



THE UNIVERSITY
of EDINBURGH

STUDY ABROAD in Edinburgh

global.ed.ac.uk/study-abroad



Why this extraordinary place?

For over 400 years, the University of Edinburgh has shaped global understanding through groundbreaking discoveries and advances. Studying at Edinburgh means learning from leading experts in a hands-on, innovative environment.

You'll be joining a student community of more than 49,000 students, with more than a third of those coming from outside the UK. We are home to students from 160 countries.

Ranking

The University's reputation is based on the quality of its teaching and research. We're consistently ranked in the top 50 universities in the world. We're 22nd in the 2024 QS World Rankings, and 1st in Scotland.

What do our students say?

- We are consistently rated by our students as a great place to study.
- ▶ Each year over 90% of students say they would recommend Edinburgh.
 - ▶ 93% of study abroad students were satisfied or very satisfied by their experience in Edinburgh.

Student societies

With over 400 student-led societies you'll have access to a fantastic range of extracurricular activities to develop your interests, make friends and socialise.

Sports facilities

We've long been recognised as one of the UK's leading sporting universities. There are over 70 sports clubs encompassing fencing to skydiving; horse riding to ice hockey. Our world-class facilities comprise gyms, residential outdoor activities, a swimming pool, playing fields and the leading sports injuries clinic in the country.

[sport-exercise.ed.ac.uk](#)

Support

You'll have academic, admissions and social support at every stage – from first enquiry, application and academic advice to arrival and orientation. A range of student support services are available including health, wellbeing, disability support, libraries, IT, and careers.



About the city

Scotland's inspiring capital will be the backdrop to your studies. One of Europe's great cultural hubs and a stimulating place to study, Edinburgh is an irresistible blend of history, natural beauty and modern city life.

Regularly ranked among the world's most desirable cities, the city is known for it's friendly atmosphere, safety, and abundant green spaces.

A student city

Around 100,000 students call Edinburgh home, giving the city a unique buzz and ensuring you'll be in good company. The friends you meet, places you discover and the lasting memories you create will contribute as much to your university experience as your formal learning.

Arts & culture

Edinburgh has been an inspiration to artists and writers for centuries; it was named the world's first UNESCO City of Literature in recognition of the city's rich literary heritage. The medieval Old Town and neoclassical New Town are protected as UNESCO World Heritage Centres; their contrasting architectural styles make Edinburgh's cityscape unique.

In the summer months the pace of city life accelerates as Edinburgh's world-famous annual festivals get under way. The city hosts 30 festivals each year, which attract almost four million visitors to the city, and many of them take place either on campus or near to the University making for a vibrant addition to student life.

[www.ed.ac.uk/visit/city](#)

Climate

Scotland's climate is temperate and oceanic with variable weather. Average temperatures range from 5°C in January to 19°C in August.

Exploring beyond the city

Edinburgh is an ideal base to explore Scotland, the rest of the UK and other cultural capitals of Europe. You can escape to Loch Ness, Loch Lomond or the Isle of Skye in just a few hours, or take advantage of direct travel to European destinations.

Practical guidance

When considering your options for studying in Edinburgh, this practical guidance will help you successfully plan for your time here.

Academic year

Our programmes run in line with the standard academic year.

Academic year	September to May
Semester 1	September to December
Semester 2	January to May

Cost of living

The cost of living varies depending on your lifestyle.

[global.ed.ac.uk/study-abroad/living-edinburgh/living-costs](#)

[www.ed.ac.uk/students/new-students/ready-university](#)

Visas

You may need to seek immigration permission to enter the UK as a student.

[registryservices.ed.ac.uk/immigration](#)

Housing

There is a wide variety of student accommodation and private housing within walking distance of the University and the city centre.

[www.accom.ed.ac.uk](#)



Our programmes

You can study abroad in Edinburgh on one of the following programmes.

- Study Abroad
- International Exchange
- European Exchange

Benefits

- Study one semester or a full year
- Select from a huge range of courses
- Support and orientation to help you get settled in
- Credit transfer to your home University

Study Abroad & Exchanges

Study Abroad

This is a very flexible programme and your studies in Edinburgh can count towards your final degree at your home university. Even if your University does not have an exchange agreement with us you may be eligible to apply to the programme.

As a Study Abroad student you would pay tuition fees to the University of Edinburgh.

Exchanges

We have around 300 student exchange partners in nearly 40 countries worldwide. You can check with an adviser in your home institution if your University is one of our exchange partners.

As an exchange student, you would continue to pay tuition fees to your university, not to the University of Edinburgh.

Students who would like to come on exchange in Edinburgh must be nominated by their home institutions. If you are nominated on a subject-specific exchange, you will be required to take majority of your courses in that particular subject area.

What you can study

You will be taught alongside students who are enrolled in full degree programmes at Edinburgh across 20 different schools. A wide range of courses are available across these subject areas.

Accounting	Civil Engineering	Immunology	Science, Technology and Innovation Studies
African studies	Classics*	Informatics*	Scottish Ethnology
Archaeology*	Cognitive Science	International Relations*	Scottish History
Architecture	Computer Science*	Islamic & Middle Eastern Studies	Social Anthropology
& Landscape Architecture*	Design*	Language Sciences	Social Policy
Art*	Divinity	Law*	Social Work
Artificial Intelligence	Earth Science	Mathematics	Sociology
Asian Studies	Ecological & Environmental Science	Mechanical Engineering	Software Engineering
Astronomy	Economics	Meteorology	Sports Science*
Biochemistry	Education*	Music*	Theology and Ethics
Biological Sciences	Electrical Engineering	Pharmacology	Zoology
Biology	English Literature*	Philosophy*	
Biomedical Sciences	European Languages & Cultures	Physics	
Biotechnology	Geography*	Physiology	
Business	Geosciences	Plant Science	
Celtic & Scottish Studies	History of Art*	Politics*	
Chemical Engineering	History*	Psychology*	
Chemistry		Religious Studies	

Some subjects are only available on subject-specific exchanges.

* High demand on these courses means that access can't be guaranteed.



“Exchange in Edinburgh was absolutely amazing - the courses, the societies, the city, and the people I met made my three months there some of the best of my life.”

Find out more

For detailed information on our programmes and how to apply:

[Study Abroad & Exchanges](#) [global.ed.ac.uk/study-abroad](#)

Speak to the Study Abroad team

Join a live presentation from one of the Study Abroad team with a chance to ask us questions.

[Online information sessions](#) [global.ed.ac.uk/study-abroad/online-information-sessions](#)