



# European Study Guide



UNIVERSITY  
OF ABERDEEN

# Welcome



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**Founded in 1495**

**Around 16,000 students**

**46% men, 54% women**

**20% international students**

**13% international staff**

**120 nationalities**

**Ranked in the top 150 in the world**

**5 Nobel prizes have been awarded for work carried out or begun at Aberdeen**

**90% of research activity is of international quality**

**91% of our graduates enter directly into work, further study or training within 6 months**

**Over 600 first degree programmes**

**Over 140 taught masters degrees**

**Largest wireless campus in Europe**

**Libraries with over 1,050,000 volumes**

**Investment in excess of £270 million over next ten years**

For further information about the University, visit  
[www.abdn.ac.uk/about/facts](http://www.abdn.ac.uk/about/facts)

## **The University of Aberdeen – History and Excellence**

Founded in 1495, The University of Aberdeen is the UK's fifth oldest university and is one of the UK's most internationally distinguished universities.

In the most recent Research Assessment Exercise (RAE), 89% of Aberdeen's research activity was assessed to be of international quality and 55% world-leading or internationally excellent. Over the years, five Nobel prizes have been awarded for the work carried out or begun at Aberdeen. The University is at the forefront of many areas: arts and social science, computing, engineering, science and technology. Additionally, it is also breaking new ground in disciplines which focus firmly on the 21st Century.

The campus is crowned – literally – by a sixteenth-century tower in the shape of an imperial crown. Lightly travelled streets pass through the campus, and there are a number of green lawns and picturesque courtyards which are ideal for lounging on sunny days.

We have a long history of welcoming European students into our lively community and there are typically over 1,500 European students from all EU member states on campus. Once here you will be wholly integrated into Aberdeen student life, and will get to join the same classes, live in the same halls of residence (dorms) and have access to the same recreational facilities as other international and UK students. Studying at the University of Aberdeen will give you unrivalled advantages in terms of academic excellence, quality of teaching and research opportunities and, not least, an enriching student experience.



## Life in Scotland

“I have spent an amazing first year here. I chose to study at Aberdeen due to its world-wide reputation and its up-to-date facilities. The University provides a high quality education, friendly teachers and an impressive environment in which to study and live. I am still surprised how this historical place connects multinational cultures and traditions.”

Natalia Kozłowska, Polish, MA International Relations and Management Studies

Scotland, to many people around the world, is a country characterised by tartan, castles, clans and spectacular scenery, but there is much more than that. Scotland is a vibrant and exciting country that celebrates a rich diversity of cultural experience. From stunning landscapes to cosmopolitan cities, Scotland offers up a unique mix of tradition and innovation.

A rich heritage creates an ideal base for thriving arts and creative industries. Many of the world's most innovative ideas and inventions continue to come from the birthplace of creations that changed and shaped the modern world. Although Scotland is one of the four nations that make up the United Kingdom, it retains its own distinctive cultural identity represented by its unique legal and educational systems.

Scotland's business and education institutions are internationally recognised as world-leading in many areas.

The Scots are famed for their friendliness and zest for life and this can be experienced first-hand during the variety of events and festivals on offer year-round.

Museums and galleries showcase a wide variety of collections, and with plenty to offer in the way of restaurants and shopping, Scotland does not disappoint.

For further information visit:

[www.visitscotland.com](http://www.visitscotland.com)

[www.aberdeencity.gov.uk](http://www.aberdeencity.gov.uk)

[www.aberdeencityandshire.com](http://www.aberdeencityandshire.com)

## Higher Education in Scotland

Education is one of Scotland's greatest talents. Every year Scotland welcomes international students from over 180 nationalities.

The Scottish higher education system boasts a strong tradition of academic excellence and has been used as a model for higher education systems throughout the world; the United States being one notable example.

Undergraduate Honours degrees in Scotland are usually four years in duration and are structured to ensure a great deal of flexibility during the first two years of study. Most students only confirm their major at the end of their second year. This means you can usually study any subjects that interest you, and even change direction as your interests develop! This differs from the English system, which is three years in duration, and is more specialised from the beginning.

Postgraduate degrees fall into two categories. Taught degrees generally comprise of tutorials and lectures before culminating in a period of individual study such as a dissertation or research project.

Often referred to as Masters degrees, they are known by various titles including Master of Science (MSc), Master of Letters (MLitt), Master of Research (MRes) and Master of Business Administration (MBA).

A Masters is likely to last 12 months (or more) full-time and may:

- involve a detailed study of a particular aspect of your academic discipline;
- be vocational and lead to exemptions and/or a professional qualification;
- be a conversion course developing your knowledge and skills in a new subject.

Research degrees involve the in-depth study of a specific field, normally over a period of two or three years. These degrees are supervised and lead to the awards of Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) or Master of Philosophy (MPhil).

The educational culture in Scotland is very much focused on independent learning and this is reflected in the number of contact hours students have with teaching staff. It is expected that a significant amount of study will be done outside of the classroom. Although the learning style is different, as well as the help provided in tutorials, you will also be able to see your tutor outside of these times by booking an appointment. You can also take advantage of our Centre for Learning and Teaching and the Student Learning Service: [www.abdn.ac.uk/sls](http://www.abdn.ac.uk/sls)



## Entry Requirements and How To Apply for Full Undergraduate Degrees

### Undergraduate Study

The University of Aberdeen considers school leaving qualifications from throughout Europe.

All applications for undergraduate study in the UK should be made via UCAS (Universities and Colleges Admissions Service), a centralised application system, which allows you to apply to up to five different institutions/courses throughout the UK on a single online application form.

For further advice on applying for undergraduate study please visit [www.abdn.ac.uk/undergraduate/apply](http://www.abdn.ac.uk/undergraduate/apply) or to apply online visit [www.ucas.com](http://www.ucas.com)

Please note, you should be aware of the relevant application deadlines – these are all detailed on the websites given.

### Postgraduate Study

The University will consider your undergraduate degree for entry, along with any relevant research or work experience you may have.

All applications for postgraduate study in the UK are made directly to the University itself. It is important to ensure that you submit a COMPLETE application. For further advice on applying for postgraduate study, please visit [www.abdn.ac.uk/postgraduate/apply](http://www.abdn.ac.uk/postgraduate/apply)

### English Language Requirements

In addition to your academic qualifications, you may also need to provide the University with evidence of your English Language proficiency. The level of English required will depend on your level and programme of study. For more information visit

[www.abdn.ac.uk/international/my-country](http://www.abdn.ac.uk/international/my-country)

### Further Information

For further advice on our entry requirements visit [www.abdn.ac.uk/international/my-country](http://www.abdn.ac.uk/international/my-country)

Staff in our Student Recruitment and Admissions Service are happy to answer any questions you have about entry requirements or how to apply to the University. Please contact [sras@abdn.ac.uk](mailto:sras@abdn.ac.uk) or visit [www.abdn.ac.uk/sras](http://www.abdn.ac.uk/sras)

In addition, the University works with a number of representatives in various EU countries who can assist with your application. For further advice on our contacts in your home country, please visit

[www.abdn.ac.uk/international/my-country](http://www.abdn.ac.uk/international/my-country)



## Study Abroad in Scotland

“The University provides a high quality education, friendly teachers and an impressive environment. At the same time it's very easy to meet new people from all over the world. The city is ideal for students, with a huge variety of ways to spend your spare time. The fact that the city centre is close to the University campus makes everything much easier. I consider my decision to come to Aberdeen one of the best choices of my life.”

Orestis Argyros, Greek, BSc Molecular Biology with Industrial Placement

### ERASMUS Programme

ERASMUS is a European Union funded programme which aims to encourage and facilitate the exchange of students and staff in European universities. The University has over 250 ERASMUS links with over 180 universities in the following countries: Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden and Turkey. Switzerland is not part of the ERASMUS programme but the University has special exchange arrangements with some Swiss universities.

Subject areas with ERASMUS exchange links include: Anthropology, Biomedical Sciences, Celtic, Chemistry, Computing Science, Economics, Education, Engineering, English, Forestry, French, Geography, German, Hispanic Studies, History, Mathematical Sciences, Politics and International Relations, Psychology, Sociology and Zoology.

Further information is available by contacting the ERASMUS Unit within the Registry.

[www.abdn.ac.uk/erasmus](http://www.abdn.ac.uk/erasmus)

### Non Graduating or Visiting EU Students

If your institution does not have an ERASMUS link with the University of Aberdeen, you can still study with us as a non-graduating or visiting student. You can come to study in Aberdeen for an academic year, a semester, or the period September to December. A wide range of courses are available, with the exception of Clinical Medicine. Further information, including application forms, is available at [www.abdn.ac.uk/international/exchanges](http://www.abdn.ac.uk/international/exchanges)

### International Exchange Programme

Our exchange partners include some of the most distinguished state universities and private colleges in North America, Hong Kong and Japan. Students normally go on an exchange programme in their second year of undergraduate study. The year they spend abroad is an integral part of their Aberdeen degree and not an additional year. Credits gained are recognised by the University of Aberdeen and incorporated into the student's University of Aberdeen academic record.

[www.abdn.ac.uk/undergraduate/international/exchanges](http://www.abdn.ac.uk/undergraduate/international/exchanges)

## List of Undergraduate Degree Programmes

The degrees awarded by the University of Aberdeen are recognised and respected worldwide. It's your degree and we believe it should be planned around you.

We admit you to a degree rather than to a subject, School or Department, so you can usually study any subjects which interest you, and even change direction as your interests and ambitions develop. A Scottish Honours degree normally takes four years to complete, so you can usually delay your final choice until the end of your second, or sometimes third year.

The MA and BSc degrees are especially flexible, and the LLB and BTh programmes also offer some flexibility. Other degrees like the MEng, the MB ChB or our Education degrees – which train you for a specific profession – offer less flexibility, as the content of these courses must satisfy the relevant professional organisation.

In many cases, two subjects can be studied at Honours level, leading to the award of either a Joint Honours or a Major-Minor Honours degree.

For up-to-date information visit  
[www.abdn.ac.uk/prospectus/ugrad](http://www.abdn.ac.uk/prospectus/ugrad)

### Arts & Social Sciences

### Divinity & Theology

### Education

### Music

### Engineering

### Law

### Medicine & Dentistry

### Sciences

- > Accountancy
- > Animal Ecology
- > Anthropology
- > Archaeology (BSc)
- > Archaeology (MA)
- > Artificial Intelligence
- > Behavioural Studies (BSc)
- > Behavioural Studies (MA)
- > Belgian Law
- > Biochemistry
- > Biology
- > Biomedical Science
- > Biotechnology
- > BSc/MA Joint Honours with Education (Primary)
- > Business Information Systems
- > Business Law
- > Celtic Civilisation

- > Celtic Studies
- > Chemical Engineering
- > Chemistry
- > Chemistry (MChem)
- > Civil Engineering
- > Computing (MA)
- > Computing & E-Business
- > Computing Science (BSc)
- > Conservation Biology
- > Dentistry (Graduates Only)
- > Divinity (BD)
- > Divinity (MA)
- > Ecology
- > Economics
- > Electrical Engineering
- > Electronic Engineering
- > English
- > English and Scottish Literature
- > Entrepreneurship
- > Environmental Science
- > European Legal Studies
- > European Management Studies
- > European Studies
- > Film and Visual Culture
- > Finance
- > Forestry
- > Forest Sciences
- > French Law
- > French
- > Gaelic Studies
- > Genetics
- > Geographical Information Systems
- > Geography (BSc)
- > Geography (MA)
- > Geology and Petroleum Geology
- > Geology (MGeol)
- > German
- > German Law
- > Health Sciences
- > Health Studies
- > Hispanic Studies
- > History
- > History of Art
- > Human Embryology and Developmental Biology
- > Immunology
- > Information Systems
- > Information Systems & Management
- > International Relations
- > Language & Linguistics

- > Languages and Literature of Scotland
- > Latin-American Studies/Hispanic Studies
- > Law
- > Legal Studies
- > Literature in a World Context
- > Management Studies
- > Marine Biology
- > Marine and Coastal Resource Management
- > Mathematics (BSc)
- > Mathematics (MA)
- > Mechanical Engineering
- > Medical Microbiology
- > Medicine
- > Microbiology
- > Molecular Biology
- > Molecular Microbiology
- > Music Studies (MA)
- > Music (BMus)
- > Natural Philosophy
- > Neuroscience with Psychology
- > Petroleum Engineering
- > Petroleum Geology
- > Pharmacology
- > Philosophy
- > Physical Science
- > Physics
- > Physics with Complex Systems Modelling (MPhys)
- > Physiology
- > Plant Biology
- > Plant & Soil Science
- > Politics
- > Politics & International Relations
- > Primary Education
- > Psychology (BSc)
- > Psychology (MA)
- > Real Estate
- > Religious Studies
- > Scandinavian Studies (MA)
- > Scottish Studies
- > Sociology
- > Spanish
- > Spanish Law
- > Sports & Exercise Science
- > Sports Studies (Exercise and Health)
- > Theology
- > Wildlife Management
- > Zoology

### Curriculum Reform: The Difference

There has never been a more exciting time to embark on studies with the University of Aberdeen. Our aim is to develop the learning and support services that we provide to ensure that our students are well supported and have the opportunities to gain the skills to succeed in the global market place. This includes the completion of our Olympic standard sports centre, the development of a flagship library for the 21st century, and the implementation of a new curriculum for students.

Following an extensive review process, which saw engagement with top employers, professional bodies, academics, the Government, and current and prospective students, parents and teachers, the University has now taken significant steps to modernise the structure, content, delivery and flexibility of our degree programmes in line with major international universities such as Harvard, Yale, Melbourne and Hong Kong. This comprehensive review and resulting proposals will help Aberdeen graduates to leave the University academically excellent and intellectually flexible, whilst also being critical thinkers, effective communicators and active citizens. To find out more, visit [www.abdn.ac.uk/thedifference](http://www.abdn.ac.uk/thedifference)

### Industrial Placement

All students who are studying for a degree within the School of Medical Sciences (apart from Applied Sports Science - Education) are eligible to apply for a year's industrial placement. This gives the student an opportunity to spend the 4th year of their degree in paid employment and graduate after five years with an MSci (an undergraduate Masters Degree instead of a BSc). Some of our other degrees also include the option of an industrial placement, visit [www.abdn.ac.uk/prospectus/ugrad](http://www.abdn.ac.uk/prospectus/ugrad) for details.

## List of Postgraduate Study Areas

The University offers over 150 taught Masters programmes, along with an extensive range of postgraduate research opportunities. The latest UK Research Assessment Exercise (RAE) ranked Aberdeen among the UK's top research universities, with almost 90% of Aberdeen's research activity rated as being of 'international quality' and 11 research areas ranked among the top 25% in the UK.

For full details of what is available, consult the postgraduate prospectus at [www.abdn.ac.uk/prospectus/pgrad](http://www.abdn.ac.uk/prospectus/pgrad)

### College of Arts & Social Sciences

### College of Life Sciences & Medicine

### College of Physical Sciences

- > Accountancy
- > Anthropology
- > Applied Health Science
- > Archaeology
- > Biological Sciences
- > Biomedical Physics & Bioengineering
- > Biomedical Sciences
- > Business
- > Cancer Medicine
- > Celtic
- > Chemistry
- > Child Health
- > Computing Science
- > Cultural History
- > Developmental Biology
- > Divinity
- > Ecology
- > Economics
- > Education
- > Engineering
- > English
- > Environmental and Occupational Medicine
- > Environmental Science
- > Epidemiology
- > Film Studies
- > Finance
- > French
- > General Practice and Primary Care
- > Geography & Environment
- > Geology & Petroleum Geology
- > German
- > Health & Industrial Psychology
- > Health Economics Research Unit
- > Health Services Research Unit
- > Hispanic Studies

- > History
- > History of Art
- > Imaging
- > Immunology
- > Islamic Studies
- > Law
- > Management Studies
- > Marine Biology
- > Mathematical Sciences
- > Medicine
- > Mental Health
- > Microbiology
- > Molecular and Cell Biology
- > Music
- > Neuropsychology
- > Nursing
- > Nutrition and Health
- > Obstetrics and Gynaecology
- > Ophthalmology
- > Pathology
- > Patient Safety
- > Pharmacology
- > Philosophy
- > Physics
- > Physiology
- > Plant Science
- > Politics & International Relations
- > Property
- > Psychology
- > Public Health
- > Radiology
- > Religious Studies
- > Sociology
- > Spatial Planning & Rural Surveying
- > Surgery and Orthopaedics
- > Translational Medicine
- > Vascular Health
- > Zoology

## Aberdeen – Study and Live in the Silver City

Welcome to one of the most dynamic, prosperous and beautiful regions of the UK. Aberdeen lies on the northeast coast of Scotland, with miles of beaches, dunes and cliffs.

Welcome to Scotland's third largest city - a place with a lively combination of historic charm, thriving economy and cosmopolitan community. Aberdeen, home to 250,000 people, is the perfect centre for work, for leisure and for play.

### Friendly and Safe

Big enough for the 'big city' experience, student-friendly Aberdeen is compact enough to make it easy to find your way around and make friends. From the historic 15th century University campus in Old Aberdeen it's just a short bus ride to the bustling city-centre of Europe's energy capital. Local crime rates are low, and the University operates a 'Safe Campus' code for the benefit of students.

[www.abdn.ac.uk/students](http://www.abdn.ac.uk/students)

### The Great Outdoors

Contrary to popular belief, it is not always raining in Britain. Winter temperatures are generally milder than those on the east coast of the United States, and the climate is relatively dry (30 inches of rain a year).

Aberdeen is an attractive city in which to live, with green parks and open spaces. To the east of the city lie the North Sea and a coastline of sandy beaches, while to the west stretches Royal Deeside, the beautiful valley of the River Dee. It's just half-an-hour from the buzz of Union Street to the tranquillity of the nearby hills and countryside in one of the most beautiful parts of Scotland.

Where else can you have lectures in the morning and ski in the afternoon, or sail, or wind surf, or hill climb, or canoe or...? From seaside to mountainside – it is all on your doorstep at Aberdeen! Look on our website for the huge range of sports and other activities waiting for you at Aberdeen.

[www.ausa.org.uk](http://www.ausa.org.uk)

### The Nightlife

At night Aberdeen really lights up with a nightlife second to none. The huge variety of pubs and clubs ranges from trendy nightclubs, to cosy, old world pubs full of atmosphere and everything in between. A vibrant music scene includes regular major tours by the biggest names around and an eclectic mix of venues and dance floors promote the home-grown talent of local acts and DJs.

### Time Out

With a student population of over 50,000, Aberdeen caters for all tastes in arts, culture, leisure and entertainment. Aberdeen has lots to offer, with the well-known His Majesty's Theatre, Music Hall and Aberdeen Exhibition and Conference Centre (AECC) regularly attracting national and international artists and companies. Four cinema multiplexes, Art Gallery, Maritime Museum and first-class sports and leisure facilities means there is always plenty going on.

### Culture

The University is committed to supporting a wide range of cultural activities. Highlights include our annual literary festival 'Word', celebrating local, national and international literature and the Director's Cut series that attracts leading film-makers to Aberdeen to discuss their work. University Music offers a programme of concerts throughout the academic year, while the University's Music Prize is now an established international composition event.

### Shopping, Shopping, Shopping...

Aberdeen has everything a city in the UK should have and more. You'll find all the major supermarket and retail chains in Aberdeen, with four large city-centre shopping malls, including the piazza-style Academy and brand new Union Square. From high street stores and designer boutiques to quirky independent outlets and thrift shops, shopaholics will be delighted by the quantity and quality of places on offer.

### More for Your Money

You may be surprised to hear that students find Aberdeen a cheaper city to live in than Edinburgh or Glasgow. If you need to boost your budget, Aberdeen City and Shire's buoyant local economy means there is no shortage of work. EU students are normally permitted to work whilst studying in the UK.

### More Information

For more information about Aberdeen, visit

[www.aberdeencityandshire.com](http://www.aberdeencityandshire.com)

[www.aberdeencity.gov.uk](http://www.aberdeencity.gov.uk)

[www.visitscotland.com](http://www.visitscotland.com)

To download the Lonely Planet Guide to studying in Aberdeen, visit [www.abdn.ac.uk/documents/lonely-planet.pdf](http://www.abdn.ac.uk/documents/lonely-planet.pdf)

## A Gateway to Europe

If you like travelling, Aberdeen is an excellent base to explore the rest of Scotland, the UK and Europe.

**You Can Fly Direct from Aberdeen Airport to the Following Locations**



Aberdeen's pivotal role in the international oil and gas industry means that it enjoys excellent communications and travel links. Detailed information on travelling to Aberdeen can be found on our website at [www.abdn.ac.uk/maps/travel](http://www.abdn.ac.uk/maps/travel)

### By Coach/Bus

Coach and bus connections to Aberdeen from the north and south are very frequent and reasonably priced. Currently a single fair to Aberdeen from Glasgow is as low as £6 or £12 to London, depending on when you book.

[www.megabus.com](http://www.megabus.com)

[www.stagecoach.co.uk](http://www.stagecoach.co.uk)

[www.nationalexpress.com](http://www.nationalexpress.com)

### By Train

Rail services connect Aberdeen north and south. There are regular trains to and from London, and services from Edinburgh and Glasgow link with other mainline routes. Inverness, the scenic West Coast, and the Highlands are all easily reached within a few hours.

[www.thetrainline.com](http://www.thetrainline.com)

### By Air

Aberdeen's international airport is served by a number of major carriers, providing an extensive network of routes throughout the UK, direct to Europe and world-wide through major hubs. British destinations include three London airports plus numerous other destinations throughout the UK and Europe. Discount airlines make travel in the UK and to Europe very affordable.

[www.aberdeenairport.com](http://www.aberdeenairport.com)

## Student Life

Students describe Aberdeen as having an unrivalled social scene, which caters for all tastes in arts, culture, leisure and entertainment.

### Clubs and Societies

The University's Students' Association (AUSA) funds over 150 clubs and societies. There are clubs for sports, ranging from Football, Karate, Gaelic Football and Underwater Hockey. There is also a wide variety of cultural societies catering for the diversity of our international students, numerous political, spiritual, theatrical and subject-based societies, and more unusual ones like the Street Drumming Society or Capoeira.

AUSA is also involved in organising events throughout the year, including the Aberdeen Students' Association Charities Campaign, which raises huge amounts of money for local charities through a variety of events, including street parades and student theatre.

For more information visit [www.ausa.org.uk](http://www.ausa.org.uk)

### Sporting Competition

Whether a budding sports star of the future or just an occasional user, it is the most exciting time in the University's history for students interested in sport and exercise. The University opened a £28 million Olympic standard sports facility in 2009.

At Aberdeen we are very proud of our sporting achievements, with many of our students actively participating in one of our 54 sports clubs. Successes have been in a wide variety of sports, including British University medals in Rowing, Boxing and Mountain Biking, and in team events, Ultimate Frisbee, Underwater Hockey, Women's Squash, Badminton and Curling have had their successes. If you don't want to play competitively, AUSA organises a wide range of clubs, intramural leagues and one-off sporting events. There is sporting opportunities for all!

For more information visit [www.aberdeensportsvillage.com](http://www.aberdeensportsvillage.com)  
[www.abdn.ac.uk/sportsunion](http://www.abdn.ac.uk/sportsunion)



## Student Support

Our Student Support Services rank with the best in the UK. We aim to offer advice and information to every member of our community, and have a network of support in place to help you with your academic, personal and social life.



From your arrival onwards you will have access to a network of support services from people who can give you friendly and expert guidance.

Student support services include the Student Advice and Support Office, the Counselling Service, the Chaplaincy and Hall Wardens. Staff provide advice and information on three broad areas – disabilities, international student matters and general advice and support. The counselling service is free and confidential, and available for all students who have personal, social, emotional or educational concerns. The University Chaplaincy Centre provides a meeting place for individuals or groups of any religious persuasion – or none. For more information visit [www.abdn.ac.uk/international/support](http://www.abdn.ac.uk/international/support)

### Academic Support

All undergraduate students will have their own personal Adviser of Studies. You will meet in your first week and they will help you to choose your subjects. They will monitor your academic progress throughout your degree and give you any advice as and when you need it.

All postgraduate students will work with their course co-ordinators and individual Schools to develop their academic programme of study.

## Accommodation

Living in accommodation with other students can give you a great start at University. All single international students are guaranteed a room for the first year of study and all accommodation is either on or within close walking distance to the University campus.

All single EU students are guaranteed a room for your first year of study, provided you apply by the stated deadlines. We offer a mixture of catered and self-catered halls and there are a variety of options to choose from.

Hillhead Halls is the student “village” on the banks of the River Don, only 15 minutes walk or a short bus ride from the University campus. It is home to nearly 2,500 students and includes a number of traditional halls, self-catering flats and facilities for disabled students. Recently over 500 new ensuite rooms became available at Hillhead.

If you prefer private accommodation then you should arrive in Aberdeen in plenty of time before the start of the session to find accommodation. The Accommodation Office and Student’s Association can assist with providing you with information on available accommodation in the city.

### Wardens and Sub-Wardens

If you need information or advice when you’re living in University accommodation, help is at hand from our trained wardens and sub-wardens. Their job is to ensure your well-being and to help you get the most out of communal life. Wardens are usually senior students or members of staff.

For further information and costs visit [www.abdn.ac.uk/accommodation](http://www.abdn.ac.uk/accommodation)



## Finance

Studying in the UK is more affordable than you may think when you consider all that the UK has to offer. Free healthcare and the opportunity to work during your studies, to name but a few financial incentives.

### How Much Will University Cost?

**Undergraduate and Primary / Secondary PGDE Students:** Students from the EU studying in Scotland DO NOT HAVE TO PAY any tuition fees up front. The Student Awards Agency for Scotland (SAAS) will normally pay tuition fees for EU students (with the exception of students from England, Wales and Northern Ireland) studying at an institution in Scotland, up to a maximum of £1,820 for new students. The only exception is Medicine, where the fee is £2,895 per year. These fees do not have to be paid back. Fee payment by SAAS is not automatic and students must apply online annually at [www.saas.gov.uk](http://www.saas.gov.uk)

Details correct as at February 2011.

**Postgraduate Students:** Please refer to the following website for a full listing of postgraduate tuition fees: [www.abdn.ac.uk/register/tuitionfees](http://www.abdn.ac.uk/register/tuitionfees)

Please note, certain courses do charge additional costs (e.g. for field trips) therefore you should refer directly to the relevant department website for further information.

### Cost of Living

Students will require a minimum of £650 per month per person to cover additional costs.

### Total Minimum Costs per Academic Year

Undergraduate Arts and Science students: staying for only 9 months in Aberdeen (approximately 38 weeks), SAAS will offer tuition assistance but students will need a minimum of £5,850 to cover living costs\*.

**Postgraduate Arts and Science students:** staying for 12 months in Aberdeen (approximately 52 weeks) will need £7,800 living costs + £3,400 fees which equals £11,200.

For further details visit

[www.abdn.ac.uk/documents/study-cost-int.pdf](http://www.abdn.ac.uk/documents/study-cost-int.pdf)

\*Based on the cheapest accommodation option. This does not include travel costs if students journey home for vacations.

### Accommodation Costs

For further details visit

[www.abdn.ac.uk/international/accommodation](http://www.abdn.ac.uk/international/accommodation)

### Scholarship

The University offers scholarships at both undergraduate and postgraduate level for EU students. For further information on whether you may be eligible, visit

[www.abdn.ac.uk/undergraduate/scholarships](http://www.abdn.ac.uk/undergraduate/scholarships) or

[www.abdn.ac.uk/postgraduate/funding](http://www.abdn.ac.uk/postgraduate/funding)

### Healthcare

Students who are studying a full-time course of any duration in Scotland (and their dependants) are eligible for free medical treatment under the National Health Service (NHS). You are advised to register with a local NHS medical practice as soon as possible after your arrival. Hospital treatments and visits to your medical practice are free of charge, however you will have to pay for any prescribed medication. You are advised to bring any relevant medical records and details of any existing medical conditions with you.

### Working Part-time

EU students are normally permitted to work whilst studying in the UK. The University's Joblink service can help you find part time work as well as offer other employment advice.

Please note that this must not be relied upon as a means to fund your studies.

## Further Information

### Immigration Requirements/VISA

Please note that as an EU citizen you should not require entry clearance to the UK. However it is your responsibility to check any entry clearance (visa) requirements and apply for entry clearance (visa), if required. It is important to check all immigration requirements before travelling as those without the necessary entry clearance (visa) will be refused entry to the UK.

For further information, please visit [www.ukvisas.gov.uk](http://www.ukvisas.gov.uk)

### Life After Aberdeen

Our track record speaks for itself! 91% of Aberdeen students enter into good jobs, research posts or further study within six months of graduating. Our strong links with industry, major research centres and leading international universities mean that our graduates really do have the world at their feet.

Our graduates go from Aberdeen to leading positions in business, the professions, public service and academia in Scotland, the United Kingdom and all over the world. It's not just a matter of getting a job. Our record shows that students who have been here go right to the top of their profession.

### University of Aberdeen Staff

Aberdeen staff regularly travel throughout Europe, attend exhibitions and hold student information sessions and conduct student interviews. Further information on future visits can be found at

[www.abdn.ac.uk/international/my-country](http://www.abdn.ac.uk/international/my-country)

### Live Web-chats and Social Networking

The University is offering students the opportunity to participate in web-chats with admissions staff and current students. This is a great opportunity to talk to us about anything from entry requirements to student support or to just chat with current students.

We also have a presence on the major social networking sites. This is a great way to network with current and prospective students and find out more about what to expect from the Aberdeen experience. For more information visit [www.abdn.ac.uk/virtual/social-network](http://www.abdn.ac.uk/virtual/social-network)

### Visit the University

The University of Aberdeen operates an open-door policy and you are welcome to visit us at any time. To arrange your visit to the University go to [www.abdn.ac.uk/undergrad/open-days](http://www.abdn.ac.uk/undergrad/open-days)

### Post Study Work in Scotland

European students are entitled as an EU citizen to work anywhere in Europe. As a graduate of the University of Aberdeen, you will be able to take advantage of the services offered by our Careers Service, including workshops, for instance. Further information on our Careers Service is available at [www.abdn.ac.uk/careers](http://www.abdn.ac.uk/careers)

### International Office Contact

If you have any further queries, our staff in the International Office will be able to advise you. For contact information, please go to [www.abdn.ac.uk/international/my-country](http://www.abdn.ac.uk/international/my-country)

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