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Study Abroad in Edinburgh 2020-2021

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Key facts

- The University of Edinburgh is an ancient university, founded in 1583, located in the heart of Edinburgh, Scotland's vibrant capital city.
- Ranked 20th in the world (QS World University Rankings 2020).
- The University has approximately 41,000 students, with over 18,000 international students from more than 150 countries.
- Famous alumni include Charles Darwin (Naturalist), David Hume (Philosopher), Joseph Lister (Surgeon), Piers Sellers (NASA Astronaut), and writers Robert Louis Stevenson, Ian Rankin and J K Rowling.

Edinburgh Global

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Chat to us online

Students can register for one of our online information sessions:
www.ed.ac.uk/global/study-abroad/online-information-sessions

University campuses

George Square (GS)

This is the central University campus, teaching the majority of subjects within the College of Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences. The School of Informatics and parts of the School of GeoSciences are also based there. GS is also home to the Main Library, Career service, Students' Association, and a range of other student services.

The King's Buildings (KB)

This is the main campus of the College of Science and Engineering housing the majority of our seven Schools, 2 km south of GS.

For campus maps please see our website:
www.ed.ac.uk/maps

The University provides a free shuttle bus service for students to travel between the Central campus and the King's Buildings. For more information on our free shuttle service please see the website:
www.ed.ac.uk/schools-departments/transport/public-transport/buses/shuttle-bus





Academic year 2020-21

Semester 1

Welcome week	14 – 18 Sept 2020
Teaching	21 Sept – 04 Dec 2020
Exams	10 – 21 Dec 2020

Semester 2

January Welcome	TBC
Teaching	11 Jan – 02 April 2021
Spring break	05 – 18 April 2021
Exams	26 April – 23 May 2021

Please check with the University website nearer the start of the year in case of unforeseen changes:

www.ed.ac.uk/news/semester-dates

Welcome Weeks

Welcome Week is not obligatory but it is a useful time for students to settle in, meet their Personal Tutor and finalise their courses etc. There are also social activities organised as part of the induction.

For more information about our Welcome Weeks please check out:

www.ed.ac.uk/global/study-abroad/successful-applicants/welcome-events

Academic information

Academic entry requirements

To apply to the Study Abroad Programme you must:

- Be studying at a university and transferring the credit you receive here back to your home institution.
- Be studying in 2nd year of university or above if planning to study in College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences
- Have achieved a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or over on a 4.0 scale OR equivalent (B average) OR ECTS 'C' at your home university

You must also:

- Provide a strong personal statement
- Provide evidence of your written and spoken English skills if English is not your first language
- Provide a transcript (during the application stage, applicants to the College of Arts Humanities and Social Sciences will be required to provide a transcript which demonstrates that they have completed at least 1 full year of study. Applicants to the College of Science and Engineering will be required to provide a transcript demonstrating that they have completed 1 semester of study)

For more information on entry requirements:

www.ed.ac.uk/global/study-abroad/study-options/study-abroad-overview

Looking for courses

To enroll in courses you must meet the prerequisites stated in the Course Finder.

We will aim to place you in your preferred courses but cannot guarantee that this will be possible.

Please refer to the Course Finder for a list of the available courses. You will find a link on the following web page:

www.ed.ac.uk/study-abroad/course

Academic information

Programmes & courses not open to Study Abroad students

- Medicine
- Veterinary Medicine
- Studio-based Architecture, Art and Design classes (unless you are coming on an Exchange agreement in one of these subject areas)
- Education and Sport (unless you are coming on an Exchange agreement within these subject areas)

Credit system

Under the semester system the majority of our courses will be 20 credit (Semester) or 40 credit (Year) courses. Students are expected to take the normal academic load of 60 credits per semester.

Students are not permitted to take more than 60 credits per semester and cannot normally take less credits.

Popular subject areas

Though we endeavor to ensure that majority of our students are allocated their preferred course choices, sometimes this is not possible.

The following subject areas cannot guarantee access to students who are not on a direct exchange in the subject area, either because these subjects are high-pressure (very popular courses with limited capacity and strict pre-requisites) or because they have limited study options available for visiting students:

- Art & Design Elective courses
- English Literature
- History
- History of Art
- Informatics
- Law
- Nursing
- Politics and International Relations

- Philosophy
- Psychology

Making changes to your course list

If you want to make changes to your course list after you have submitted your application then please contact us by filling in our online enquiry form.

www.ed.ac.uk/study-abroad/contacts

Please note that the last opportunity to add or drop courses will be the end of the 2nd teaching week and no changes will be allowed after that.

Transcripts

An academic transcript will normally be issued by the end of the following February (for semester one students) and by the end of the following August (for semester two and full-year students). One hard copy transcript will be automatically sent to the address you give us in your application.

If you or a third party require a copy of your transcript you can order this at:

www.ed.ac.uk/student-administration/order-documents/transcripts

Student Administration do not automatically send transcripts after re-sits. In this instance an updated transcript must be requested by the student/home institution to: infopoint@ed.ac.uk

Tuition costs 2020-2021

Per annum	TBC
Per semester*	TBC

*Parliamentary Programme tuition costs - TBC per semester

www.ed.ac.uk/study-abroad/study-options/parliamentary-programme

Application process

To apply you will create an online account with us.

Please read the application guide which will take you through the online application step-by-step:

www.ed.ac.uk/global/study-abroad/how-to-apply/application-guide

You will get a username and a password, which will allow you to track your application through its various stages.

You will need to upload copies of an official transcript (which lists all courses undertaken and grades received at your home university, to date), an academic reference and a personal statement.

* If you are from a U21 university then you do not need to submit an academic reference.

Application deadlines

Applications must be submitted by the following deadlines:

- **31 May** for all students starting in September
- **30 September** for students starting the Parliamentary programme in January
- **31 October** for students starting the Study Abroad programme in January

Late applications will not be considered.

English language requirements

If English is not your first language you must provide evidence of your written and spoken English skills. Please refer to our English requirements:

www.ed.ac.uk/global/study-abroad/study-options/study-abroad-overview

Tests & certificates

Your English language certificate must be no more than two years old at the beginning of your course here.

If you have taken or plan to take an English language test that does not appear on our list, please contact us to check if we will accept it.

In-session language assistance

Academic support and independent study materials are available to exchange students who require English language assistance.

Please refer to the English Language Education team for more information:

www.ed.ac.uk/schools-departments/english-language-teaching

Visa requirements

If you are coming to the UK to study for more than 6 months, you should apply for a Tier 4 General visa in your home country before travelling:

www.ed.ac.uk/global/immigration/applying-for-visa/tier-4-visa-requirements

If you are studying here for less than 6 months and you do not wish to work, extend your studies in the UK or bring dependents, then you will require a short term student visa.

Nationals of some countries can travel to the UK for up to six months without needing to apply for a visa before travelling. These are called 'non-visa nationals'. If you are a non-visa national, you can ask for permission to be admitted to the UK when you arrive at the UK Border.

www.ed.ac.uk/global/immigration/applying-for-visa/short-term-student

If you are planning to apply for the short-term student visa upon arrival at the UK port, you must **not** travel via the Republic of Ireland.



Living costs

A detailed break down of living costs is available on our website: www.ed.ac.uk/studying/international/finance/cost-of-living

Further expenses

Study Abroad students who are here for only one semester and who stay in private (non-University) accommodation may be required to pay Council Tax. Information about Council Tax is available from The Advice Place: www.eusa.ed.ac.uk/adviceplace/moneyandfunding/counciltax

You will be liable to pay the charge incurred for any examination resits.



Accommodation

You can apply for accommodation once you have been offered and accepted a place to study here in Edinburgh.

You should submit your application online: www.ed.ac.uk/global/study-abroad/living-edinburgh/accommodation

Accommodation application deadlines

The deadlines for accommodation applications are as follows:

- **TBC** for all students starting in September 2020
- **TBC** for all students starting in January 2021

Study Abroad students are guaranteed accommodation, providing their application is submitted by the deadline.

Please note that we cannot guarantee that you will be offered the accommodation you ask for.

Accommodation Options

Search the range of university accommodation available on the Accommodation website: www.accom.ed.ac.uk

Our Residence Life team are there to help students get the most out of their experience in University accommodation: www.accom.ed.ac.uk/residence-life

Early arrivals

If you plan on arriving in Edinburgh before your accommodation contract begins, please contact our Accommodation Allocations team to enquire if it will be possible to move in early: accom.allocations@ed.ac.uk

Health & personal insurance

If you are coming to the UK for more than 6 months then you will need to pay an immigration health surcharge when making your visa application. This charge will allow you equal access to the National Health Service (NHS). You may have to pay for dentistry and some more specialised services on the NHS. More information on the health surcharge can be found here: www.ed.ac.uk/global/immigration/applying-for-visa/health-surcharge

We recommend that short term students get normal travel insurance that includes medical insurance. While students will usually receive NHS treatment free of charge, you may be asked to pay for certain medical appointments and medication, therefore we would usually advise for students to purchase insurance.

For further information please refer to: www.ed.ac.uk/staff-students/students/new-students/health-insurance

In addition, we advise that students obtain insurance which will provide cover for personal items, such as baggage, books, personal computers, etc.

A level of insurance is included in the rent for students who are in university accommodation. For more information see: www.accom.ed.ac.uk/for-students/policies-and-guidelines

Computing facilities

The University has a number of open-access labs and there is an extensive network of wireless points throughout the University sites.

The University's residential networking system provides a telephone, data and internet service to around 85% of students in our residential accommodation. For more detailed information please refer to:

www.accom.ed.ac.uk/services/it-facilities

Student services

University leisure activities

- **Sport and Exercise** – the sport and exercise facilities are ranked among the very best in the UK
www.ed.ac.uk/sport-exercise
- **Student Union** – Teviot, the oldest purpose built Student Union in the world, opened in 1889
www.eusa.ed.ac.uk/our_venues/teviot
- **Student societies** – students can choose from over 270 societies and 65 sport clubs
www.eusa.ed.ac.uk/activities/societies/findasociety
- **Edinburgh Buddies** – there is a Buddy scheme for exchange students to help them adjust to life here in Edinburgh
www.eusa.ed.ac.uk/activities/global/buddies

University services

- **Main Library** – the largest of Edinburgh University's Libraries
www.ed.ac.uk/schools-departments/information-services/library-museum-gallery
- **Advice Place** – professional, free, impartial and confidential advice offered to all students
www.eusa.ed.ac.uk/adviceplace
- **Nightline** – a confidential phone and online support service run by students for students
ednightline.com
- **Student Disability Office** – guidance and support offered for disabled students
www.ed.ac.uk/student-disability-service
- **Counselling Service** – mental health support for all students at the University
www.ed.ac.uk/student-counselling

New student guide

The 'New students' website, which is updated for each semester is a source of useful information.

www.ed.ac.uk/new-students

Useful links

Study Abroad Website	www.ed.ac.uk/study-abroad
Accommodation Services	www.accom.ed.ac.uk
English Language Teaching Centre	www.ed.ac.uk/english-language-teaching
International Student Centre	www.ed.ac.uk/studying/international/student-life/isc
Edinburgh University Students' Association	www.eusa.ed.ac.uk
Course Finder	www.ed.ac.uk/study-abroad/course
Tourist Information	www.visitscotland.com
University Computing Services	www.ed.ac.uk/information-services