An ancient university
with impact
WHAT DO YOU ENJOY MOST ABOUT LIVING AND STUDYING IN ABERDEEN?

“Aberdeen is a very peaceful and friendly environment with a range of diverse cultural, ethnic and religious backgrounds. The cost of living was cheaper than I expected and the people I met were nice and kind to me. Aberdeen is a great place to study - it’s worth every penny! I love Aberdeen.”

Adesola Opeyemi Adetoye
MSc Renewable Energy Engineering

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Aberdeen is the fifth oldest university in the UK but we have an outlook that is truly twenty-first century. We are ranked 28th globally for International Outlook*, ranked 31st overall in the world for societal and environmental impact** - and have a great reputation for world-leading research that attracts outstanding students and academics from across the globe.

Our rich heritage, impactful research and learning excellence has contributed to our association with five Nobel Prize winners and more recently being named ‘Scottish University of the Year 2019’ by The Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide.

In 1495, our founder stated that the University of Aberdeen would be ‘Open to all and dedicated to the pursuit of truth in the service of others’. We honour this statement by warmly inviting you to join our Aberdeen family and to become part of the next chapter in history.

*Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2020
**Times Higher Education Impact Rankings 2019
Ancient university with impact

Founded 1495

Scottish University of the Year

14,500 students

130+ nationalities

Olympic Standard

Aberdeen Sports Village

Associated with FIVE Nobel Prizes

Overall 31st in the world for societal and environmental impact

International Global Networks

Campus in Qatar, Alliance with Curtin University and Partnership in Sri Lanka

Over 150 sports clubs and societies

Sir Duncan Rice Library named one of the most beautiful in the world

75% of research classified as world leading

In the top 200 universities in the world

Ranked in the TOP 30 UNIVERSITIES in the UK

Complete University Guide 2020 and The Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide 2019

***In line with the 2014 Research Excellence Framework (REF) results | ****Times Higher Education Impact Rankings 2019

**Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2019 | ***CEOWORLD magazine, 2016

**The Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide 2019 | **CEOWORLD magazine, 2016
Where our students come from

Over 40% of our students originated from outside of the UK in 2018/19

Closer than you think

The University of Aberdeen is closer than you think. Regular trains link Aberdeen to key hubs within the UK, including Glasgow, Edinburgh, Manchester and London. A variety of domestic and international flights make Aberdeen easily reachable, wherever you’re travelling from in the world.

1.5h flight from London
1.25h flight from Manchester
55m flight from Newcastle
2.5h train from Glasgow
2.5h train from Edinburgh
1.5h flight to Amsterdam
2h flight to Paris

PLEASE NOTE
This map is for guidance only and should not be taken as a definitive or exhaustive representation of our student body.
Truly international

The University of Aberdeen has a truly international outlook, with staff, partners and alliances working with us from different institutions and countries across the globe.

AFG College with the University of Aberdeen
AFG College with the University of Aberdeen, located in Doha, Qatar, opened its doors in September 2017. By September 2021, phase two will have been fully developed, providing the campus with a capacity for over 4000 students and the ability to offer degrees in engineering, education, medical science and social science. The campus currently delivers two of the following four degrees:

• MA Business Management
• MA Accountancy & Finance
• Master of Business Administration (MBA)
• MSc International Business Management

If you are interested in studying one of the degrees above at our Qatar campus, please visit our dedicated webpages. abdn.ac.uk/Qatar

Curtin University Alliance
The Aberdeen-Curtin Alliance was established in early 2017, combining 500 years of academic strength, history and tradition at Scotland’s University of Aberdeen with the ambition and innovation of the rapidly growing Curtin University, based in Perth, Western Australia. The alliance has provided many opportunities for staff and students alike, including:

Collaborative PhDs
The alliance offers students the opportunity to undertake a collaborative PhD in projects across a broad range of focus areas including energy and engineering, health and medicine, creative arts and business. You will spend time at each institution and will be supervised by both Aberdeen and Curtin research staff. Further information on current PhDs and scholarships are available online.

abdn.ac.uk/research/collaborative-phds

International exchange and Erasmus study
The Erasmus exchange programme lets you study in another European country as part of your degree whereas our International Exchange Programme provides opportunities to spend a year or semester of study at our International Exchange partners in Australia, Canada, China, Hong Kong, Japan, Mexico, Singapore, South Africa, South Korea or the USA.

abdn.ac.uk/pgt/global-exchange

MSc Global Subsea Engineering
A Masters degree where students study the first semester at Aberdeen and the other at Curtin before returning to complete their individual project in Aberdeen.

For more information on the alliance, please visit our webpages.

abdn.ac.uk/pgt/global-subsea-eng

Sri Lanka Medical Pathway
The University, together with Sri Lanka’s International Institute of Health Sciences have created a Medical pathway for those interested in a career in Medicine. Students entering the Medical Pathway will spend the first three years of the programme in Aberdeen, and then upon successful completion, spend the remaining two years gaining clinical experience in Sri Lanka.

abdn.ac.uk/sri-lanka

International careers
Studying at the University of Aberdeen gives our students a competitive advantage because the University has an excellent global network of employers, research institutions and other universities. Students who are looking to have an international career benefit from this as they come in to contact with many different nationalities on campus, collaborate through our networks and find employment through the Careers service, which works with global organisations.

abdn.ac.uk/careers

RESEARCH IN THE SPOTLIGHT
Arsenic in rice
Led by Professor Jörg Feldmann, a team from the University of Aberdeen developed methodologies for measuring the levels of inorganic arsenic in rice. After implementing tests on products worldwide, the team discovered that levels were significantly higher in the USA than in countries such as Bangladesh, due to the herbicides used by the USA in fields where rice is grown. But although the team’s findings attracted significant attention from food groups and federations, it was not until China implemented a maximum permissible level for the first time, and introduced a new import regulation, that major food authorities began to act. Based on China’s new benchmark, the research team demonstrated that many European products, including baby rice, did not pass the new regulatory limit.

As a result of this research, the World Health Organisation (WHO) and the UN’s Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) came together to examine contaminants in rice and consider the team’s suggestions for a maximum permissible level of inorganic arsenic. In 2016, these recommendations were implemented when the EU introduced new laws to regulate the levels of inorganic arsenic in rice.
Aberdeen combines city, countryside and coastline to give you a little of everything. The University campus is only thirty minutes walk from the city centre, where it's vibrant and creative atmosphere will keep you inspired throughout your studies.
The city of Aberdeen – your new home

Aberdeen is a unique student city, characterised by a mixture of distinctive architecture, cosmopolitan spirit, northern light and its proximity to the sea.

Cosmopolitan Spirit
The city of Aberdeen is a big player in the energy industry and is home to two well recognised universities. As such, Aberdeen has attracted people from all over the world, making it a multi-cultural city, where you can quickly feel at home.

Arts and Culture
From historical venues such as His Majesty’s Theatre and the Music Hall, to smaller intimate spaces for live entertainment such as The Lemon Tree or the Blue Lamp, Aberdeen has something to offer everyone. The city also hosts international show tours and festivals across genres including art, live music, opera, theatre and comedy. Find out more at: aberdeenperformingarts.com aberdeenfestivals.com

Food and drink
The city offers a fantastic mix of both well-known restaurant chains and quirky independently owned bistros and eateries offering the best local produce. You will find restaurant and cafes that cater for vegan, gluten-free and halal diets across the city. You will also come across many different international themed eateries including American, Brazilian, European, Chinese, Thai, Turkish, West African and Indian.

Shopping
Whether in the city’s shopping malls, numerous retail parks, or in the bustling city centre itself, shoppers can find high street and designer stores, as well as independent retailers and international street markets. The city also benefits from next day delivery services from many online sellers.

Health, style and beauty
Aberdeen has a huge choice of hairdressers, barbers and beauticians to keep you looking and feeling your best throughout your time here. You will find everything from extension and braiding salons to traditional Turkish barbershops.

Your city

City centre to airport in 20mins
One of the most affordable cities for students
Aberdeen is Scotland’s safest city
Our coastline is one of the world’s 20 most iconic landscapes

**QS Top Universities 2019 | **Unbroken Britain Survey, May 2018 - Provident Financial

***National Geographic
The countryside and beyond

Wildlife
The city and surrounding countryside is famously known for many different types of wildlife. Spot dolphins in the North Sea, or see hundreds of seals at the Sands of Forvie National Nature Reserve — less than 20 miles from the city centre. To catch a glimpse of rare animal and plant species, visit the Cairngorms National Park, which is home to 25% of the UK’s threatened birds, animal and plant species.

Proud of our history
Evidence of Aberdeenshire’s past is still very prominent today, with historical attractions ranging from the Neolithic age to World War II. Stone circles, castles, ruins and other buildings can be found all over the city and surrounding countryside. One of our most well-known castles is Dunnottar Castle, a 13th century castle, beautifully situated beside the dramatic North Sea.

Beaches and Coastline
The North East of Scotland boasts over 150 miles of stunning coastline. As such, the region is home to some of Scotland’s most beautiful sandy beaches and the most breath-taking cliffs. There are many walking trails and plenty of opportunities to take part in water sports, such as surfing.

See the Northern Lights (Aurora Borealis)
A once in a lifetime experience, the Aurora Borealis is a stunning example of natural beauty that can only be seen from certain spots in the world (we’re thrilled to say we’re one of them). For hundreds of years Aberdeenshire has been a famous hot spot for this magical light show, attracting visitors from across the world. Look out for Aurora forecasts online, which help you pinpoint the best time and place to see the show.

aurorawatch.lancs.ac.uk

Source: National Geographic
With scholarship and bursary schemes available, plus professionally accredited degrees and enhanced study options, we have everything in place to help you get the most out of your time here.

Studying at Aberdeen
### Undergraduate subjects of study

#### ARTS, BUSINESS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

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

#### ENGINEERING

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

#### LAW

- Law (LLB)
- Law (LLB - Accelerated 2 years)
- Law (LLB) 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
- Zoology

#### MEDICAL SCIENCES AND MEDICINE

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

#### SCIENCES

- Archaeology
- Chemistry
- Computing Science
- Geography
- Geology
- Geology and Geophysics
- Geosciences
- Mathematics
- Oil and Gas Chemistry
- Physics

For a full programme list, please visit: abdn.ac.uk/undergraduate

Many joint degrees available. Check our website for full details.

Over 370 degree programmes
Postgraduate subjects of study

ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Art and Business
Creative Writing
English Literary Studies
Film and Visual Culture
Global Conflict and Peace Processes
Human Rights
International Relations
International Security
Latin American Studies
Modern History
Music
Person-Centred Counselling
Political Research
Post-Conflict Justice and Peacebuilding
Professional Communication
Religion and Society
Scandinavian Studies
Sex, Gender, Violence
Social Research
Sociology

BUSINESS

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

SONIC ARTS

Sonic Arts
Strategic Studies
TESOL
Translation Studies
Vocal Music

LAW

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

LIFE SCIENCES AND HEALTH SCIENCES

Applied Marine and Fisheries Ecology
Biotechnology, Bioinformatics and Bio-Business
Clinical Pharmacology
Drug Discovery and Development
Ecology and Conservation
Environmental and Forest Management
Environmental Partnership Management
Environmental Science
Genetics
Global Health and Management
Health Psychology
Human Nutrition
Immunology and Immunotherapy

PHYSICAL SCIENCES

Advanced Engineering: Mechanical/Chemical/Structural
Analytical Chemistry
Artificial Intelligence
Archaeology
Decommissioning
Geographical Information Systems
Geophysics
Information Technology
Integrated Petroleum Geoscience
Oil and Gas Engineering
Oil and Gas Enterprise Management
Petroleum Engineering
Process Safety
Renewable Energy Engineering
Reservoir Engineering
Safety and Reliability Engineering
Subsea Engineering

For more information on each programme, please visit: abdn.ac.uk/postgraduate
Undergraduate programmes

How to apply

1. CHOOSE YOUR DEGREE
   Check out the programme section on our website: [abdn.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/degree-programmes](http://abdn.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/degree-programmes)

2. CHECK THE ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
   Entrance requirements vary depending on the degree. Check out the programme/subject section on our online prospectus: [abdn.ac.uk/international/entry-requirements](http://abdn.ac.uk/international/entry-requirements)

3. COMPLETE YOUR UCAS APPLICATION OR APPLY DIRECT
   Deadline for undergraduate applications can be viewed online at: [abdn.ac.uk/study/ug/how-to-apply](http://abdn.ac.uk/study/ug/how-to-apply)

4. EDUCATION, MEDICINE AND MUSIC INTERVIEWS
   If you have applied for one of these degrees you may be called for an interview or audition.

5. YOUR OFFER
   We’ll be in touch to tell you if you have been made an offer (conditional or unconditional) or been unsuccessful early in the year.

6. MAKE ABERDEEN YOUR FIRM CHOICE
   Make Aberdeen your university of choice before the deadline.

7. YOUR SCHOOL EXAMS
   For those still sitting exams: good luck!

8. RESULTS DAY
   If you’re waiting for results, they are released in July and August. We will confirm your place if all conditions are met.

9. UNIVERSITY STARTS
   Get ready to join us. If you would like to visit campus in person before joining, please visit: [abdn.ac.uk/visit](http://abdn.ac.uk/visit)
Postgraduate taught programmes
How to apply

1. CHOOSE YOUR PROGRAMME
This guide contains an overview of all our taught programmes, but you can find much more information and all our entry requirements at: abdn.ac.uk/postgraduate and abdn.ac.uk/international/entry-requirements

2. SUBMIT YOUR ONLINE APPLICATION
All applications should be submitted online through our Applicant Portal: abdn.ac.uk/postgraduate/apply
PGDE applications must be made through UCAS: ucas.com/teacher-training

3. RECEIVING A DECISION
You will be sent an email with our decision. If there are conditions attached to the offer, please upload requested documents to the Applicant Portal as soon as possible.

4. IDENTIFY FUNDING OPTIONS
Most funding bodies have application deadlines, so we advise that you submit your funding application as early as possible. It is important that you have an offer from the University before you apply for funding, so you need to get your application to us well before the funding body’s closing date: abdn.ac.uk/funding

5. ACCEPTING YOUR OFFER
If you wish to accept the offer, please return your completed acceptance and financial guarantee forms as soon as possible. If you are waiting to hear the outcome of a funding application, you can still accept the offer of admission then send the completed financial guarantee form with the letter of sponsorship later.

6. REVIEW YOUR JOINING PACK
Once cleared for admission you will receive a pack of joining instructions which includes a Certificate of Acceptance, information on accommodation, registration, tuition fees etc. International students who declare they require a Tier 4 visa to enter the UK will receive a CAS number so that they may apply.
Postgraduate research programmes
How to apply

1. DEFINE YOUR RESEARCH AREA
Search our online prospectus for a comprehensive list of our research areas:
abdn.ac.uk/study/research-areas

2. CONSIDER A PRE-DEFINED PHD PROJECT
You can also apply to a pre-defined PhD. These are projects which the University has identified as strong research opportunities for high calibre applicants. You can find out more information on these PhDs here:
abdn.ac.uk/study/phd-opportunities

3. WRITE YOUR RESEARCH PROPOSAL
Some students, such as those who are not applying for a pre-defined or funded project, may need to write a research proposal as part of their application. Your prospective supervisor or School can advise if a research proposal is required.

4. CONTACT POTENTIAL SUPERVISORS
You should contact potential supervisors within your School or Institute of interest to discuss research proposals. If applying for a pre-defined project make contact with your identified supervisor before you apply to introduce yourself and ask any questions.

5. SUBMIT YOUR ONLINE APPLICATION
All applications should be made using our online application form: abdn.ac.uk/postgraduate/apply
You will be contacted if further information or documents are required.

6. ACCEPTING YOUR OFFER
If you are offered a place and wish to accept your offer, please return your completed acceptance forms as soon as possible. If there are conditions attached to your offer, please upload requested documents to the Applicant Portal as soon as possible. If you are waiting to hear the outcome of a funding application, you can still accept the offer of admission then send the relevant financial forms of sponsorship later.
Entry and English language requirements

Undergraduate entry requirements
Please check the entry requirements of your chosen degree on our online prospectus. For specific entry requirements by country, please also visit: abdn.ac.uk/my-country

Postgraduate entry requirements
The requirement for most programmes is a second-class UK Honours degree (or equivalent) in an appropriate discipline from an approved university. Some programmes have more specific requirements. Please see our online prospectus for more information. For specific entry requirements by country, please also visit: abdn.ac.uk/my-country

Undergraduate English language
There is a set minimum entry requirement for your level of English to ensure you have sufficient language skills to cope with your studies. An IELTS Academic overall score of 6.0 is required for admission into an undergraduate programme. Medical students require an IELTS Academic overall score of 7.0.

Postgraduate English requirements
Our postgraduate English entry requirements can differ depending on the area of study. The baseline requirement for postgraduate study is an IELTS score of 6.5 or above.

To find out more about our English requirements and the other language qualifications we accept, please visit us online at: abdn.ac.uk/study/international/english-requirements

International Study Centre
If you don’t meet the academic entry requirements for your chosen degree, you have the option of taking a foundation pathway. Our International Study Centre is located in the heart of the Old Aberdeen campus, so you’ll be studying within the grounds of the university.

Foundation Programme
The centre will provide you with one or two years of study, which upon successful completion can provide entry to year 2 (after the one year foundation programme) or year 3 (after a 2 year foundation programme) of an undergraduate degree respectively.

Pre-Masters Programme
Our Pre-Masters Programme deepens your academic knowledge and improves your English language skills through university-style tuition. You’ll also develop your career skills, gain international experience and gain practical tools for professional success. This 12 week programme is delivered on campus, in our International Study Centre.

abdn.ac.uk

The Language Centre
If you do not meet the University’s English language requirement, the language centre can help. The centre provides intensive English language courses that can help you meet the condition of your offer and help develop your knowledge and use of English further.

There are two courses: Pre-sessional Academic English (short and intense) or Academic English Preparation programme (between 20-40 weeks). More information on how to apply and fees can be found at: aberdeen-isc.ac.uk

Why study with the language centre?
- Successful completion removes the language condition on your offer
- Extremely high pass rates
- Friendly and supportive team on hand to assist
- Prepares you for life and study at the University of Aberdeen
- Make friends and meet other international students
Tuition fees

Fixed fees
Our fixed fee structure means that new international undergraduate (excluding Medicine) and postgraduate research students commencing study from 2020/21 are charged the same tuition fee each year, for the duration of their programme of study.

Many other universities increase their fees between 5% and 9% every year. The University of Aberdeen is committed to ensuring that international students can project their costs in advance of arriving in Aberdeen. Our fixed fee structure will allow you to plan ahead and save money!

Undergraduate tuition fees
Your tuition fees will depend on the degree you have chosen. For 20/21 entry, our undergraduate arts-based programmes start at £17,200 and our undergraduate science-based programmes start at £19,700 (excluding medicine and dentistry). For more information, please visit our website.

abdn.ac.uk/tuition-fees

Postgraduate tuition fees
Tuition fees will vary depending on your chosen degree. Up-to-date information on all tuition fees for taught and research degree programmes (including part-time study) can be found on our online prospectus. Please be advised that some programmes may also have additional costs. We recommend that you check our tuition fees pages carefully in order to identify these. Further information on fees and funding can be found at:

abdn.ac.uk/tuition-fees

Scholarships and Bursaries
The University of Aberdeen offers a substantial portfolio of scholarships and bursaries aimed at supporting students, some of which are funded by external sponsors. The best place to start your search is on our online funding database which lists all the bursaries and scholarships available each year.

abdn.ac.uk/funding

Alumni Discount Scheme
A 20% discount is available on postgraduate tuition fees for all alumni who have spent time at the University, including Study Abroad or Erasmus placement. The Alumni Discount Scheme applies to both home and overseas students and applies to the self-funding element of the postgraduate tuition fee. For more information visit:

abdn.ac.uk/alumni-discount

Please note: all tuition fees are subject to final approval.
When you start your life in Aberdeen you become part of an international community that welcomes you whoever you are and wherever you come from. We have a hugely diverse student and staff population, with over 40% of our students coming from outside of the UK.
International Support

Aberdeen has a long tradition of welcoming international students from all over the world. We have a large international community of students and staff drawn from over 130 different countries, making Aberdeen their home away from home.

**International Student Advisors**
Once you have arrived in Aberdeen, our International Student Advisors can provide guidance on many aspects of international student life, including specialist advice on visa and immigration matters.

**International centre**
As a leading international university, we recognise the importance of helping our international students fully integrate in to Aberdeen, helping you to live, study and make friends during your time here. We understand that studying here is a huge investment in your future, and we are dedicated to ensuring all of our international students feel part of the University. To help you have the best possible student experience, our International Centre is designed to make you feel welcome and help you as much as possible during your transition to life in the Silver City.

The International Centre is designed to:
- Help integrate new students to the University and city through our orientation and transition programmes.
- Act as a space for students who are on, or are interested in, an exchange or study abroad programme. The Centre has members of staff from our Go Abroad team on hand to advise you.
- Provide a forum for students to meet people from around the world through different activities and events, including trips around Scotland.
- Allow students to practise a variety of languages in an informal and casual atmosphere, including English, Spanish, Japanese and Arabic.
- Give students the opportunity to develop leadership skills through the volunteering programme of the centre activities team.
- Highlight to students with families the many opportunities to meet other families, and ways to get involved in the local community through ‘Global Families’.
- Present students with the various tools, maps and tips that will allow their time in Scotland and Aberdeen to be a success.

**English language support**
As a future student, you’ll be offered free English language support sessions. You’ll receive four 15-minute Skype calls from one of our current students, allowing you to practise your English in preparation for your English language testing, such as IELTS or TOEFL. It also gives you the chance to find out more about student life in Aberdeen.

**Meet your International Officer**
Our International Officers travel around the world meeting and advising prospective students. Each of our International Officers has a dedicated region and can offer specialised advice and guidance to our international applicants. To find out where they are visiting, check: abdn.ac.uk/my-country

**Preparing for Study Overseas**
Your visa
Most international students require a Tier 4 visa to study in the UK. You can find out more about whether you require a visa by visiting the UK Government website at:

gov.uk/check-uk-visa

Living costs?
Students who require a visa to study in Scotland need to show evidence that they have enough funds to maintain themselves without earnings from work whilst studying. In addition to tuition fees, students require a further £1015 per month to cover their living costs. As part of your Tier 4 visa application students are also required to pay a health surcharge to have access to the National Health Service (NHS). For further information on this, please visit:

abdn.ac.uk/study/international

ATAS
Please note that overseas applicants for some science, engineering or technology disciplines may require an Academic Technology Approval Scheme (ATAS) certificate. The ATAS certificate must be obtained before applying for a Student Entry Clearance or Visa. You can submit an ATAS application up to six months before the programme start date, even if the offer is still conditional.

gov.uk/academic/technology/approval/scheme
A home away from home

Living in accommodation with other students will give you a great start at Aberdeen. You will make new friends during the first few weeks and these friends often stay with you throughout your university life and beyond.

We offer:
- **Guaranteed accommodation**
  All new students are guaranteed an offer of accommodation in a single occupancy bedroom within our portfolio or with one of our partner providers, provided your application reaches us by the deadline.
  * (Terms and conditions apply)
- **Accommodation on, or within walking distance of, the main campus**
  A range of properties are available in, or close to, the main Old Aberdeen campus and the Hillhead Student Village.
- **Frequent Bus Service**
  Hillhead Student Village enjoys great transport links with a regular and direct bus service to our King's campus, and the city centre. We also have a dedicated bus route to our Foresterhill campus.
- **Headspace**, the central hub within the Hillhead Student Village, offers extensive social and study facilities with a reception open 24 hours a day. The community space houses a teaching kitchen, music room and TV area, and study rooms are also available for group or individual projects. You can also enjoy a bite to eat in The Works cafe bar, which also hosts regular events throughout the year.

Costs and additional information
- **Up-to-date information on the various accommodation offered by the University (including the all-important costs) is available on the accommodation website**
  [abdn.ac.uk/accommodation](http://abdn.ac.uk/accommodation)

**When to apply**
- 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. The application process allows you to make up to five choices. We endeavour to allocate first choice where possible, but this is not guaranteed.

**FAQ**

What are my options if my accommodation requirements are less than a full academic year?
Limited short-term lets are available, for example for one semester. Please contact us for further information.
[abdn.ac.uk/accommodation](http://abdn.ac.uk/accommodation)

Are part-time students entitled to accommodation?
Full-time students are given priority but it is often possible to accommodate part-time students too.

How do I pay my rent?
Rent is normally paid at the start of each term. Alternatively, arrangements may be made by individual agreement to pay on a monthly basis.

Will I be housed with other first year undergraduates?
The University has dedicated undergraduate accommodation and we aim to place all first year students together where possible.

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.

For more FAQs please visit the accommodation website.
[abdn.ac.uk/accommodation](http://abdn.ac.uk/accommodation)
Campus resources

As a student of the University, you will have access to a wide range of support services and world-class teaching and learning facilities.

- **Sir Duncan Rice library** – An architecturally significant, Award Winning Library
- **Special libraries and archives** which hold over 200,000 rare books printed mostly before 1840, and over 4,000 unique and manuscript collections.
- **24/7 computer lab access**
- **Language learning resources**, through our dedicated language centre
- **Careers Service** – A dedicated team who can help both undergraduate and postgraduate students develop skills, work experience and mentoring
- **Researcher Development** – A group who support research student's personal and professional development by working to enhance transferable skills, stimulate creativity and maximise career potential
- **Museum collections**, which include Anatomy, Archaeology, Anthropology, Art, Geology, Herbarium, History, Pathology, Scientific Instruments & Zoology
- **Student portal** – A secure web-based portal through which you can view and check your personal details, course enrolments, timetable, accommodation fees, library loans and exam results.
- **Disability provision** – A range of specialist software on all classroom PCs, and several individual occupancy Assistive Technology Booths, dedicated IT Service Desk, student learning support and services
- **A range of food outlets offering EVERYTHING from halal to vegan options**

### AUSA sports union

Whether your interest in sport has just begun or is well-established, the opportunities to get involved in sport at the University of Aberdeen are endless. As part of the Aberdeen University Students’ Association (AUSA), the Sports Union runs more than 50 sports clubs. The Union has an elected body with a full-time Sport Officer and Sports Administrator. Our clubs often compete against many of the universities across the United Kingdom.

- **Aberdeen Sports Village**, located just across the road from the main campus, provides outstanding sports and exercise facilities, including:
  - More than 150 exercise stations
  - Over 100 group exercise classes
  - A 50 metre Olympic swimming pool
  - A 25 metre Olympic diving pool
  - Full-size 3rd generation FIFA approved indoor football pitch
  - Full-size grass football pitch
  - An eight lane 400m running track
  - A six lane indoor running straight
  - Four squash courts
  - Exclusive memberships for UoA students
  - Personal trainer induction with every membership
  - Training plans
  - Two health and relaxation suites

And if that’s not enough for you... There are numerous other sports facilities available across the University:

- Two rugby pitches
- A lacrosse pitch
- An artificial cricket wicket
- Outdoor tennis courts
- Floodlit football training areas
- The Balgownie Playing Fields, for football, rugby and shinty teams
- The Hillhead Centre has a full-size grass football pitch, a full-size sand-dressed synthetic pitch and a grandstand
- The River Dee boathouse rowing club
- Royal Deeside climbing bothy

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