framework applies to NSCD courses only and not validated partners.

2. Qualification & Programme Requirements

- 2.1 When approving a period of study abroad, NSCD must ensure that the Programme Structure meets *Framework for Higher Education Qualifications for England, Wales and Northern Ireland* (FHEQ), published by the Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education (QAA)¹. These set out the minimum Credit and Academic Level requirements for NSCD to be able to award a particular qualification as detailed in Annex A.1.
- 2.2 Once the Programme Structure is formally approved by NSCD, students must meet all of the Programme Requirements as defined in the Programme Specification, including all programme and module learning outcomes.

3. Programme Structure

- 3.1 At the point of acceptance onto a study abroad programme NSCD must decide how the student will be awarded credits for successful completion of the Study Abroad, from the following options:
 - **Placement Module/s:** available for students on the undergraduate degree in Year 3/Level 6 as an optional module.
 - **Standard modules with Alternative Assessment:** this can be employed when necessary to ensure the student can meet the module learning outcomes through alternative assessment that may be achieved and demonstrated whilst on a placement abroad or upon their return. The module lead is responsible for the design of the alternative assessment which will be approved by the Head of Faculty.
- 3.2 The agreed programme structure for a study abroad period will be approved by the Head of Faculty and Quality Office.

¹ <https://www.qaa.ac.uk/quality-code/qualifications-frameworks>

4. Timing of Study Abroad

4.1 Students usually spend one term studying abroad. The time spent studying abroad will define whether the Placement module is taken as an optional module to replace other optional module/s at level 6 of undergraduate study.

4.2 The Study Abroad will usually take place at level 6 of the undergraduate programme, unless in exceptional cases.

5. Assessment of Study Abroad

5.1 At the point of Programme Design, the Head of Faculty must decide how the Study Abroad will be assessed.

5.2 Placement modules are assessed according to the standard NSCD regulations as set out in A.1 and carry the standard credit-weighting in the calculation of the Classification.

5.3 All assessments leading to a qualification, including the placement modules and/or alternative assessments whilst studying abroad, will be assessed and moderated by NSCD.

6. Consequences of Failing Study Abroad Requirements

6.1 If a student fails the Placement Module they will be given the standard resit attempts in line with the Assessment Regulations outlined in A.1.

6.2 Given the nature of the module and it being related to study abroad the resit task may not be a 'like-for-like' assessment task but the module learning outcomes will be consistent for all assessments.

Appendix A.6.a should be completed before a Study Abroad period commences and should be signed by all parties.