

# Scotland

The North American Students' Guide



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'SCOTTISH UNIVERSITY  
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# Campus

Contrasting stunning architecture and historical charm with landmark building design, our campus epitomises both the University's impressive heritage and its modern outlook.

The campus is home to a wide and diverse range of world-class teaching and research facilities, as well as sporting and recreational amenities, all in close proximity.

- Campus named in the "Top Ten Most Beautiful Historic Universities in the UK" by QS Top Universities website (2014)
- Located in the historic district of Old Aberdeen – a 20 minute walk from the centre of the city
- Sir Duncan Rice Library, named amongst the "20 Most Spellbinding University Libraries in the world" by the Independent newspaper (2013)

## History and heritage

- King's College with its crown tower and chapel: the symbolic centre of our growing campus
- Medieval St Machar's Cathedral – completed in 1530, there has been a place of worship in the area since around 580 A.D.
- The Brig o' Balgownie – one of Scotland's oldest bridges
- Old Townhouse – the 18th century building houses one of the University's numerous museum collections

## Bright future

Complementing and contrasting the historic campus is the £57million Danish-designed Sir Duncan Rice library, opened by Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II. It houses the largest of the University's modern collections, as well as historic collections of rare books, manuscripts and archives. Another recent addition is the Aberdeen Sports Village and our new Aquatics Centre, featuring an Olympic standard swimming pool and diving facilities.

## Other campus attractions

- The beautiful and peaceful 11 acre Cruickshank Botanic Garden has shrub borders, a rock and water garden, sunken garden, rose garden, herbaceous border and an arboretum, and houses a nationally important collection of over 2500 labelled plants
- The University's Zoology Museum is a Recognised Collection of National Significance to Scotland, featuring displays from microscopic organisms to great whales

# Aberdeen

**Aberdeen is steeped in history, yet has a reputation as a contemporary and dynamic place to live, study and work.**

In a matter of minutes, you can travel from the bustling city centre of Europe's Energy Capital out of town to experience some of the most stunning attractions, countryside and wildlife that Scotland has to offer.

## ***Culture and entertainment***

With a number of art galleries and historic theatres, museums and libraries, Aberdeen is steeped in culture. The city's venues host hundreds of theatrical productions a year including ballet, opera and drama, as well as the popular Aberdeen Student Show, which raises significant sums for charity. The city has more than 100 bars and clubs ranging from popular student hang-outs on campus and cosy traditional pubs, to wine and cocktail venues and clubs with DJs and live music. Additionally, the P&J Live holds many events, consistently attracting world-famous brands, singers and comedians.

## ***Shopping and eating***

Whether in the city's shopping malls, numerous retail parks, or in the bustling city centre itself, shoppers can explore well-known high street and designer stores, as well as browse quirky independent shops and international street markets. From serving great local produce such as beef, fish and shellfish, to experiencing the best of international cuisine in established chains and independent eateries, the city has a huge variety of restaurants and cafes to choose from.



**DID YOU KNOW?  
ABERDEEN IS  
SCOTLAND'S THIRD  
LARGEST CITY  
(POP. 220,000+)**



## History and culture

Whether you want to trace ancestors or just find out more about Scottish culture, Aberdeen is close to a number of Scotland's stunning stately homes. There, alongside breath-taking architecture, views and beautiful grounds, you'll hear tales of the spirits of spurned wives, and ghostly footsteps in the dead of night.

Also within easy driving distance from the city are impressive stone circles, standing stones and burial cairns, some dating back as far as the Bronze Age. Every spring and summer the length and breadth of Scotland, visitors enjoy Highland Games that celebrate the diversity of Scottish culture. These popular events focus on competitive music, dancing and heavy athletics such as caber tossing.

There are more castles per acre here than anywhere else in the UK:

- Balmoral Castle in nearby Royal Deeside, was bought by Queen Victoria in 1852, and is a summer retreat for the British Royal Family
- Craigievar Castle near Alford was the inspiration for Walt Disney's fairytale castle
- Slains Castle at Cruden Bay is said to have inspired Bram Stoker's Dracula
- The spectacular ruins of Dunnottar Castle south of the city were the stunning backdrop for Franco Zeffirelli's Hamlet, starring Mel Gibson

The Granite City is a great base from where to explore Scotland and the rest of the UK thanks to its great road and rail links; mainland Europe is only a short flight away from Aberdeen's International Airport.

## The great outdoors

The area around Aberdeen offers a great selection of outdoor pursuits including surfing and kite boarding at the beach, as well as hillwalking, skiing, snowboarding and equestrian pursuits. With around 52 golf courses in Scotland's castle and whisky country, there's one to play every week of the year.

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

**DID YOU KNOW?  
IT IS ESTIMATED THAT  
THERE WERE ONCE  
UP TO 3,000 CASTLES  
IN SCOTLAND**



# Undergraduate study

## Like the USA and Canada, Scotland has a four year undergraduate degree system, with an emphasis on breadth and flexibility.

The Aberdeen degree is structured in a way that allows students to study a broad range of subjects during their first two years, before specialising in their third year of study.

We offer over 70 subjects at undergraduate level, spanning the Arts and Humanities, Business, Law, Science, Engineering and Medical Sciences. While you are required to select a particular subject when applying to the University, the tradition at Aberdeen is to admit students to the overall degree programme, such as the Master of Arts or the Bachelor of Science, rather than to a particular subject. For example, a student accepted to study History would be admitted to the degree of Master of Arts, while a student accepted to study Biology would be accepted to the degree of Bachelor of Science.

The flexible structure of our four year system also means that while they will begin taking classes in their chosen subject in their first year, they will also have the opportunity to take classes from different subjects and also to switch to another subject (major) during the course of their studies.

## Enhanced study

The selection of optional courses is managed through the system known as Enhanced Study, which is designed to ensure that students optimise their choice of optional courses and take full advantage of the choice and flexibility offered by the Aberdeen degree system. There are three types of Enhanced Study options:

## Sustained study

Sustained Study offers students the opportunity to study another subject alongside their main subject throughout the first two years of their degree programme. Popular options include languages such as Arabic, French, Gaelic or Chinese (Mandarin), though other options include Business, Computing, and Conservation & Environment.

## Sixth century courses

Sixth Century courses are courses which have been specially designed to offer multi-disciplinary approaches to knowledge and enquiry and to encourage students to develop a deeper critical understanding of their discipline area, by setting the subject in a wider context.

## Discipline breadth courses

Students can also choose optional classes from another subject area. The course might be related to your core subject or entirely unrelated. For example, a student studying History might choose a related course in Archaeology or an entirely unrelated course in Biology.

## Undergraduate tuition fees 2019/20

The annual tuition fee is based on the subject area of your degree programme. Arts-based programmes include Arts, Social Sciences, Divinity and Law while Science based programmes include Science and Engineering.

For more information on tuition fees, please visit:

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



## Scholarships and aid

### North American Merit Scholarship

From September 2020 onward, we have three 1st year Merit Scholarships available to you, as well as Academic Performance Awards (available after 1st year) for ongoing academic excellence. The scholarship offers between 10% to 50% discount on tuition fees for each year of study. For information on the Bishop James Blair, Justice Bertha Wilson and Dr William Thornton Scholarships, please visit:

[www.abdn.ac.uk/study/NA scholarships](http://www.abdn.ac.uk/study/NA scholarships)

### Findlay Walker Scholarship (US Students)

In honour of Dr J Findlay Walker (MBChB 1967), the Findlay Walker Scholarship Program awards scholarships of \$2,000 towards tuition/fees for the first year of study to two US students. All US students who apply for an undergraduate place at the University of Aberdeen no later than 15 January will automatically be considered.



### Federal Aid (US Students)

With the exception of some Medical and Certificate / Diploma programmes, University of Aberdeen programmes are eligible for Federal Direct, Parent Plus and Graduate PLUS loans. For more information, please refer to our US Federal Aid webpage:

[www.abdn.ac.uk/infohub/finance/us-federal-direct-loans.php](http://www.abdn.ac.uk/infohub/finance/us-federal-direct-loans.php)

[usaloans@abdn.ac.uk](mailto:usaloans@abdn.ac.uk)

### Entry requirements

Entry requirements can vary depending on the programme applied for. As a general guide, students should present the following minimum requirements to be considered for admission to undergraduate degree programmes.

### Canada

Canadian students should present an average of 75% in the relevant high school diploma for their province or territory. Students applying to Law, Science and Engineering may require higher grades in specific subjects.

### Mexico

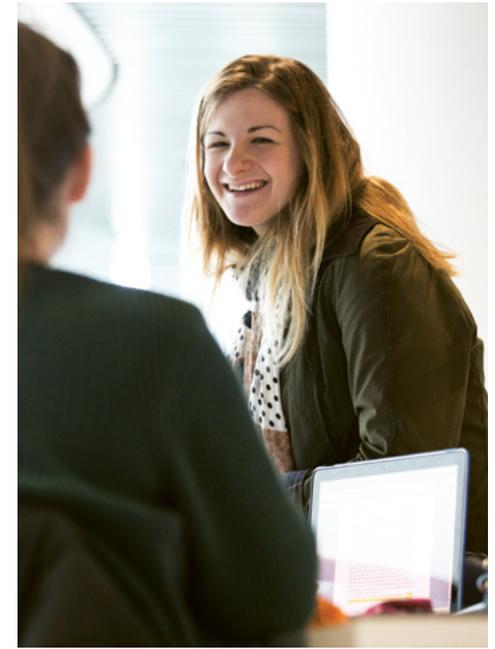
The University of Aberdeen welcomes applications from students from Mexico presenting a range of qualifications including GCE A Levels, the US High Diploma (with other standardised tests including the SAT, ACT or APs) or the International Baccalaureate. Students presenting the Bachillerato or Prepa are normally required to complete a recognised Foundation year programme for admission to undergraduate study.

### United States

Applicants from the United States should present the following minimum requirements to be considered for admission:

High School GPA of 3.0, plus at least one of the following:

- SAT score of 1250, with 600 in Evidence-Based Reading and Writing, or
- ACT composite score of 26, or
- 1 SAT Subject Test score of 600, or
- 1 AP Subject Test at grade 3



Applicants for Law, Science and Engineering programmes may be required to present additional SAT Subject tests or AP exams in relevant subjects.

### International Baccalaureate (IB)

The University of Aberdeen also accepts the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma. For further information, please refer to

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

### English Language Requirements

Students whose first language is not English must also meet the University's English Language requirements. For more information, please refer to

[www.abdn.ac.uk/study/international/english-requirements](http://www.abdn.ac.uk/study/international/english-requirements)

### How to apply

Students applying from the United States, Canada or Mexico for undergraduate admission to the University of Aberdeen may apply through UCAS (ucas.com). Alternatively, applicants may choose to apply through Common App (commonapp.org) for all programmes except Medicine. Please note that you may only use one method of application.



# Undergraduate programme list

## Arts, Business and Social Sciences

- Accountancy
- Anthropology
- Archaeology
- Behavioural Studies
- Business Management
- Celtic & Anglo-Saxon Studies
- Divinity
- Economics
- English
- Film & Visual Culture
- Finance
- French
- Gaelic Studies
- Geography
- German
- History
- Politics and International Relations
- Language & Linguistics
- Mathematics
- Mental Philosophy
- Music
- Music Education
- Natural Philosophy
- Philosophy
- Politics
- Psychology
- Real Estate
- Scottish Cultural Studies
- Scottish Studies
- Sociology
- Spanish and Latin American Studies
- Theology
- Zoology

## Engineering

- Chemical Engineering
- Civil Engineering
- Engineering (General Entry)
- Electrical and Electronic Engineering
- Electronic and Software Engineering
- Mechanical Engineering
- Petroleum Engineering

## Law

- Law (LLB)
- Law (LLB - Accelerated 2 years)
- Law (LLB) with English Law
- Law with English Law (LLB Accelerated 2 years)
- Legal Studies

## Life Sciences

- Animal Behaviour
- Behavioural Biology
- Biological Sciences
- Biology
- Conservation Biology
- Ecology
- Environmental Chemistry
- Environmental Science
- Marine Biology
- Plant and Soil Science

## Medical Sciences and Medicine

- Biochemistry
- Biomedical Sciences
- Biotechnology
- Exercise and Health Science
- Genetics
- Human Embryology and Developmental
- Immunology
- Medicine
- Microbiology
- Molecular Biology
- Neuroscience with Psychology
- Pharmacology
- Physiology
- Sports and Exercise Science

## Sciences

- Applied Mathematics
- Archaeology
- Chemistry
- Computing
- Computing Science
- Geography
- Geology
- Geology and Petroleum Geology
- Mathematics
- Oil and Gas Chemistry
- Physics

**For a full programme list, please visit:**  
[www.abdn.ac.uk/undergraduate](http://www.abdn.ac.uk/undergraduate)

# Postgraduate study

The University of Aberdeen offers a wide range of Master's and Doctoral level programmes based on our particular research strengths, aimed at students who wish to gain further, more specialised, knowledge of a particular subject.

## *Master's programmes*

- Taught Master's programmes are 12 months in duration, usually consisting of 9 months of coursework, followed by a 3 month research project and dissertation.
- Teaching methods combine lectures, seminars, project work, and independent reading, as well as laboratory work in relevant disciplines.
- Masters programmes are designed to build on your undergraduate studies to develop further expertise in a particular subject as well as developing your research skills and are an ideal springboard to Doctoral studies or for entry to a profession.
- Certain programmes in areas like Business, Finance, Education or Health Science may also satisfy certain professional requirements.
- Masters programmes commence in September, though some also offer a January start date.



## *PhD programmes*

As a research intensive university, Aberdeen offers supervision across a range of PhD programmes. PhD programmes may include some minor coursework in subjects such as research skills and methodology, however they mainly involve independent research under faculty supervision and writing a thesis. Programmes can vary in length, but a PhD programme normally takes a minimum of 3 years.

## *Postgraduate entry requirements*

Entry to a Master or PhD programme usually requires the equivalent of a 2:1 (Upper Second Class Honours) British degree, or a 2:2 (Lower Second Class) British Degree. Postgraduate programmes at the University of Aberdeen and other British universities do not generally require standardised tests such as the GRE, GMAT, LSAT, MCAT etc. Instead, applicants are assessed on the merit and relevance of their undergraduate studies, as well as references and personal statement.

DID YOU KNOW?  
75% OF THE  
UNIVERSITY'S  
RESEARCH RANKED  
AS EITHER  
INTERNATIONALLY  
EXCELLENT OR  
WORLD LEADING  
REF 2014





### Canada and the United States

A degree with a CGPA of 3.3 - 3.5 in an honours programme, with a minimum of 3.5 in degree relevant subjects, is considered comparable to a 2:1 British degree. A degree with a CGPA of 3.0 is considered comparable to a 2.2 British degree.

### Mexico

A degree with a CGPA of 8.5 is considered comparable to a 2:1 British degree. A degree with a CGPA of 7.5 is considered comparable to a 2.2 British degree.

### English Language Requirements

Students whose first language is not English must also meet the University's English Language requirements. For more information, please refer to

[www.abdn.ac.uk/study/international/english-requirements](http://www.abdn.ac.uk/study/international/english-requirements)

### How to apply

All our postgraduate taught and research programmes, with the exception of PGDE and Education Programmes (including Studies in Mindfulness and Person-Centred Counselling), can be applied for online directly to the University at

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

In order to submit an application you will need to upload a completed online Postgraduate Application form along with your academic transcripts/certificates and also a personal statement.

Please note that PhD programmes require a research proposal as part of the application process. Students interested in applying for a PhD programme are therefore advised to contact a member of faculty to discuss their research interests and to agree a research topic before submitting formal application.

### Postgraduate tuition fees 2019/20

The annual tuition fee is based on the subject area of your degree programme. Arts-based programmes include Arts, Social Sciences, Divinity and Law while Science based programmes include Science and Engineering.

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### Scholarships and aid

For more information on scholarships, bursaries, loans and discounts available through the University and externally from organisations, companies and charities, please refer to the University of Aberdeen funding database at

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



### Conacyt (Mexico)

The University of Aberdeen is among 25 Higher Education Institutions in the UK who can receive fully funded students for postgraduate taught and research programmes. For more information on all active calls that CONACYT has with the Mexican states please check the website:

<https://bit.ly/1G2Ujm5>

### Federal Aid (US Students)

With the exception of the MBChB Medicine Certificate and Diploma programmes all other full and part-time programmes are eligible for Federal Direct, Parent Plus and Graduate PLUS loans. However, we are not authorised to certify eligibility for any grants. For more information, please refer to our US Federal Aid web-page at:

[www.abdn.ac.uk/infohub/finance/us-federal-direct-loans.php](http://www.abdn.ac.uk/infohub/finance/us-federal-direct-loans.php)

### FUNED/FIDERH

The University of Aberdeen have agreements with both FUNED and FIDERH with applicants eligible to receive a discount on their tuition fees.

<http://funedmx.org>

<https://www.fiderh.org.mx>

# Postgraduate programme list

## Arts and Social Sciences

- Art and Business
- Comparative European Societies
- Creative Writing
- Creative and Cultural Communication
- English Literary Studies
- Ethnology and Folklore
- Film and Visual Culture
- Global Conflict and Peace Processes
- Globalization
- Human Rights
- International Relations
- Latin American Studies
- Medieval and Early Modern Studies
- Ministry Studies
- Modern History
- Museum Studies
- Music
- Pastoral Studies and Applied Theology
- People and the Environment
- Person-Centred Counselling
- Political Research
- Post-Conflict Justice and Peacebuilding
- Professional Communication
- Religion and Society
- Scandinavian Studies
- Sex, Gender, Violence
- Social Anthropology
- Social Research
- Sociology
- Sonic Arts
- Strategic Studies
- TESOL
- Translation Studies
- Vocal Music

## Business

- Accounting and Finance
- Business Administration (MBA)
- Energy Management (MBA)
- Finance and Investment Management
- Finance and Real Estate
- Financial Mathematics
- International Business Management
- International Political Economy
- Marketing Management
- Petroleum, Energy Economics and Finance
- Real Estate
- Rural Surveying and Rural Property Management

For a full list of taught postgraduate programmes, or more information about research degrees, please visit: [www.abdn.ac.uk/postgraduate](http://www.abdn.ac.uk/postgraduate) and [www.abdn.ac.uk/postgraduate-research](http://www.abdn.ac.uk/postgraduate-research)

## Law

- Criminal Justice
- Criminal Justice and Human Rights
- Energy and Environmental Law
- Energy Law
- Energy Politics and Law
- Intellectual Property Law
- International Commercial Law
- International Law
- Oil and Gas Law
- Private International Law
- Professional Legal Practice
- Public International Law

## Life Sciences and Health Sciences

- Applied Marine and Fisheries Ecology
- Clinical Pharmacology
- Drug Discovery
- Ecology and Conservation
- Environmental and Forest Management
- Environmental Partnership Management

## Environmental Science

- Genetics
- Global Health and Management
- Health Psychology
- Human Nutrition
- Immunology
- Master of Public Health
- Medical Imaging
- Medical Physics
- Microbiology
- Physician Associate Studies
- Psychology
- Soil Science
- Stratified Medicine and Pharmacological Innovation

## Physical Sciences

- Advanced Mechanical Engineering
- Analytical Chemistry
- Archaeology
- Archaeology of the North
- Decommissioning
- Geographical Information Systems

## Geophysics

- Information Technology
- Integrated Petroleum Geoscience
- Oil and Gas Chemistry
- Oil and Gas Engineering
- Oil and Gas Enterprise Management
- Petroleum Engineering
- Process Safety
- Renewable Energy Engineering
- Reservoir Engineering
- Safety and Reliability Engineering
- Subsea Engineering



We offer **over 150** taught Postgraduate degrees



## *Delaine*

MA International Relations  
and Legal Studies  
from USA

I enjoy living in Aberdeen because of the international community on campus. There are over 100 different nationalities at the University, so you can make friends with people from all over the world. It feels like you are gaining a cross-cultural experience without even having to leave the campus! In addition, I really like how close you are close to the Highlands, so I can go hiking with my friends on the weekends and enjoy the beautiful scenery that Scotland has to offer.

## *Diego*

LLM in Oil and Gas Law  
from Mexico

I chose Aberdeen because of the unquestionable relevance of the city to the Oil and Gas sector. Additionally, the University has a long tradition of being centre stage of innovation and meaningful applied research. The extraordinary cultural diversity of its population, the peace of its streets and the permanent feeling of being welcome, make living and studying in Aberdeen very enjoyable.

## *Meredith*

LLB Accelerated (with English Law)  
from Canada

Each student in law is given a personal tutor. They are there for you as much as you need or want. I have often gone to talk to my personal tutor for advice about how to approach some of the more difficult subjects or just to sit and chat about how the semester is going and so on. Moreover, the professors are approachable and seem to love discussing things with their students. They are supportive and evidently want their students to do well. They offer advice and give guidance as you need and ask for it. They are clearly all very passionate about their subjects and want to share their knowledge. I enjoy going to speak to professors about problems from classes or tutorials that I would like more information on or ask them for direction towards sources to use. In terms of exams and papers, they are often willing to sit with a student and explain how to improve for the next time and encourage you to do better.

Aberdeen itself is small and it is easy to get to other parts of the country from here. It's nice to be close enough to the ocean that you can see it from the library, while only being a bus ride away from fantastic castles and the countryside

## *Audrey*

BSci Biomedical Sciences (Anatomy)  
from Connecticut, USA

I first fell in love with the University of Aberdeen, sophomore year in high school, while I was in my guidance counselor's office looking for potential universities. Just looking at the information booklet, everything about the university appealed to me, from the location, degrees offered and of course, the beautiful library! Being here has truly opened my horizons.

Coming from a small town in the States, attending the University of Aberdeen has been a game changer for me. I have met people literally from all over the world! Students and staff here at the University have been very helpful and welcoming. I am on the committee of two different societies. The Aberdeen University Dance Society and the Red Cross Group. The Red Cross group focuses on first aid and scenario training and has helped me with my problem solving skills while also giving me everyday knowledge on first aiding. AUDES is the largest society on campus and through the Society I have been able to let loose after a hard day of studying and try different forms of dance while meeting new people. My piece of advice to someone considering going abroad for university is that they should do a lot of research and don't hesitate in asking questions.

# Student accommodation

**All new students are guaranteed a place in university accommodation, provided the application reaches us by the deadline.**

We offer a range of options in or close to the Old Aberdeen Campus, the Hillhead Student Village and the City Centre. All the rooms are single study bedrooms with both en-suite and standard facilities available with prices to suit all budgets.

## ***Undergraduate students***

Undergraduate students can choose between the halls on the Old Aberdeen campus or Hillhead Student Village, which is a 15 minute walk from the centre of campus. Whether you choose Old Aberdeen or Hillhead, catered or self-catered, you will have your own single study bedroom.

Most students live in the self-catered halls at Hillhead Student Village. These are mainly apartment (suite) style units, with shared kitchens and bathrooms. Adam Smith, Fyfe and Wavell are corridor style rooms with shared kitchen space and bathroom facilities at the end of the corridor..



**DID YOU KNOW?  
ABERDEEN IS RANKED  
AS SCOTLAND'S  
SAFEST CITY**

SOURCE: PROVIDENT FINANCIAL, *UNBROKEN BRITAIN* - 2018



## ***Postgraduate students***

The University also offers a number of Halls exclusively for postgraduate (or sometimes older undergraduate) students. Elphinstone Road Flats, The Spital, and Kings Hall are all located a short walk from the centre of campus and consist of single study bedrooms, organised into flats (apartments) of between 3-7 residents, with shared kitchen and other facilities per flat.

This means that you have the same level of privacy and independence as you would have living in an apartment off campus, but with the convenience of being able to book your room before you arrive.

There are also a number of off-campus halls of residence for postgraduate students, which are owned and managed by private housing companies, but can be booked through the University's accommodation office. These include King Street, King Street Exchange and Trinity Court.

For more information, please refer to the accommodation website at

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

# Student life

## International students are welcome to join the numerous student clubs and societies at the University of Aberdeen.

Special sign up days are held at the beginning of each semester where you can go along and find out about the many ways you can get involved.

### *Student societies*

The Aberdeen University Student Association (AUSA) runs over 120 societies, ranging from Departmental Societies, relating to the various departments within the University, to Cultural Societies, Creative Arts Societies and various General Interest Societies relating to different interests or hobbies.

AUSA arranges numerous other activities throughout the year and you'll have plenty of opportunities to try out the activities of a particular society before deciding to join. All our societies hold regular events and socials which offer a fantastic opportunity to meet like-minded students. Find out more at:

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

### *Student sports*

Students can also choose from 50 sports clubs. If you don't want to compete, AUSA organises a wide range of non-competitive clubs, intra-mural leagues and one-off sporting events. Sporting options range from indoor sports such as volleyball and basketball, to field sports including soccer, rugby and lacrosse. There are also clubs that offer activities such as snow sports, sailing, scuba-diving, hillwalking and climbing. These activities provide the opportunity to explore our beautiful country whilst taking part in your chosen sport. Find out more at:

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

### *Student volunteering*

Aberdeen Students' Charities Campaign is a collection of students from across Aberdeen who raise huge amounts of money for local charities through a variety of events. In addition, students can volunteer with local organisations, which is a great way of widening your experience whilst studying abroad. It helps you to build professional skills and opens doors for new opportunities, whether you are running clubs and societies, writing for the newspaper, sitting on committees, putting on events and helping with the University's museums or contributing to the wider Aberdeen community through various charities and fundraising activities. Find out more at

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





### ***International centre***

The International Centre was opened with the purpose of providing a focal point where members of the University of Aberdeen community can meet and engage with all things international and to help international students make the most of their time in Aberdeen. The International Centre holds an annual calendar of events and socialising opportunities for International Students, including day trips, movie nights, and ceilidh dances! Find out more at: [www.abdn.ac.uk/international-centre](http://www.abdn.ac.uk/international-centre)

### ***Careers service***

The University of Aberdeen has one of the best records in the UK for graduate employability. Whether you already have firm plans for your future, or are still making up your mind, we are on hand to help you make informed career decisions and provide the practical support you need to secure a graduate job or a place on a postgraduate programme. The University Careers Service is available to all students throughout their time at Aberdeen, and this continues even after you have graduated. We also offer various employability initiatives, including work placements and career mentoring.

### ***Study abroad***

Many of our degree programmes offer the opportunity for students to spend time in another country – some degree programmes even have a built-in period of study or work abroad, which means you can gain even more international experience, while studying at the University of Aberdeen. Both the Erasmus and the International Exchange programmes offers students the opportunity to spend a semester or a full year studying at one of our partner universities, either in Europe or countries including Australia, Canada, China, Japan, Singapore and the USA.

### ***International student support***

We understand that attending university abroad is a huge investment in your future, and we are dedicated to ensuring all of our international students feel part of the University community. With a third of our students coming to Aberdeen from overseas, the University of Aberdeen has a great deal of experience in welcoming and helping international students adjusting to student life in Scotland. Supports include:

- International Recruitment and Admissions Officers (Admissions enquiries)
- International Student Advisers (Visas and Immigration enquiries)
- International Centre
- International Orientation
- Counselling Service
- Chaplaincies
- Resident Assistants (RAs)
- AUSA Student Advice Centre



## TOP 30 UK UNIVERSITY

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# Student visa and immigration regulations

**All international (except European Economic Area and Swiss nationals) students are required to apply for entry clearance to enter the UK.**



## ***Tier 4 visa***

Any international (except European Economic Area and Swiss nationals) student planning to study full-time in the UK for more than six months will need to apply for their visa under Tier 4. The visa application is based on a points based assessment. 40 points are needed to be granted a visa. You score:

- 30 points for Confirmation of Acceptance of Studies (CAS), which is a number generated when a licensed immigration sponsor enters your data into the relevant Home Office electronic system; and
- 10 points if you can show that you have enough finances to cover your programme fees for the first 12 months and monthly living expenses for up to 9 months (known as maintenance).

For further information visit

[www.gov.uk/browse/visas-immigration/student-visas](https://www.gov.uk/browse/visas-immigration/student-visas)

## ***Health insurance***

International students coming to the UK on a Tier 4 visa for a period of study of more than 6 months are required to pay an Immigration Health Surcharge. This charge is mandatory as part of your visa application and entitles international students to be able to use the National Health Service during the duration of your stay in the UK. For more information please visit:

[www.gov.uk/healthcare-immigration-application](https://www.gov.uk/healthcare-immigration-application)

## **Marketing and Student Recruitment**

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