North American Guide to Undergraduate Study in Scotland

See The Difference
Welcome to the North American Guide to Undergraduate Study in Scotland! We have been welcoming students from North America into our lively community for over four decades and there are typically around 300 North American students on campus. 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 life experience.
Higher Education in Scotland

Scotland is proud that it has four of the six oldest universities in the UK, only after Oxford and Cambridge. In fact, anyone from Aberdeen will proudly tell you that whilst England only had two universities, the city of Aberdeen already had two, King’s College and Marischal College, which later merged to form the University of Aberdeen.

Undergraduate Degrees
The Scottish higher education system is actually more familiar than you might think. Undergraduate degrees in Scotland are generally four years long and are structured to ensure a great deal of flexibility during the first two years of study. The final two years are focused on one or two subjects only. Whereas, in England, most degrees are three years long and more specialized from the beginning.

We have three Colleges: The College of Arts and Social Sciences, The College of Physical Sciences and The College of Life Sciences and Medicine. In general whilst students do declare their major(s) upfront, it’s possible to change pathways along the way, as students are being admitted to a College as well as a degree programme. For example you may start studying History in our College of Arts and Social Sciences but graduate with English.

At Aberdeen, students do not have to fulfill general education requirements, so if you are an Arts major and never want to do Maths again you don’t have to!

Study Abroad and Exchange
We welcome study abroad and exchange students (visiting non-graduating students) wishing to study at Aberdeen for either one semester or a full academic year. Study abroad students can apply to Aberdeen via one of our many study abroad partners or via direct application.

Postgraduate Degrees
In Aberdeen Masters Degrees are completed in one year and PhD study can be completed in three years. For details about the over 120 degrees available visit www.abdn.ac.uk/prospectus/pgrad

Here is an example of an Undergraduate Arts degree student who has applied to do History at Aberdeen. As you can see they have a lot of flexibility, and the opportunity to actually change their degree intention during their studies.

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The Sir Duncan Rice Library is one of the largest and best equipped in the UK.
List of Undergraduate Degree Programmes

The degrees awarded by the University of Aberdeen are recognised and respected worldwide.

Arts & Social Sciences
- Accountancy
- Animal Ecology
- Anthropology
- Applied Mathematics (BSc)
- Archaeology (BSc)
- Archaeology (MA)
- Behavioural Studies (BSc)
- Behavioural Studies (MA)
- Belgian Law
- Biobusiness Options
- Biochemistry
- Biological Sciences
- Biology
- Biomedical Science
- Biotechnology
- Business Law
- Chemical Engineering
- Chemistry
- Chemistry (MChem)
- Civil Engineering
- Computing (MA)
- Computing Science (BSc)
- Conservation Biology
- Divinity and Theology
- Divinity (MA)
- Ecology
- Economics
- Education (Primary)
- Electrical Engineering
- Electronic Engineering
- English
- English and Scottish Literature
- Environmental Science
- European Legal Studies

Sciences
- European Studies
- Film and Visual Culture
- Finance
- Forestry
- Forest Sciences
- French Law
- French
- Gaelic Studies
- Genetics
- Geography (BSc)
- Geography (MA)
- Geology and Petroleum Geology
- German
- German Law
- 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
- Legal Studies
- Literature in a World Context
- Management Studies
- Marine Biology
- Mathematics (BSc)
- Mathematics (MA)
- Mechanical Engineering
- Medicine
- Microbiology
- Molecular Biology
- Molecular Microbiology
- Music Studies (MA)
- Music
- Natural Philosophy (Physics)
- Neuroscience with Psychology
- Petroleum Engineering
- Petroleum Geology
- Pharmacochemistry
- Philosophical Studies
- Philosophy
- Physics
- Physics with Complex
- Systems Modelling (MPhys)
- Physiology

Sciences
- Plant & Soil Science
- Politics
- Politics & International Relations
- Primary Education
- Psychology (BSc)
- Psychology (MA)
- Real Estate
- Religious Studies
- Scottish Studies
- Sociology
- Spanish Law
- Sports & Exercise Science
- Sports Studies (Exercise and Health)
- Theology
- Zoology

Postgraduate

For detailed information on taught and research postgraduate degree, please visit: www.abdn.ac.uk/postgraduate

Undergraduate

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

Our Students

Caitlin Fox
Management and Politics
Study Abroad Student 2011-2012
St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minnesota

Why did you choose the University of Aberdeen?
I received a great response from employers in the political, educational and corporate worlds when applying for jobs. What was clear to me in the interview process was that my experience in Aberdeen separated me from the pack of other applicants. Employers were keen to learn about my time in Aberdeen, my course of study and other activities I participated in as a student.”
Suzanne Baker
Boston, Massachusetts

Jim Fredrickson
BSc Plant Biology, Class of 2014
Milton High School, Milton, Georgia

What is there to do when you’re not studying? The university campus is a 15 minute walk from the beach – you can see the sea from the library! The university has lots of great sports teams and other societies. They are a great way to make friends outside of class.

How have you found student life in Aberdeen and living in Scotland? Student life in Aberdeen is fantastic! The night life in Aberdeen is exciting, if that’s your thing. Remember, 18 to get into clubs and drink! Aberdeen campus has a lot of great places to hang out from the beautiful new library to the Hub - lots of food outlets and the centre for student support on campus.

Do you have any top tips for coming to Aberdeen? Don’t bring too much stuff. Bring some warm clothes but don’t forget your shorts and flip flops. You will need them too! You’ll really enjoy living in halls for your first year (halls is what the British call dorms). You’ll make friends and have lots of fun.

Campbell Stuart
Law (LLB), Class of 2013
Alamo Heights High School
San Antonio, Texas

Why did you choose the University of Aberdeen? I chose Aberdeen for lots of reasons….the exceptional degree programme and let’s be honest the campus is practically Hogwarts. It’s not bundling with Americans but has a wide array of represented nationalities and offers a more Scottish experience. Aberdeenshire is also a goldmine for whisky distilleries!

How was the application process and support from the University? As to the application process, it was a breeze when compared to the rigorous hoops through which I was forced to jump for the American universities to which I applied. I entered my American high school qualifications and wrote a personal statement. Simple.

What do you enjoy most about your course? The most enjoyable aspect has been the wide choice of modules and the excellent academics who teach them. I have been very impressed by the quality and approachability of the staff.
Entry Requirements

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Canada
Certificates or Diplomas awarded by Provinces on the completion of secondary school studies (usually Grade 12) are acceptable as satisfying general entrance requirements, with one exception, Quebec. In most provinces, the University will consider at least 70% in a minimum of five acceptable subjects at Grade 12. For Quebec, the Diplôme d’Études Collégiales (DEC) awarded after two years of study at a ‘College d’enseignement général et professionnel’ (CEGEP) is acceptable as satisfying general entrance requirements.

United States
We will consider one of the following as a minimum:

- A combined SAT I score of 1800+
- Two SAT II with a score of 600+
- A combined ACT score of 27+
- Two AP tests with a score of 4 or above
- 32 points or above in IB, including 5 at higher level

Entry to Law is more selective (3 APs at 4 and 3 SAT II at 600 for the LLB) and Medicine is the most competitive, please visit www.abdn.ac.uk/ugmd for more information. Science and Engineering is as above, but you should also ensure that you are either doing at least two science-based courses in your senior year, or that your subject specific qualifications (for instance AP tests) are in science based subjects.

Test Scores
Students can have their test scores sent direct to the University of Aberdeen. Our institutional code for SAT and AP is 0818 and for ACT is 5364.

How to Apply
There are 2 routes to apply for undergraduate study:

1. UCAS (University and College Admissions Service) is a centralised application system, which allows you to apply to up to five different institutions/courses throughout the UK on a single application form. To apply online visit www.ucas.com
2. The Common Application is a US-based application system and can be used to apply to the University of Aberdeen. To apply online visit www.commonapp.org

Students may only use one method of application.

Transferring
It is possible to transfer to Aberdeen and be awarded transfer credit. All applications are considered on a case-by-case basis and you will still have to submit an application via UCAS. The year you will transfer into will depend on your previous academic curriculum, and if you are made an offer it will be to enter 1st, 2nd or 3rd year. It is not normally possible to transfer to the final year of a 4 year degree.

Study Abroad and Exchange
Applicants must have the support of their home university, possess an independent character and have demonstrated their academic ability by achieving a minimum 3.0 GPA overall or equivalent. The application form is available at www.abdn.ac.uk/study/international/exchanges-327 and must be returned by 1 July (full year and semester one applications) and by 1 November (semester two applications).

Postgraduate
Generally we will consider applicants who have completed a four-year Bachelor in a relevant subject, with an approximate 3.0 GPA. Entry criteria varies for particular subjects.

Further guidance is available at www.abdn.ac.uk/study/international/apply

Choose your Course
See the list of degree programmes listed in this guide or visit www.abdn.ac.uk/prospectus

Check the Entry Requirements
Entrance requirements vary depending on the course

Check the Application Process
Make sure you know exactly what is required to apply for the course

Complete your Application
For undergraduate study the deadline is 25 January for Medicine and we recommend applying by 15 January for all other courses, although you do have until 30 June!

Make your Choice
If you applied for undergraduate study by 15 January make Aberdeen your first choice by 31 March!

Your Exams
For those still sitting exams – Good Luck!

Get organised
Check out www.abdn.ac.uk/international for check lists and advice

University Starts!
See yourself at the University of Aberdeen www.comeheregoanywhere.co.uk

Here’s a quick and easy guide to help you with your UCAS undergraduate application

The exceptions are for non-graduating or visiting students, who apply direct to the University (see www.abdn.ac.uk/study for further details). Medical applicants (A100) and graduate Dental applicants (A201) must take the UK CAT Admissions Test. More information can be found at www.uctat.ac.uk

- You apply online to UCAS. Schools and colleges can provide advice and guidance. UCAS will accept applications for 2014 from September 2013. If you wish to contact UCAS from outside the UK, you can write to them at the address provided, or you can visit their website.
- Your completed application should be submitted (preferably via Apply) to UCAS with the applicant’s fee of approximately £22. If you wish to apply for only one course at one institution, a reduced price of approximately £11 applies.

Closing Dates
15 October 2013 for all Medicine applicants and anyone including the universities of Oxford or Cambridge among their choices. We recommend applying by 15 January 2014 for all other courses although you do have until 30 June 2014.

For more information please visit www.abdn.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/apply
Cost of Study

Tuition fees vary according to the degree programme. You should also budget an additional £800 per month for general living expenses (this includes accommodation, food, clothes, books, local travel and social life). Total estimated costs for 2014/2015 are:

Undergraduate
(as a guideline for students staying 9 months per year)

Arts-based:
£12,600 + £7,200 living costs = £19,800 (£30,175*)

Science-based:
£15,700 + £7,200 living costs = £22,900 (£34,900*)

Clinical Medicine:
£27,800 + £7,200 living costs = £35,000 (£53,343*)

Study Abroad and Exchange
2013/2014

One semester:
£6,000 + £3,600 living costs = £9,600 (£14,630*)

Full academic year (2 semesters):
£12,000 + £7,200 living costs = £19,200 (£29,260*)

Exchange students who are nominated through their Home University with an exchange partnership with the University of Aberdeen are not required to pay tuition fees.

Postgraduate
As a guideline for students staying for a full year total estimated costs for 2014/2015 are:

Arts-based:
£12,600 + £9,600 living costs = £22,200 (£33,837*)

Science-based:
£15,700 + £9,600 living costs = £25,300 (£38,560*)

Business School MSc & LLM Programmes:
£14,100 + £9,600 living costs = £23,700 (£36,125*)

MBA:
£15,700 + £9,600 living costs = £25,300 (£38,564*)

For current exchange rate information visit www.xe.com

Please note costs are subject to annual review.

Free Healthcare
International students studying in Scotland are eligible for free medical treatment under the National Health Service (NHS). Prescriptions are also free.

Working part-time
International students who are studying more than six months are normally permitted to work up to 20 hours per week during term time, though this may be increased over holiday periods. The Student Association Joblink service can help you find part time work as well as offer other employment advice.

www.ausa.org.uk/supportingyou/jobs

Scholarships & Financial Aid

North American Merit Scholarship
Unique to the University of Aberdeen, this exciting scholarship opportunity could earn you up to 75% off your final year of study if you achieve honour roll status. Available to all undergraduates (with the exception of Medicine), the scholarship award is based on a student’s period of study at the University prior to their final year.

Scotland’s Saltire Scholarship
This exciting scholarship opportunity is open to Canadian or US nationals studying a full time Undergraduate, Masters programme or PhD at University of Aberdeen. The scholarship is supported and funded by the Scottish Government in partnership with University of Aberdeen. Awards worth £2000 each are available towards the cost of tuition fees for one year.

Sports Scholarship and Bursary Scheme
Support for high performance athletes supported by the University of Aberdeen Alumni. See page 17.

US Financial Aid
US students can come to study at and use their financial aid in the UK. We have a dedicated US Loans Officer who can guide you through the process. Further information is available from usaloans@abdn.ac.uk or www.abdn.ac.uk/registry/direct-loans

Canadian Student loans
The University of Aberdeen is a recognised institution for the purpose of certifying Canadian Student Loan applications. Further information is available from www.canlearn.ca

For more information on finance and funding visit:
www.abdn.ac.uk/study/international/finance

Search our funding database for more information and the full list of the scholarship opportunities available to you: www.abdn.ac.uk/funding. You may also seek external sources for funding and scholarships.
Life in Aberdeen

Welcome to Scotland’s third largest city—located right on the coast. You get the best of all worlds: the benefits of living in a cosmopolitan city, the charms of a 500-year-old historic university campus and access to the Scottish highlands and beaches.

Aberdeen International airport has fantastic transport links making sightseeing within the United Kingdom and Europe a breeze. Cheap student rates allow the opportunity to find yourself in cities like London, Amsterdam and Paris in just over an hour flight!

Aberdeen’s historic buildings, charming cobbled streets and the world-renowned King’s Theatre provide a perfect backdrop for the cosmopolitan atmosphere. The city is also a hub for the leading arts and cultural festivals which give Aberdeen a buzz that is unique in Scotland.

For more information on life in Scotland and student life visit: www.study/student-life

Aberdeen within Europe

“...The epitome of cobbled collegiate-chic, its exquisite architecture, ornate spires and Hogwarts-esque coat of arms must turn other academic institutions green with envy. But here, ancient meets modern: free campus-wide wifi sees students surfing the net while lounging on the grassy quad; superb new sports facilities let you get fit and feel good; while a new jaw-dropping, multi-million pound library delivers world-class inspiration”

– Lonely Planet

Don’t Forget!

For more ideas on what to do in Aberdeen, check out our Lonely Planet guide!

Fast Facts

> Three of Scotland's five main ski centres are only two hours from campus. Aviemore, the Cairngorm Mountain, Glenshee and the Lecht provide perfect pistes for boarders and alpine skiers.

> University events have drawn many authors, thinkers and commentators to the city; Seamus Heaney, Louis de Bernières, Sir David Attenborough, Professor Brian Cox and Bill Bryson are just some of the names who’ve appeared.

> Fifteen miles south of campus the historic fishing port of Stonehaven has an attractive cliff-fringed harbour and the gloriously crumbling Dunnottar Castle. It's so picturesque Franco Zeffirelli filmed Hamlet with Mel Gibson here.

> For 267 years the city of Aberdeen had two universities when there were only two universities in the whole of England.

> A trace of Aberdeen’s rich history can be heard in Doric, a form of Scots whose historic phrases and lyrical pronunciations pepper some local’s everyday speech. Here are a couple of handy phrases to start you off: Fit like? – How are you? Nae Bad – Pretty good

> “Bon Accord”. Knowing what Aberdeen’s motto means really helps you feel at home. In case anybody asks it means: ‘happy to meet, sorry to part, happy to meet again’.

Your #faberdeen

Students past and present share their favourite photos of campus, the city and Shire.

1. Misty morning beach by Julia
2. King’s Lawn by Danilo
3. King’s Chapel by Svenia
4. Balmedie Beach by Oriane
5. New Kings by Hannah
6. King’s in the snow by Anna
7. Grampian Eye by Julia
8. Botanical Gardens by Julia

For detailed maps, visit www.abdn.ac.uk/maps

See more at www.facebook.com/universityofaberdeen

Wick
Kirkwall
Stornoway
Liverpool
Shetland Islands
Bergen
Copenhagen
Stavanger
Paris
Ibiza
Palma De Mallorca
Dalaman
Alicante
Belfast
Dublin
Exeter
Aberdeen
Bradford
Birmingham
Newcastle
Humberside
Norwich
Groningen
Amsterdam
Frankfurt
Manchester
London
Southampton
Jersey
Reus
Barcelona
Bristol
Durham Tees Valley
Esbjerg

From Freshers’ week to the graduation ball you’ll wonder where the time went if you get involved in one of the many things the Students’ Association has to offer. From partying to knitting circles, the students’ association aims to have something for every student.

#getinvolved

In the Spotlight

From putting on plays at the Edinburgh Festival to Britain’s biggest student comedy musical, to strutting your stuff down the catwalk in a fashion show.

127 Societies

...covering departmental, political, and cultural interests as well as everything in between. There really is something for everyone.

Explore

New to Scotland? New to the UK?

Then you need to join a club or society and see the country. The International Society is a great one which organises trips to Loch Ness, whisky distilleries and cities throughout Europe.

Doing it for charity:

Climb Kilimanjaro, get as far from Aberdeen as you can in 24 hours, take part in the UK’s largest student torch-lit procession all for a good cause.

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FAST FACTS

> 20,000+ YouTube Views
> 127 Societies to try:
> Including Whisky, Dance and Knitting
> 58 Sports Clubs, traditional and modern
> £100,000 fundraised for charity
> 20% vote in student elections
> New Zealand – is the furthest a student has got from the university for free within 24 hours for charity
> SuperTeams – is the largest student sporting extravaganza of its kind in which over 500 students battle it out in teams of 7 for top prizes.
> Torch Parade – Largest student-led torch-lit procession in Europe

The mascot is Angus the Bull. He pops up at events in various forms.

Angus the Bull

Angus knew he was in for a treat in spring 2012 when new Rector, Dr Maitland Mackie, was hoisted aboard for the traditional inaugural parade along Old Aberdeen’s high street. Well known for his top quality ice-cream and crisp business, Dr Mackie proved a lively new Rector, kidnapping the bagpipes and entertaining students, staff and local folk alike on his ride to the Machar bar, where he duly complied with tradition in providing a yard of ale to quench the thirst of his sturdy student supporters.

See more pictures of this extraordinary spectacle on our facebook page.

ANUOUS THE BULL

Dan Black

MA Economics, Class of 2014
Our Lady of Good Counsel High School
Baltimore-Washington DC area, Maryland

There are lots of opportunities to get involved, current Vice President of the Aberdeen University Malt Whisky Society, Dan tells us more about life in the Silver City.

Tell me about the Malt Whisky Society?

I’m the new Vice President of the Malt Whisky Society, a society that promotes the enjoyment of Scotland’s main export, whisky. This is the St Machar Bar, which is a historic pub with loads of atmosphere and thanks to our society – one of the best Whisky collections in the North-east of Scotland!

How’s studying in Scotland different from your friend’s experience in the states?

My friends that went to small schools feel like they’re still in High School and my friends that went to big schools feel like they’re just a number. I feel like Aberdeen is the happy medium, I’m not just a number and you get to know a good amount of the other students.

How often do you go home?

Normally I go home for Christmas, Easter, and Summer holidays. However, this summer, I’ve secured a job working in Aberdeen.

What three words would you use to describe Aberdeen?

Community, Fun, Societies.

www.ausa.org.uk

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Aberdeen Sports Village

Facilities in the Sports Village include:

- Full size, 3rd Generation FIFA-approved indoor football pitch
- IAAF-approved indoor athletics area with 135 metre running straight, throwing and jumping areas, and free-weights zone
- Large multi-purpose sports hall
- 4 squash courts (2 glass-backed)
- Large state-of-the-art fitness suite and performance gymnasium
- 2 studios
- IAAF-approved outdoor athletics area comprising 400 metre outdoor track, jumping and throwing areas, and stadium
- Full-sized grass football pitch
- Floodlit water based hockey pitch
- Performance and well-being centre, with physiotherapy clinic
- Crèche, café and spectator seating

The next phase of the facility, Aberdeen Aquatics Centre, is currently in development and is expected to open in January 2014. This world-class centre will include a 50-metre, 10-lane Olympic-standard swimming pool, an international-standard diving pool with moveable floor, a land conditioning suite, and a health suite, and will be located adjacent to Aberdeen Sports Village.

Services provided include:

- A full programme of traditional and innovative group exercise classes that cater for a wide range of tastes and levels of ability are available to all students from novice to advanced, including classes such as sports conditioning, TRX, bootfit, body conditioning, gliding, step and studio cycling, as well as a range of specialised courses such as pilates, yoga and Kettlebells training.
- An extensive range of services are also provided by ASV’s Fitness Consultants and the University’s Sport & Exercise Team. These include personal advice on all aspects of fitness and training, health-related fitness, nutrition and weight management, fitness assessments, body fat analysis and one-to-one fitness programming, pilates and strength and conditioning training.

Students automatically obtain use of the facility and services at a reduced rate and a flexible membership scheme exists.

www.aberdeensportsvillage.com

Other Sports Facilities

There are numerous other sports facilities available across the University. The King’s Pavilion playing fields boasts two rugby pitches, a lacrosse pitch, an artificial cricket wicket, as well as outdoor tennis courts and floodlit football training areas. The Balgownie Playing Fields, situated two miles from campus, plays host to a number of football, rugby and shinty teams, and the Hillhead Centre, next to the Hillhead Halls of Residence boasts a full-size grass football pitch, a full-size, sand-dressed synthetic pitch and grandstand. We also have a boathouse on the banks of the river Dee which serves the thriving rowing club, as well as a climbing bothy in Royal Deeside.

Sports Union

Whether you’re a beginner or already an elite athlete, the opportunities available for you to get involved in sport at Aberdeen are fantastic! The University’s Sports Union boasts the second largest number of clubs of any Scottish University and is proud to offer competitive sport aimed at all levels. Most clubs compete regionally, in British University & College Sport (BUCS) and Scottish Student Sport (SSS) leagues against teams from any of 150 other Universities across the UK. Alongside supporting our sports clubs, the Sports Union runs a series of intra-mural leagues across the University, as well as fun one-off events and competitions throughout the year. The showcase event of the year is Superteams, a multi-discipline competition which attracts over 500 participants and is designed for those wishing to enjoy a light-hearted, fun-filled day of sport with a healthy element of competitiveness! For those who want to test their strength to the limit there’s the University’s Iron Man challenge, or on the other hand maybe you just want to go along to the famous Sports Union nights out!

The friendly rivalry with The Robert Gordon University (RGU), culminates in the annual university Aberdeen Asset Boat Race and Granite City Challenge in March, in which all University of Aberdeen teams compete against their RGU counterparts. And after tasting our big one-day tournaments in Rugby 7’s, Football 6s and Hockey take place, followed at the end of the year by the annual Blues Ball which hosts around 600 guests to celebrate the year’s sporting achievements. All in all, if you want to play sport, there’s definitely something for you.

Sports Scholarship and Bursary Scheme

On an annual basis we provide support for high performance athletes through our Bursary and Scholarship Schemes. These are generously supported by alumni, individuals and companies through the University of Aberdeen Development Trust. This allows us to provide strength and conditioning, physiotherapy support and a seminar programme as well as financial support for up to 20 sport bursars who will be competing at, or close to national level, in their chosen sport. We are also proud to offer the John Robertson Scholarship, the George Yule Sports Scholarship and the Saltire Energy Sports Science Scholarships. These provide financial support to outstanding athletes during their studies at the University.

For more information please visit www.abdn.ac.uk/funding
Accommodation

Some of you might be a little apprehensive about leaving what you know. That is where our Student Accommodation Office comes in. We are here to help you find a suitable place to live and our experienced staff know how important it is to help you with the formalities involved. Living in accommodation with other students can give you a great start at university. You will make new friends during the first few weeks and these friends will stay with you throughout your university life and beyond.

If you’re a new student, we guarantee to find you a place in our portfolio of accommodation, provided your application reaches us by the deadline. From late May onwards, applicants who have firmly accepted an unconditional or conditional offer of admission, will be able to apply online for accommodation up to the application deadline. If you are a late applicant, you should telephone the Accommodation Office to find out what is still available.

We will try to find a place for you, though we cannot guarantee that you will be allocated University accommodation. The University has very limited accommodation for couples and no family accommodation, but the Students’ Association advertises private accommodation and further information can be obtained by emailing ausaadvice@abdn.ac.uk

Halls of Residence
We offer a wide range of accommodation with wireless network throughout and both campuses have adapted accommodation. Crombie-Johnston Hall is at the heart of the campus; this accommodates approximately 400 first-year students in single study bedrooms, with meals provided in the Hub. Hillhead Halls is the student village on the bank of the River Don, with both en-suite and standard self-catering rooms to meet all budgets. Student facilities include a shop, launderettes, social space, bar, tennis courts and a football pitch. A frequent bus service runs to both the main campus and the city centre.

Costs & Other Information
Up-to-date information on the various accommodation offered by the University (including the all important costs), is available on our website at www.abdn.ac.uk/accommodation

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Some of you might be a little apprehensive about leaving what you know. That is where our Student Accommodation Office comes in. We are here to help you find a suitable place to live and our experienced staff know how important it is to help you with the formalities involved. Living in accommodation with other students can give you a great start at university. You will make new friends during the first few weeks and these friends will stay with you throughout your university life and beyond.

If you’re a new student, we guarantee to find you a place in our portfolio of accommodation, provided your application reaches us by the deadline. From late May onwards, applicants who have firmly accepted an unconditional or conditional offer of admission, will be able to apply online for accommodation up to the application deadline. If you are a late applicant, you should telephone the Accommodation Office to find out what is still available.

We will try to find a place for you, though we cannot guarantee that you will be allocated University accommodation. The University has very limited accommodation for couples and no family accommodation, but the Students’ Association advertises private accommodation and further information can be obtained by emailing ausaadvice@abdn.ac.uk

Halls of Residence
We offer a wide range of accommodation with wireless network throughout and both campuses have adapted accommodation. Crombie-Johnston Hall is at the heart of the campus; this accommodates approximately 400 first-year students in single study bedrooms, with meals provided in the Hub. Hillhead Halls is the student village on the bank of the River Don, with both en-suite and standard self-catering rooms to meet all budgets. Student facilities include a shop, launderettes, social space, bar, tennis courts and a football pitch. A frequent bus service runs to both the main campus and the city centre.

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British – North American Dictionary
Halls
British word for Dorms
Catered
With a meal plan
Self-catered
Without a meal plan
Flatmate
Roommate (but all bedrooms are single occupancy)

FAQ’s
When do I apply for accommodation?
From late May onwards, applicants who have firmly accepted either a conditional or an unconditional offer of admission will receive information on how to apply for halls of residence.

When do I get my keys?
Most students move in on the Saturday before the start of the academic year.

What are my options if my accommodation requirements are less than a full academic year?
Limited short-term lets are available, for example, 1 term, 1 semester, 2 terms...

Is there a deadline for accommodation applications?
Yes, usually in August, although we recommend that you book as early as possible. Unfortunately, accommodation applications received after the deadline cannot be guaranteed.