

**Work placements can help you develop a**

**range of skills to boost your employability**

**and job prospects. The College of Social**

**Sciences and International Studies offers**

**its students the chance to find paid**

**internship opportunities with organisations**

**In the UK or abroad through the SSI3018**

**Employment Experience UK or Abroad module.**

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In today’s competitive jobs market, employers are increasingly looking for candidates with industrial experience. It can be an excellent way of demonstrating your skills to a potential employer. Multinational companies are looking for graduates who have ‘a global mind-set, global knowledge, cultural agility, adaptability, flexibility and resilience’ and above all ‘an ability to work collaboratively with teams of people from a range of backgrounds and countries’ [Global Graduates in to Global Leaders (2011)].

Even if your work placement is not related to your field of study, the attributes you gain will demonstrate your initiative, adaptability and resilience when faced with new challenges.

**Equality, Diversity and Inclusion** – this can be an opportunity to develop friendships with people from different backgrounds. As you start understanding your working environment, you will see cultural and commercial awareness are linked.

**Seeing your own country and culture from a new perspective** – comparing your own society with others abroad helps you to question and examine assumptions, and to take an original approach to situations.

**Developing self-reliance** – it can be tough setting up a new life away from friends and family. However, learning the skills to do this can be very rewarding and give you a greater sense of independence making you more resilient.

# FAQ

**Is my degree programme eligible?**

If you are studying Politics, International Relations, PPE, Sociology, Philosophy, Criminology or Anthropology then you can take the Employment Experience UK or Abroad module option.

**When do I apply?**

Briefings start in November and you will need to register your interest in taking the module by the end of term 1 in second year. Full details and a timeline will be provided at the briefings.

**How do I find a work placement?**

You are responsible for finding your own work placement, with support to guide you through the process. Information about how to source a placement, and some advertised placements, can be found on Handshake.

**What help is available?** You can find more information on the [[Placements ELE page](https://vle.exeter.ac.uk/course/view.php?id=12591)](https://vle.exeter.ac.uk/course/view.php?id=12591) and through the [Global Employability webpages](https://www.exeter.ac.uk/careers/global/)

**Where can I go?**

Potentially, you can go anywhere in the UK or overseas – but some countries may have restrictions. If you are going to a country requiring a working visa, you will need to check the costs and conditions, and apply in plenty of time.

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