## Choosing your courses at (oses)

We offer an exciting choice of academic courses in our Course Catalogue - you can find a copy at http://www.hope.ac.uk/international/partnershipsstudyabroadexchange/.

Courses are available at all three undergraduate study years - for simplicity we will call these Years 1, 2 and 3 these are similar to the European model.

- Year 1 is the equivalent of Freshman year in the USA
- Year 2 is the equivalent of Sophomore or Junior year in the USA
- Year 3 is the equivalent of Senior year in the USA

You can choose courses at any study level, however to avoid timetable clashes, we advise you to follow the instructions in the Catalogue.
The courses will have a value of 15 or 30 UK credits, so you can choose exactly how to make up your required credits (see below). Its flexible and exciting and you will have plenty of choice. Please check your selections with your University's International Office to make sure that they comply with your University's requirements, before submitting them to us.

## Full Year students

If you are studying with us for a full academic year and wish to take a mixture of subjects, you can choose classes from both the Semester One and Semester Two listings in the Course Catalogue, totalling 120 credits across the year.
Alternatively, if you are studying with us for a full academic year in a single subject, you can join the full academic year of one of our three year undergraduate courses - this gives you the opportunity to take the full timetable of classes in either a single or dual honours degree and be assessed by an examination at the end of the year. Remember that undergraduate students in the UK only study one or two subjects over a three-year period, so this gives you the chance to delve deeply into your chosen area of study, in the company of UK students who are passionate about their subject. Details of the undergraduate courses available can be found using the Course Finder on our home page at www.hope.ac.uk



You will need to choose courses which total 60 credits across the semester.

You can choose courses from the relevant semester in the Course Catalogue. You can either choose a single subject or a range of different subjects.

## What to expect from your study program

You will be taught in one of three class settings:

- Lectures - large groups of up to 200 students in a large lecture theatre with a formal presentation by an expert in the area of study
- Seminars - less formal sessions with smaller groups working with a Tutor on a task or activity that links to material from the Lecture series
- Tutorials - small groups which are often student-led sessions, discussing and learning in a supportive environment

Study in the UK is based on a system of teaching and independent research. We do not have daily or weekly quizzes and tests and you can expect fewer classes than you may have experienced at home. This allows time for you to study in the Library or at various study areas around campus, looking deeply into your chosen subjects and drawing your own conclusions and theories, supported by referenced academic texts. Your professors will guide and advise you.
Assessment will normally be by written papers, practical sessions or presentations, where you will be expected to produce a high level of academic writing.

Year 1 courses have more taught classes and will have a slightly easier assessment, whereas Year 2 and 3 courses may have less contact time, more emphasis on personal research and more challenging assessments.

## Submitting your course choices

You should complete the Course Selections form and return it to internationalhub@hope.ac.uk within two weeks of receiving your offer of a place on the Study Abroad or Exchange Program.
The Course Selections form has four sections - please complete only one section from the first three, plus the fourth section.

If we detect a timetable clash from your first choices, we will make a replacement from your reserve choices.

We will confirm your course choices before you travel, but may not be able to provide your timetable/schedule until after arrival.

## Additional Courses

We sometimes have some last-minute additions to the Catalogue, so it's always worth asking if you need a course which is not listed in the Catalogue. We are always happy to check for you and offer suitable alternatives.

