



Information for International Exchange partners

2021/2022

Contact details			
Inbound students		Outbound students	
Sophie Conway Study Abroad Manager		Eilidh MacDonald International Programmes Manager	
Ieva Galvanauskaite Study Abroad Adviser		Lynsey Snedden International Programmes Manager	
Lucy Coull Study Abroad Administrator		Veronica Coates Rachel Martin Ewa Dzieciol International Programmes Advisors	
Email: studyabroad@ed.ac.uk		Email: international.outgoing@ed.ac.uk	
Responding to Covid-19			
As the situation continues to develop, we will be publishing Covid-19 guidance relevant to exchange applicants here: www.ed.ac.uk/global/study-abroad/covid-19			
For the latest general information and advice, please see our main University Covid-19 homepage: www.ed.ac.uk/news/covid-19			
Exchange Agreement Renewals: exchange.agreements@ed.ac.uk			
International Credit Mobility (ICM): erasmus+icm@ed.ac.uk			
Important Deadlines			
	Academic year	Semester 1	Semester 2
Nomination	1 st May	1 st May	1 st October
Application*	31 st May	31 st May	31 st October
Accommodation**	16 th August	16 th August	30 th November
<p>*Online applications must be submitted by the given deadline, however, supporting documents (e.g. transcript, English language certificate) can be emailed if needed after the application submission.</p> <p>Deadlines for providing supporting documents are: Semester 1 (academic year): 30th June Semester 2: 30th November <i>(please note this deadline is the same as the accommodation application deadline, therefore, if applicants wait to submit their documents late, they cannot be guaranteed an offer of study in time to apply for accommodation).</i></p> <p>**Please note that applicants must have accepted an offer of study in order to be eligible to apply for university accommodation.</p>			



Entry Requirements

Grade requirement

All International exchange students are required to meet our minimum entry requirement of a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or over on a 4.0 scale or equivalent (ECTS 'C' average). If you have any questions on what is an equivalent grade at your institution, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Transcript requirement

- Applicants to the College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences will be required to provide a transcript at the point of application demonstrating they have completed a minimum of one full year of study at their home institution. Where one full year has not yet been completed, study at a previous institution will be considered on a case-by-case basis.
- Applicants to the College of Science and Engineering will be required to provide a transcript at the point of application demonstrating that they have completed a minimum of one semester of study at their home institution. Students may also need to provide a high school diploma to demonstrate their competency in the relevant subject area.

Further information on all of our entry requirements, including up-to-date English language requirements can be found at:

<https://www.ed.ac.uk/global/study-abroad/study-options/international-exchange>

**Please note that our English language requirements may apply to your students even if their degree programme is taught in English (exceptions: if a student is a national of a majority English-speaking country; if a student is currently attending an approved university in a non-majority English speaking country*

<https://www.ed.ac.uk/studying/postgraduate/applying/your-application/entry-requirements/english-requirements/approved-universities>)

Semester Dates

Dates for the upcoming academic year can be found at:

www.ed.ac.uk/global/study-abroad/diary

Application

Online Information Sessions

Please encourage your students to attend one of our online information sessions for information and advice on the University and how to apply (university staff are also welcome to attend these):

www.ed.ac.uk/global/study-abroad/online-information-sessions

Application Guide

Once we have processed your nominations we will email applicants directly with our University factsheet and further instructions, including our Step by Step Application Guide. A copy of this guide is available at: www.ed.ac.uk/global/study-abroad/how-to-apply/applicationguide

Academic Reference

International exchange applicants are ***not*** required to submit an academic reference with their application.



Academics

Courses

Courses available to our International exchange students can be found here: www.ed.ac.uk/study-abroad/course

Applicants should use the current course finder as a guide when selecting courses. Unfortunately, we cannot guarantee entry into any of a student's chosen courses.

Exchange students must meet the terms of the specific exchange agreement they have been nominated on and all required pre-requisites as stated in the course finder. Exchange students nominated on a subject-specific exchange agreement (e.g. Business, Psychology, Chemistry) are expected to enrol in 2/3 of their courses from that specific subject area.

Restricted courses

Architecture/Landscape Architecture, Art and Design studio based courses and Medicine and Veterinary Medicine courses are not available (unless students are coming on a subject-specific exchange agreement in these subject areas).

Popular courses

A list of subject areas that are in high demand or have limited space can be found at www.ed.ac.uk/global/study-abroad/courses-credits. As spaces are limited on these courses, students will often be limited to pre-enrol for one or two courses only (depending on the subject) and invited to fill any remaining spaces on a first-come, first-served basis on arrival in Edinburgh. While entry will be more competitive, we will do our best to place students in their preferred courses.

Course load

Students must enrol in 60 credits per semester.

Exceptions:

- Students who are required to take a particular course, the only option being of 10 credits. This results in the student choosing an underload (minimum 50 credits) or an overload (maximum 70 credits).
- Students who are completing a dissertation or other formal work for their home institution: this requires written confirmation from their home university.

There are no further exceptions that would result in an underload or overload of credits. Students should discuss taking a credit underload/overload with their College's Visiting Student Office or their Personal Tutor.

Compulsory Attendance

All visiting students must attend and engage fully in the classes that they are enrolled in at the University of Edinburgh. If students consistently fail to attend or engage with their studies the issue will be escalated within their College and may result in the ultimate exclusion of the student.

Students will be encouraged to speak with their Personal Tutor or the Student Support team in their school if they are experiencing difficulties (i.e. academic, personal, health). This will enable them to support the student in improving their attendance, their wider engagement with their studies, and importantly to address any issues that may be of concern to them.



University of Edinburgh transcripts

Students will have to provide transcript mailing and contact email addresses when completing their application to the University of Edinburgh. Their final transcripts will be posted to the address indicated on their application or, in case we are not able to send hard copies, we will email official electronic transcripts to the indicated contact email address.

Please advise your students of the correct mailing and contact email address – preferably your office address. Transcripts become available at the following times of the year:

Semester 1 students: *mid-February*

Semester 2 and full year students: *July/August*

Students can also request electronic copies of their transcript from: www.ed.ac.uk/student-administration/electronic-document-service

Electronic documents received in this way should be considered absolutely secure and official.

Re-sits and Overseas Examination Service

During the University of Edinburgh's re-sit diet, many Exchange students will be given the opportunity to re-sit assessments that they have failed earlier in the academic year.

Please note that not all courses permit an overseas re-sit.

The following webpage contains an overview of the re-sit information which applies to Study Abroad and exchange students, including the re-sit application process and reassessment fees: www.ed.ac.uk/global/study-abroad/successful-applicants/re-sits-overseas

University Accommodation

International exchange students **are guaranteed** an offer of University Accommodation provided they submit an accommodation application by the deadline.

Students must have accepted an unconditional offer to study at the University of Edinburgh before they can apply for accommodation.

Students will list their top 5 accommodation preferences as part of the application. While we can guarantee an offer, we unfortunately cannot guarantee that students are placed in their preferred accommodation, although the Allocations staff will endeavour to do so when possible.

Offers will expire if not accepted within 7 days. It is therefore important that students regularly check their University of Edinburgh email account (and check their spam folders).

Southern Hemisphere Applicants

If your university uses the Southern Hemisphere calendar, your students can apply to study at Edinburgh for a calendar year January – December.

If this is of interest for any of your students, then please let us know when you are nominating your students online (in the Comments section).

Your students are not guaranteed university accommodation during the summer vacation; however, we will try to accommodate students where possible.



Immigration

All non-UK nationals are now required to seek immigration permission when coming to the UK. Some students will need to apply for a visa before travelling, but most students who are coming to the UK for less than six months will be able to get immigration permission when they arrive in the UK under the Standard Visitor route. Check what students need to do here: www.ed.ac.uk/student-administration/immigration/applying-for-visa/doi-need-visa

If your student is coming to the UK for a programme that is less than six months in length, and they do not wish to work (including work placements as part of their programme) or extend their studies in the UK, they can apply to come to the UK as a Standard Visitor: www.ed.ac.uk/studentadministration/immigration/applying-for-visa/standard-visitor

Students coming for longer than six months will need to apply via the Student Route (previously called Tier 4): www.ed.ac.uk/student-administration/immigration/applying-for-visa/tier4

If you have any questions, we have a dedicated Student Immigration Service who will be able to help: studentimmigration@ed.ac.uk

Healthcare

Students coming in on the Standard Visitor route do not have access to medical treatment in the UK, other than private medical treatment. It is therefore important that your students get insurance that will cover the cost of any treatment they may need when they are in the UK.

Students coming via the Student Route (previously called Tier 4) will pay a fee for this visa which includes a health surcharge and therefore they would be covered for NHS treatment for the duration of their studies.

Please note that testing and treatment for Covid-19 is free of charge if your students have symptoms or have been asked by local council to take a test, regardless of immigration status. NHS treatment for people who are infected with Coronavirus (COVID-19) is also free of charge for everyone.