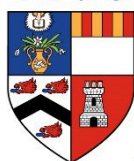


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# UNIVERSITY OF ABERDEEN

## Study Abroad and Student Exchange Information Sheet 2022 – 2023

### General Information

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### 2022-2023 Term Dates

<b>Semester 1 (September - December 2022)</b>	
<b>Arrival weekend</b>	Saturday 10 and Sunday 11 September 2022
<b>Orientation</b>	Monday 12 September 2022
<b>Registration/Welcome Week</b>	Tuesday 13 – Friday 16 September 2022
<b>Classes begin</b>	Monday 19 September 2022
<b>Term ends</b>	Friday 16 December 2022
<b>Semester 2 (January – May 2023)</b>	
<b>Arrival weekend</b>	Saturday 14 and Sunday 15 January 2023
<b>Orientation</b>	Monday 16 January 2023
<b>Registration/Welcome Week</b>	Tuesday 17 – Friday 20 January 2023
<b>Classes begin</b>	Monday 23 January 2023
<b>Spring break begins</b>	Monday 3 April 2023
<b>Spring break ends</b>	Friday 21 April 2023
<b>Term ends</b>	Friday 12 May 2023

### Link to Academic Calendar

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

## Nomination Information

<b>Full Year (September) Nomination Deadline</b>	01 June
<b>Fall Term (September) Nomination Deadline</b>	01 June
<b>Spring Term (January) Nomination Deadline</b>	15 September
<b>Calendar Year (January) Nomination Deadline</b>	15 September

### Summary of Nomination Process

Nominated student details should be sent directly from our Exchange/Study Abroad partners. Our nomination form is online <https://gck.fm/mwhjp>. Information required includes student name, email address, degree/major, current level of study, and period applying for.

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

<b>Full Year (September) Application Deadline</b>	01 July
<b>Fall Term (September) Application Deadline</b>	01 July
<b>Spring Term (January) Application Deadline</b>	15 October
<b>Calendar Year (January) Application Deadline</b>	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
- 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 [goabroad.incoming@abdn.ac.uk](mailto:goabroad.incoming@abdn.ac.uk)

## Minimum Language Requirements

**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 on the [Common European framework of reference for languages \(CEFR\)](#), in line with requirements for the Standard Visitor Visa. Alternatively, we also accept any formal certification from the approved range of official qualifications listed at <https://www.abdn.ac.uk/study/international/undergraduate-degrees-english-requirements-268.php>. These must have been issued within two years prior to planned commencement at Aberdeen.

**Full year exchange students:** we will accept a range of official certificates and qualifications for you to evidence your English language level, in line with requirements for the Student Visa. These are listed at <https://www.abdn.ac.uk/study/international/undergraduate-degrees-english-requirements-268.php>. These must have been issued within two years prior to planned commencement at Aberdeen.

## Academic Requirements

Nominated exchange 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

<b>Language of instruction</b>	English
<b>Standard academic course load</b>	60 credits per semester (30 ECTS)
<b>Average course credit load</b>	15 credits per course / 30 credits for some upper level courses
<b>Minimum full time course load</b>	46 credits per semester
<b>Maximum course load per semester</b>	75 credits (permission to overload past 60 credits must be granted by the student's Go Abroad Tutor at the University of Aberdeen)
<b>Course restrictions</b>	<p><b>No Availability:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Any Level 5 course (unless contractually agreed)</li> <li>• Clinical Medicine &amp; Dentistry courses</li> <li>• Level 3 English Creative Writing courses</li> <li>• Level 4 English and Linguistic courses</li> <li>• BM 4501 - Biomedical Science Honours Project</li> <li>• Engineering Project Courses (e.g., EG4578, ED251A)</li> <li>• QB coded courses</li> </ul> <p><b>Very Limited Availability</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Education Courses</li> <li>• Level 3 English and Linguistic Courses</li> <li>• Field Courses – places are limited so students will only be able to enrol if the course is mandatory for her/his degree, space permitting</li> </ul> <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>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 degree 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>
<b>Research Courses</b>	Exchange and study abroad students wishing to undertake research at the University in history and/or chemistry should be directed to the following courses: <b>HI304J/HI354J</b> : Historical Research for Visiting Students, <b>CM4033, CM4034, CM4532 and CM4533</b> : Chemistry B (Non-Graduating)

### Link to Course Catalogue

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

## Accommodation

University accommodation is guaranteed to students providing they apply by the deadline. Students will be emailed information on how to apply 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. All information on accommodation is available online at <https://www.abdn.ac.uk/accommodation/>

Updated costs for semester and year-long accommodation contracts are emailed to students by our Accommodation Team at the point of acceptance. Any and all queries about accommodation **must** be sent directly to our accommodation team on [studentaccomm@abdn.ac.uk](mailto:studentaccomm@abdn.ac.uk)

## Visas

Students coming for one semester (six months or less) with a non-UK or non-Irish 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 and nationality. 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 or non-Irish 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 online at <https://www.gov.uk/student-visa>.

## 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 example costs can be found at <https://www.abdn.ac.uk/students/finance/us-federal-direct-loans.php#panel2228>.

## Orientation and Arrival

Students are normally given a dedicated 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 in September / refreshers week in January for the general student population, and exchange students may take part.

## Transcripts

At the end of the period of study an academic transcript will automatically be produced for each student.

## Insurance

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

## Travel Insurance

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



## Health/Medical Insurance

**Single Semester Students:** Students coming for six months or less should 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, private insurance guarantees that the students will receive the relevant care in a timely manner, as remains recommended as students will likely travel outside of Scotland during their time in Aberdeen.

**Full Year Students:** International students who require a Student visa to study in the UK also must pay the NHS health surcharge and associated additional costs when applying for a visa. For more information, please visit our visa information page at <https://www.abdn.ac.uk/study/international/visa-information.php>. 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/>

University Facebook

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

University Instagram

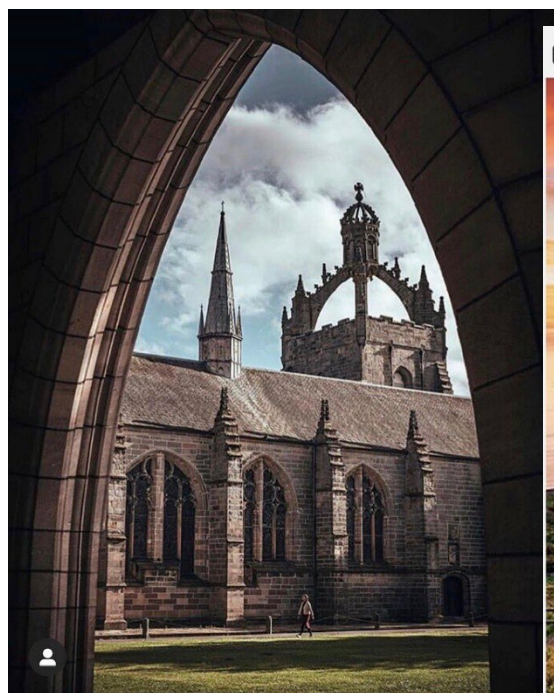
<https://www.instagram.com/uniofaberdeen/>

Go Abroad Team Instagram

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

University YouTube Channel

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



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