UNIVERSITY OF ABERDEEN

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TERM DATES 2022-2023

https://www.abdn.ac.uk/students/academic-life/semester-dates.php

SEMESTER 1

Term starts: Monday 12 September
Term ends: Friday 16 December

SEMESTER 2

Term starts: Monday 16 January
Term ends: Friday 12 May
APPLICATION PROCESS

NOMINATIONS

All applicants must be nominated to the University of Aberdeen by their home university. An email should be sent to erasmus@abdn.ac.uk detailing the applicant’s name, email address, proposed length of stay and subject area. There are no separate nomination deadlines, but universities should aim to send nominations in a timely manner allowing their students sufficient time to meet our application deadlines (detailed below).

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

A link to the online application will be sent to all nominated students via email, one month prior to the application deadline. Applications will only be accepted from students who have been officially nominated by their home universities. Applications which are late or incomplete will not be accepted.

As part of the online application, applicants are required to upload the following documents:
1. Provisional course selection
2. Official Transcript of Records detailing results of previous university-level study in English
3. Confirmation of B2 English level or above through a Statement of Language Level (for single semester exchange)/English Language Certificate (for full year exchange, see English Language section below)

Template documents for the Provisional Course Selection and Statement of Language Level will be provided to nominated students.

Applications generally take four weeks to be processed.

APPLICATION DEADLINES

FOR SEMESTER 1/FULL YEAR

15 May

FOR SEMESTER 2

15 October
Information on choosing courses can be found on our website.

Exchange students may apply to take courses at undergraduate level. All course choices are subject to timetabling and previous study experience. A provisional course selection should be uploaded as part of the application. Advice and feedback concerning the course selection will be given by the designated academic Go Abroad Tutor in the letter of acceptance. Please wait until the acceptance letter has been received before sending us the Online Learning Agreement for approval, so that it can be addressed to the correct Go Abroad Tutor.

Students wishing to take courses in English Literature/Linguistics at Level 3 must sit a Diagnostic Test at the start of term. Other course restrictions can be found at the link above. Aberdeen credits should be halved to find the equivalent rate in ECTS credits. The normal workload for Aberdeen students is 120 credits (= 60 ECTS) per year; 60 credits (= 30 ECTS) per semester.

**Exchange students must select at least 50% of their courses from the School that owns the interinstitutional agreement between their home university and the University of Aberdeen. A list of Schools and subject areas can be found in our course catalogue.**

**ENGLISH LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS**

Applicants MUST have a good level of English prior to their arrival – we require a minimum of B2 on the CEFR scale. How this is evidenced will depend on the type of visa that a student requires:

**Single semester exchange students:** we will accept a Statement of Language Level signed by the home institution, confirming that the student’s level of English is B2 or above, as per requirements for the Standard Visitor Visa.

**Full year exchange students:** we will accept a range of official certificates and qualifications (including school-level qualifications) as per requirements for the Student Visa. Additionally we may be able to accept official certificates from from the language school of your institution.
**SINGLE SEMESTER EXCHANGE STUDENTS**

Students coming for one semester (six months or less) with a non-UK/non-Irish passport should enter the UK on a **Standard Visitor Visa**. The cost, application process and timeline for this visa depends on the student’s nationality. Non-visa Nationals (EU/EEA/Swiss/++) can generally gain entry clearance as a visitor on arrival. Visa Nationals will have to apply for entry clearance in advance. Check the [gov.uk visa guidance](https://www.gov.uk) to find out which process applies.

Students are not permitted to work (either paid or unpaid) in the UK while studying on this type of visa and must leave the UK within six months of the date of arrival. Students will be required to complete a Right to Study Check with the University of Aberdeen on arrival.

Students coming to the UK on a Standard Visitor Visa should purchase health/medical insurance in their home country before departing for Aberdeen, as they will not have access to the National Health Service (NHS) in Scotland (with very limited exceptions for medical emergencies).

**FULL YEAR EXCHANGE STUDENTS**

Students coming for longer than six months on a non-UK passport must apply for a **Student Visa**. This visa has a strict application process, further information about the supporting documents, language requirements and financial proof which may be required here. The visa application has a fee of £348.

Students are generally allowed to work up to 20 hours per week on this type of visa.

Non-EU/EEA/Swiss students coming to the UK on a Student Visa have to pay an NHS health surcharge of £470 per year of study, at the point of applying. EU/EEA/Swiss students do not need to pay the surcharge but must ensure they hold a valid European Health Insurance Card (EHIC). The surcharge payment/EHIC card entitles Student Visa holders to access the NHS in the UK in the same way as a permanent UK resident.
YOUR STAY IN ABERDEEN

ACCOMMODATION
https://www.abdn.ac.uk/accommodation/

All incoming exchange students are guaranteed a place in University-managed or partner accommodation provided they have submitted their application by accommodation application deadline. The online application for accommodation cannot be completed until students have received a Letter of Acceptance from the Go Abroad Team which will contain the information required to apply.

EXTENSIONS

While applications to extend an exchange from a single semester to full academic year can be considered on a case-by-case basis, in line with the places available on the inter-institutions agreement, there are also visa considerations. Students cannot switch from a Visitor Visa to a Student Visa while in the UK, and would be required to return to their home country to submit a new visa application.

ATTENDANCE

Please note that we will only sign arrival and departure paperwork for dates within the semester, ie if a student arrives a week early or stays a week late, this will not be noted on the certificate of attendance.

TRANSCRIPTS

A Transcript of Records will be issued once assessment results from all departments across the University have been finalised and published. An electronic version will be sent to the student's email address, and copied to the home university. Original versions are available on request.
OTHER USEFUL LINKS

University of Aberdeen Covid-19 FAQs
Scottish Government Covid-19 Information
Student Support (Disability Adviser)
Go Abroad Tutors (Academic Contacts)
Grading System

SOCIAL MEDIA LINKS

University Facebook
University Youtube Channel
Go Abroad Team Instagram