

Information Sheet 2018-19

General Information	
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Semester Dates	
Semester 1 (September – December 2018)	
Arrival weekend	Saturday, 1 and Sunday, 2 September
Orientation	Monday, 3 September
Registration/Freshers' Week	Monday, 3 – Friday, 7 September
Classes begin	Monday, 10 September
Examinations begin	Saturday, 1 December
Term ends	Friday, 14 December
Semester 2 (January – May 2019)	
Arrival weekend	Saturday, 5 and Sunday, 6 January
Orientation	Monday, 7 January
Registration/Refreshers' Week	Monday, 7 – Friday, 11 January
Classes begin	Monday, 14 January
Spring break begins	Friday, 29 March
Spring break ends	Monday, 22 April
Examinations begin	Saturday, 27 April
Term ends	Friday, 17 May
Academic Information	
Exchanges are only eligible for undergraduate students, unless otherwise stated in bilateral exchange agreement	
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 course load	46 credits per semester
Maximum course load	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	Restricted Courses: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clinical Medicine Courses • Education Courses • Level 4 English Courses

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BM 4501 - Biomedical Science Honours Project • Environmental Field Courses – places are limited so students will only be able to enrol if the course is mandatory for her/his degree <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. Entry to Medicine 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 in to 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>
English Proficiency	
<p>Where the primary language of instruction at the home university is not English, applicants must satisfy the English language requirements for entry to the programme. Updated entry requirements can be found at: http://www.abdn.ac.uk/study/international/undergraduate-degrees-english-requirements-268.php</p>	
Application and Nomination Procedures	
Nomination	<p>Nominated student details should be sent directly from our Exchange/Study Abroad partners to studyabroad@abdn.ac.uk. Information should include: student name, degree/major, current level of study, and period applying for (S1, S2 or Full Year)</p> <p>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 from the home university.</p>
Application	<p>After they have been nominated by their home university, students will be provided with a link to our online application.</p>
Supporting documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Official academic transcript • Letter of reference from an academic • Personal Statement • English Language test results (if primary language of instruction at the home institution is not English) • Photocopy of a valid passport <p>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</p>

Nomination Deadlines

Academic year & Semester 1	1 June
Semester 2	1 October

Application Deadlines

Academic year & Semester 1	1 July
Semester 2	1 November

Submission of late applications should be requested and will be determined on a case-by-case basis.

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 in to 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 at the point of acceptance.

Student Visa

Students coming for one semester (six months or less) with a non-EU/EEA passport are entitled to enter the UK on a short-term student visa. The cost and process of applying for this visa depends on from 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-EU/EEA passport must apply for a Tier 4 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.

Information on [visa types](#) and how to apply are sent to students when they are offered a place at the University of Aberdeen.

Orientation and Arrival

Students are 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. Additional information can be found at:

<http://www.abdn.ac.uk/infohub/new-students/index.php>

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 post the official transcript to the student's home university.

Insurance

Health/Medical Insurance: Students coming for six months or less are not required to purchase health/medical insurance; however, it is strongly recommended that they do. 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.

Students coming for more than six months will be required to pay a healthcare surcharge as part of their Tier 4 visa application. This entitles them to register with a local NHS practice and to receive health care and free prescriptions.

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