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UNIVERSITY OF ABERDEEN

Study Abroad and Student Exchange Information Sheet 2021 – 2022

General Information

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2021-2022 Term Dates

Arrival weekend	Saturday, 18 and Sunday, 19 September
Orientation	Monday, 20 September
Registration/Welcome Week	Tuesday, 21 – Friday, 24 September
Classes begin	Monday, 27 September
Examinations begin	Saturday, 4 December
Term ends	Friday, 17 December
Semester 2 (January – May 2021)	
Arrival weekend	Saturday, 15 and Sunday, 16 January
Orientation	Monday, 17 January
Registration/Refreshers' Week	Tuesday, 18 – Friday, 21 January
Classes begin	Monday, 24 January
Spring break begins	Friday, 1 April
Spring break ends	Monday, 25 April
Term ends	Friday, 20 May

Link to Covid-19 Information

University Based Information - https://www.abdn.ac.uk/about/coronavirus/
Government Based Information - https://www.gov.scot/coronavirus-covid-19/

Link to Academic Calendar

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

Nomination Information

Full Year (September) Nomination Deadline	01 June
Fall Term (September) Nomination Deadline	01 June
Spring Term (January) Nomination Deadline	15 September

Summary of Nomination Process

Nominated student details should be sent directly from our Exchange/Study Abroad partners. Our nomination form is online [here](#). Information required includes: student name, email address, degree/major, current level of study, and period applying for (Semester 1, September-December; Semester 2, January-May; Full Academic Year, September-May; Full Calendar Year, Jan-Dec).

Nominated students should have a GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale or equivalent. Applicants with a GPA of 2.8 or above may be considered with endorsement (by way of suitable academic reference) from the home university.

Application Information

Full Year (September) Application Deadline	01 July
Fall Term (September) Application Deadline	01 July
Spring Term (January) Application Deadline	15 October
Calendar Year (January) Application Deadline	15 October

Summary of Application Process

After they have been nominated by their home university, students will be provided with a link to our online application.

Supporting Documents Required

- Official academic transcript
- One Letter of reference from an academic
- English Language test results (for non-native English speakers – see below for more)
- Photocopy of a valid passport

These documents can be uploaded directly to the online application. If some documents (e.g., passport photocopy) will be unavailable until after the application deadline, they can be emailed separately to studyabroad@abdn.ac.uk

Minimum Language Requirements

Single semester exchange students: we will accept a Statement of Language Level signed by your home institution, confirming that the student's level of English is B2 or above on the [COUNCIL OF EUROPE \(2001\) Common European framework of reference for languages: learning, teaching, assessment](#) scale (CEFR), in line with requirements for the Standard Visitor Visa.

Full year exchange students: we will accept a range of official certificates and qualifications in order for you to evidence your English language level, in line with requirements for the Student Visa. These are listed [here](#).

Academic Requirements

Students should have a GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale or equivalent and should have been studying at the host for a minimum of one semester / term or two quarters at the time of application to the University of Aberdeen.

Academic Information

Language of instruction	English
Standard academic course load	60 credits per semester (30 ECTS)
Average course credit load	15 credits per course / 30 credits for some upper level courses
Minimum full time course load	46 credits per semester
Maximum course load per semester	75 credits (permission to overload past 60 credits must be granted by the student's Go Abroad Tutor at the University of Aberdeen)
Course restrictions	<p>No Availability:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clinical Medicine & Dentistry Courses • Level 4 English and Linguistic Courses • BM 4501 - Biomedical Science Honours Project • Level 4 Engineering Project Courses (e.g., EG4578: GROUP DESIGN PROJECT (BENG)). <p>Very Limited Availability</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education Courses • Level 3 English and Linguistic Courses • Field Courses – places are limited so students will only be able to enrol if the course is mandatory for her/his degree, space permitting <p>Generally, courses at level 1 and level 2 are open to incoming students. Entry to courses at level 3 and level 4 require proof that the student has taken relevant prerequisites at their home university.</p> <p>Entry to Medicine and Dentistry courses is prohibited. Some level 3 and 4 courses (particularly in subjects such as English, History, Politics and Sixth Century courses) are capped. Students will be entered into an electronic lottery, along with Aberdeen students, to determine enrolment.</p> <p>Postgraduate exchange students in Law cannot take Diploma in Legal Practice (DLP) courses. These courses have a 'D' in the second-to-last digit of the course code (e.g., LS55DA). These courses are reserved for students with an LLB in Scots Law.</p>
Research Courses	Exchange and study abroad students wishing to undertake research at the University in history and/or chemistry should be directed to the following courses: HI304J/HI354J : Historical Research for Visiting Students, CM4033, CM4034, CM4532 and CM4533 : Chemistry B (Non-Graduating)
Course Guides/Syllabi	Medical Science course guides can be found here . Many History and History of Art course guides can be downloaded by clicking on the 'Download Course Guide' link in the course catalogue . Other course guides can be obtained by emailing studyabroad@abdn.ac.uk

Link to University Course Catalogue

<https://www.abdn.ac.uk/registry/courses/undergraduate>

Accommodation

University accommodation is guaranteed to students as long as they apply by the stated deadline. Students will be emailed information on how to apply and the deadline for applications once they are accepted into the programme.

Most incoming students opt to live in [Hillhead Student Village](#), which is self-catered accommodation. Students may also apply to live in [Adam Smith House](#), which has catered options.

Updated costs for semester and year-long accommodation contracts are emailed to students by our Accommodation Team at the point of acceptance.

Student Visa

Students coming for one semester (six months or less) with a non-UK passport should enter the UK on a Standard Visitor Visa. The cost and process of applying for this visa depends on where the student is applying/country of domicile. Students are not permitted to work in the UK while studying on this type of visa and must leave the UK within six months of the date of arrival.

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. Students are generally allowed to work up to 20 hours per week on this type of visa. Further visa information can be found [here](#).

Cost of Living

UK Visas and Immigration indicate that international students should have £1023 for each month that they will spend in the United Kingdom. Although no official advice is given for short-term student visa students, we suggest that semester exchange/study abroad students also budget £1023/month for living expenses. A further breakdown of costs can be found [here](#).

Orientation and Arrival

Students are normally given a one-day orientation on the Monday after arrival weekend. This is then followed by a week of registration and induction where students will meet with their Go Abroad tutor (academic advisor) to finalise their curriculum, complete their registration and acquaint themselves with campus and the city. Further orientation events will be held during welcome week for the general student population and exchange students may take part

Transcripts

At the end of the period of study an academic transcript will be produced for each student. Students must give written permission for the release of these transcripts to their home university. Once we have this permission we will email the official transcript to the student's home university.

Insurance

The University of Aberdeen does not require students to purchase mandatory coverage through our institution.

Travel Insurance: Students are encouraged to purchase travel insurance that will cover their personal effects.

Health/Medical Insurance: Students coming for six months or less are required to purchase health/medical insurance in their home country before departing for Aberdeen. Although the National Health Service (NHS) in Scotland may provide some free healthcare services to these students, they cannot register as patients at NHS practices and there can be lengthy waiting times where preference may be given to permanent patients. Private insurance guarantees that the students will receive the relevant care in a timely manner.

Student Visa: International students who require a Student visa to study in the UK also have to pay the NHS health surcharge of £470 per year of study, plus £235 (any additional period of 6 months or less is charged at the rate of half the annual amount) when applying for a visa. For more information, please visit our [visa information page](#). Comprehensive medical and travel insurance is still recommended, however, as students will likely travel outside of Scotland during their time in Aberdeen.

Dual Citizens: Students who have a UK passport will be eligible to use the NHS while in Scotland. Again, comprehensive medical and travel insurance is still recommended in all cases, as students will likely travel outside of Scotland during their time in Aberdeen.

Highlights of Aberdeenshire and Scotland

<https://www.visitscotland.com/destinations-maps/aberdeen/see-do/>

Links to Social Media

University Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/universityofaberdeen>

University Instagram

<https://www.instagram.com/uniofaberdeen/>

Go Abroad Team Instagram

<https://www.instagram.com/abroadatabdn/>

University YouTube Channel

<https://www.youtube.com/user/uniofaberdeen>

Promotional Photos



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[Dunnottar Castle](#)



Aberdeen City Centre