



Erasmus Exchanges 2018-2019

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Key facts

- The University of Edinburgh is an ancient university, founded in 1583, located in the heart of Edinburgh, Scotland's vibrant capital city.
- Ranked 19th in the world (QS World University Rankings 2016-17).
- The University has approximately 35,000 students, with over 14,000 international students from more than 150 countries.
- Famous alumni include Charles Darwin (Naturalist), David Hume (Philosopher), Joseph Lister (Surgeon), Piers Sellers (NASA Astronaut), and writers Robert Louis Stevenson, Ian Rankin and J K Rowling.

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Students can register for one of our
online information sessions:
www.ed.ac.uk/global/study-abroad/online-information-sessions

University campuses

George Square (GS)

This is the central University campus, teaching the majority of subjects within the College of Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences. The School of Informatics and parts of the School of GeoSciences are also based there. GS is also home to the Main Library, Career service, Students' Association, and a range of other student services.

The King's Buildings (KB)

This is the main campus of the College of Science and Engineering housing the majority of our seven Schools, 2 km south of GS.

For campus maps please see our website:
www.ed.ac.uk/maps

The University provides a free shuttle bus service for students to travel between the Central campus and the King's Buildings. For more information on our free shuttle service please see the website:
www.ed.ac.uk/schools-departments/transport/public-transport/buses/shuttle-bus





Academic year 2018-19

Semester 1

Welcome week	08 – 16 Sept 2018
Teaching	17 Sept – 30 Nov 2018
Exams	10 – 21 Dec 2018

Semester 2

January Welcome	09 – 13 Jan 2019
Teaching	14 Jan – 05 April 2019
Spring break	08 – 19 April 2019
Exams	29 April – 24 May 2019

Please check with the University website nearer the start of the year in case of unforeseen changes:
www.ed.ac.uk/news/semester-dates

Welcome Weeks

Welcome Week is not obligatory but it is a useful time for students to settle in, meet their Personal Tutor and finalise their courses etc. There are also social activities organised as part of the induction.

For more information about our Welcome Weeks please check out:
www.ed.ac.uk/global/study-abroad/successful-applicants/welcome-events

Academic information

Academic entry requirements

To apply to study on Erasmus exchange you must:

- Be nominated by your home university to study on an exchange agreement
- Have achieved a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or over on a 4.0 scale OR equivalent (B average) OR ECTS 'C' at your home university

You must also:

- Provide a strong personal statement
- Provide evidence of your written and spoken English skills if English is not your first language

For more information on entry requirements:

www.ed.ac.uk/global/study-abroad/study-options/erasmus-exchange

Looking for courses

You should select at least two thirds of your courses in the subject area of the Erasmus agreement.

It may be possible to take one course per semester outside of this subject area. If you intend to do this, please choose from our first and second year courses only.

To enroll in courses you must meet the prerequisites stated in the Course Finder.

We will aim to place you in your preferred courses but cannot guarantee that this will be possible.

You will find a list of the courses available to exchange students on the website:

www.ed.ac.uk/study-abroad/course

Academic information

Modern language exchange

If you are applying under a Modern European Languages exchange, you will probably be studying English at your home university. You can therefore take a variety of courses here in Edinburgh. You will still be expected to take two thirds of your courses in the College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences.

Entry into honours level courses

Year 3 and Year 4 courses are called honours courses.

All honours level classes have strict academic prerequisites and in some subjects there are limited places available. For enrolment in many honours courses, we require visiting students to have completed at least three or four previous courses in the relevant subject area, achieving a grade B or above (or equivalent).

Entry to honours course is not guaranteed; however we will aim to place you in your preferred course.

Courses with high demand

Though we endeavor to ensure that majority of our students are allocated their preferred course choices, sometimes this is not possible.

The following subject areas cannot guarantee access to students who are not on a direct exchange in the subject area, either because these subjects are high-pressure (very popular courses with limited capacity and strict pre-requisites) or because they have limited study options available for visiting students:

- Art & Design Elective courses
- English Literature
- History
- Politics and International Relations
- Philosophy
- History of Art
- Law
- Education
- Nursing
- Sport

Programs & courses not open to exchange students

- Medicine
- Veterinary Medicine
- Studio-based Architecture, Art and Design classes (unless you are coming on an Erasmus agreement in one of these subject areas)
- Parliamentary programme

Credit system

Under the semester system the majority of our courses will be 20 credit (Semester) or 40 credit (Year) courses. Students are expected to take the normal academic load of 60 credits per semester.

- 2 Edinburgh credits = 1 ECTS

Students are not permitted to take more than 60 credits per semester and cannot normally take less credits.

Making changes to your course list

If you want to make changes to your course list after you have submitted your application then please contact us by filling in our online enquiry form at:

www.ed.ac.uk/study-abroad/contacts

Please note that the last opportunity to add or drop courses will be the end of the 2nd teaching week and no changes will be allowed after that.

Transcripts

An academic transcript will normally be issued by the end of the following February (for semester one students) and by the end of the following August (for semester two and full-year students).

One hard copy transcript will be automatically sent to the address you give us in your application.

If you or a third party require a copy of your transcript you can order this at:

www.ed.ac.uk/student-administration/order-documents/transcripts

The University does not automatically send transcripts after re-sits. In this instance an updated transcript must be requested by the student/home institution to:

infopoint@ed.ac.uk

Certificate of Arrival and Departure and Learning Agreements

As an Erasmus student it is most likely that you will need us to sign your Learning Agreement, Certificate of Arrival and Departure. Please fill them in and then take these to your College Visiting Student Office (VSO), contact details for your VSO can be found here:

www.ed.ac.uk/global/study-abroad/living-edinburgh/safety-support

It is your responsibility to return the signed documents to your home institution. Please note that the Erasmus grant relates to your study period at the University of Edinburgh and so the dates on your form must fall within our Academic Calendar.



Application process

Your home university will need to nominate you.

Your university will receive instructions on how to nominate you in February.

When we have successfully processed your nomination we will send you an email inviting you to apply online to the University of Edinburgh.

You **must** apply online to the University of Edinburgh **as well as** being nominated by your home university.

Please read the application guide which will take you through the online application step-by-step:

www.ed.ac.uk/global/study-abroad/how-to-apply/application-guide

To apply you should create an online account with us.

You will get a username and a password, which will allow you to track your application through its various stages.

You will need to upload copies of an official transcript (which lists all courses undertaken and grades received at your home university, to date) and a personal statement.

Erasmus students are not required to submit an academic reference.

Application deadlines

Applications must be submitted by the following deadlines:

- **31 May** for students starting in September
- **31 October** for students starting in January

Late applications will not be considered.

English language requirements

As a nominated Erasmus student you should have already achieved a good level of English equivalent to B2 in the Common European Framework of Reference for language (CEFR).

If you are applying for courses in the subject area of the Erasmus agreement, or for 1st or 2nd year courses in other subjects, then you do not need to provide evidence of your level of English.

You will need to produce evidence of your English level if you wish to take honours level courses outside of your subject area agreement.

You will also need to provide evidence of your English level if you require a visa to study here.

Please refer to our Erasmus English requirements:

www.ed.ac.uk/global/study-abroad/study-options/erasmus-exchange

Test of English at Matriculation (TEAM)

TEAM is a free test performed at the University of Edinburgh during the first weeks of the semester. In some cases, it is possible to use TEAM as a means of demonstrating eligibility for honours level course enrolment. This is not an option if you will study with us on a tier 4 visa.

Please also note that honours level courses can be high demand and so there may not be any spaces left for you in your preferred courses if you do not provide English language evidence in advance of your arrival in Edinburgh.

In-session language assistance

Academic support and independent study materials are available to exchange students who require English language assistance.

Please refer to the English Language Education team for more information:

www.ed.ac.uk/schools-departments/english-language-teaching





Visa requirements

If you are not an EU/EEA/Swiss national, then you will need to obtain the correct immigration permission to study in the UK.

If you are coming to the UK to study for more than 6 months, you should apply for a Tier 4 General visa before travelling to Edinburgh:

www.ed.ac.uk/global/immigration/applying-for-visa/tier-4-visa-requirements

If you are studying here for less than 6 months and you do not wish to work, extend your studies in the UK or bring dependents, then you will require a short term student visa.

Nationals of some countries can travel to the UK for up to six months without needing to apply for a visa before travelling. These are called 'non-visa nationals'. If you are a non-visa national, you can ask for permission to be admitted to the UK when you arrive at the UK Border.

www.ed.ac.uk/global/immigration/applying-for-visa/short-term-student

If you are planning to apply for the short-term student visa upon arrival at the UK port, you must **not** travel via the Republic of Ireland.

Living costs

A detailed break down of living costs is available on our website: www.ed.ac.uk/studying/international/finance/cost-of-living

Further expenses

You will be liable to pay the charge incurred for any examination resits.

Accommodation

You can apply for accommodation once you have been offered and accepted a place to study here in Edinburgh.

You should submit your application online:
www.ed.ac.uk/global/study-abroad/living-edinburgh/accommodation

Accommodation application deadlines

The deadlines for accommodation applications are as follows:

- **16 August** for all students starting in September 2018
- **30 November** for all students starting in January 2019

Full year Erasmus students are guaranteed accommodation, provided your application is submitted by the deadline.

Please note that we cannot guarantee that you will be offered the accommodation you ask for.

Semester Only students

Students here for a single semester are **not** guaranteed accommodation. However we would advise that you still submit a university accommodation application in case there are spaces left.

Please do not rely on being allocated a spot in University accommodation. If there are no rooms available, you will need to look for private accommodation.

Finding semester only private accommodation in Edinburgh can be difficult, therefore students should be prepared to spend time researching their housing options.

The Accommodation team have useful information and advice for students looking for private accommodation:
www.accom.ed.ac.uk/accommodation/private-housing

Early arrivals

If you plan on arriving in Edinburgh before your accommodation contract begins, please contact our Accommodation Allocations team to enquire if it will be possible to move in early:
accom.allocations@ed.ac.uk

Health & personal insurance

All students on a full-time course of studies in Scotland are eligible for National Health Service (NHS) treatment. NHS treatment is provided for free however, you may have to pay for dentistry and some more specialised services. If you are coming to the UK on a Tier 4 visa then you will need to pay an immigration health surcharge when making your visa application. This charge will allow you access to the National Health Service (NHS).

We advise that students take out adequate travel insurance which includes a medical component and also protection to cover personal items, such as baggage, books, personal computers, etc.

For further information please refer to:
www.ed.ac.uk/staff-students/students/new-students/health-insurance

A level of insurance is included in the rent for students who are in university accommodation. For more information see:
www.accom.ed.ac.uk/for-students/policies-and-guidelines



Computing facilities

The University has a number of open-access labs and there is an extensive network of wireless points throughout the University sites.

The University's residential networking system provides a telephone, data and internet service to around 85% of students in our residential accommodation. For more detailed information please refer to:

www.accom.ed.ac.uk/services/it-facilities

Student services

University Leisure Activities

- **Sport and Exercise** – the sport and exercise facilities are ranked among the very best in the UK
www.ed.ac.uk/sport-exercise
- **Student Union** – Teviot, the oldest purpose built Student Union in the world, opened in 1889
www.eusa.ed.ac.uk/our_venues/teviot
- **Student societies** – students can choose from over 240 societies and 65 sport clubs
www.eusa.ed.ac.uk/activities/societies/findasociety
- **Edinburgh Buddies** – there is a Buddy scheme for exchange students to help them adjust to life here in Edinburgh
www.eusa.ed.ac.uk/activities/global/buddies

University Services

- **Main Library** – the largest of Edinburgh University's Libraries
www.ed.ac.uk/schools-departments/information-services/library-museum-gallery
- **Advice Place** – professional, free, impartial and confidential advice offered to all students
www.eusa.ed.ac.uk/adviceplace
- **Nightline** – a confidential phone and online support service run by students for students
ednightline.com
- **Student Disability Office** – guidance and support offered for disabled students
www.ed.ac.uk/student-disability-service
- **Counselling Service** – mental health support for all students at the University
www.ed.ac.uk/student-counselling

New student guide

The 'New students' website, which is updated each semester is a source of useful information.

www.ed.ac.uk/new-students

Useful links

Study Abroad Website	www.ed.ac.uk/study-abroad
Accommodation Services	www.accom.ed.ac.uk
English Language Teaching Centre	www.ed.ac.uk/english-language-teaching
International Student Centre	www.ed.ac.uk/studying/international/student-life/isc
Edinburgh University Students' Association	www.eusa.ed.ac.uk
Course Finder	www.ed.ac.uk/study-abroad/course
Tourist Information	www.visitscotland.com
University Computing Services	www.ed.ac.uk/information-services