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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 5th in the UK (Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2010-11) and consistently ranked as one of the top 50 Universities in the world.

- The University has approximately 31,000 students, with over 11,000 international students from more than 140 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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University campuses

George Square (GS)
This is the central University campus, teaching the majority of subjects within the College of Humanities & Social Science. 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

New student guide
The ‘New students’ website, which is updated each semester is a source of useful information.
www.ed.ac.uk/new-students
Academic year 2014-15

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University accommodation will be available from the Saturday 06 Sept before Freshers’ Week for Semester 1 and Full Year students. The accommodation arrival date for Semester 2 students will be confirmed nearer to the time.

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

Freshers’ Week is not obligatory but it is a useful time for students to settle in, meet their Personal Tutor and finalise their courses etc.

Academic information

Looking for courses

You will find a list of the courses available to exchange students on the web site:
www.ed.ac.uk/study-abroad/courses

Students should ensure that the majority of their subjects are in the agreed subject area of the Erasmus agreement and that for any courses they must meet the equivalent of stated prior study requirements and English language requirements.

If you need additional information about any particular course, please fill in our online enquiry form at:
www.ed.ac.uk/studying/visiting-exchange/studyabroad-enquiry-form

Subject-specific exchanges

If you are on a subject-specific exchange, you are effectively swapping places with an Edinburgh student who has gone to study at your home university in the agreed subject area.

You should select the majority of your courses in the agreed subject area.

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

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

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 take a variety of first and second year courses here in Edinburgh.
Academic information

Entry into Honours Level Courses
Year 3 and Year 4 courses are called honours courses.
All honours level classes have strict prior study requirements 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).

Students are not guaranteed admission to any honours course; however we will aim to place you in your preferred course.

Courses with High Demand
Honours courses in certain subject areas are very popular and there are limited places available. Third year courses in the following subject areas are particularly popular:
- English Literature *
- History
- History of Art
- Law
- Philosophy
- Politics & International Relations

* Places in English Literature honours courses are usually not available unless you are nominated under an English Literature agreement so we recommend that you consider our first and second year English Literature courses - which Erasmus students have, in the past, found to be interesting and sufficiently academically rigorous.

Programs & courses not open to exchange students
- Medicine, Veterinary Medicine
- Studio based classes such as Architecture, Art and Design are not available to exchange students unless they are coming under an exchange agreement in that subject area.

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 the normal load and they are strongly discouraged from taking less than the normal load.

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/studying/visiting-exchange/studyabroad-enquiry-form
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
Academic transcripts 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).

Two transcripts are prepared for every student; one is sent to your home address, and the other is sent to your home university.

The Academic Registry do not automatically send transcripts after re-sits. In this instance an updated transcript must be requested by the student/home institution to: registry@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 Certificate of Arrival and Departure. Please fill them in and then take these to your Visiting Student Office. It is your responsibility to return the signed document 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.

Similarly if you have a learning agreement which needs to be signed please fill it in and take it to your Visiting Student Office. It is your responsibility to return the document to your home institution.

Application process

We initially require an email from your Erasmus Coordinator listing the nominated exchange students. This list should be sent to Clare Swindells at studyabroad@ed.ac.uk

To apply you should create an online account with us: www.ed.ac.uk/studying/visiting-exchange/erasmus/application-forms

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 and a personal statement.

* Please note that Erasmus students are not required to submit an academic reference.

* Please note students applying to do courses in Art, Design, Architecture or Landscape Architecture do not need to submit a portfolio.

Application Deadlines
Applications must be submitted by the following deadlines:
- 1st July for students starting in September
- 1st November for students starting in January
English language requirements

As a nominated Erasmus student you will 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 produce evidence of your level of English.

You should note that you will be taking classes along with other students who will either be native English speakers or will have a level of English IELTS Overall 6.5 with 5.5 or above in each component.

**English Requirements for Honours Courses**

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

For honours courses in science and engineering the English language requirements are as follows:

- IELTS (Academic module) overall 6.5 with 5.5 in each component
- TOEFL iBT 92 or above with 20 in each section

For honours courses in humanities, arts or social sciences then the English language requirements are slightly higher:

- IELTS (Academic module) overall 6.5 with 6.5 in each component
- TOEFL iBT 92 or above with 23 in each section

**Pre-session Language Testing**

If you do not have an English certificate then you can sit an optional, free English language test in Freshers’ Week at the beginning of the semester.

**In-session Language Assistance**

A range of academic language skills tuition, intensive credit courses and independent study materials are open to exchange students who require English language support whilst studying for their degree.

Please refer to the English Language Teaching Centre for more information: [www.ed.ac.uk/schools-departments/english-language-teaching/courses/academic-purposes/in-session](http://www.ed.ac.uk/schools-departments/english-language-teaching/courses/academic-purposes/in-session)
Living costs
(Basic living costs based on 2013/14 prices)

For each week students are resident in Edinburgh they should allow themselves the following sums of money to cover their expenses in the academic session.

**Weekly budget**

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**Further Expenses**

Students will need a minimum of £315 each year for textbooks and basic stationery.

In the unfortunate circumstance of a student failing an exam, the student will be liable to pay the charge for a resit examination.

**Travel**

Most students live near the University and can easily walk to classes. If students find accommodation further away from the university, but still within the city boundary, they may need to budget for around £13 per week for bus travel.

Please refer to our cost of living web page: www.ed.ac.uk/studying/international/finance/cost-of-living

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**Accommodation**

Students should submit their accommodation application on-line at: www.accom.ed.ac.uk

**Full year students**

Full year exchange students are guaranteed accommodation, providing their application is submitted in good time. The final deadline for receipt of accommodation applications for September is the 16 August.

Our Res Life team are there to help students get the most out of their experience in University accommodation: www.accom.ed.ac.uk/residence-life

**Semester Only Students**

Students here for a single semester are NOT guaranteed accommodation. If they apply they will be placed on a waiting list.

Accommodation Services has information about private accommodation in Edinburgh: www.accom.ed.ac.uk/accommodation/private-housing

If you arrange accommodation over the internet please be very cautious about sending any money. We would recommend that, if possible, you do not pay anything until you have seen the flat.

**Early Arrivals**

Please check details with Accommodation Services: accom.allocations@ed.ac.uk

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**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.

Students may like to consider taking out medical insurance cover for travel.

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

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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

- **The Centre for Sport and Exercise (CSE)** - The sport and exercise facilities are ranked among the very best in the UK.
  www.ed.ac.uk/schools-departments/sport-exercise/home
- **Student Union** - Teviot, the oldest purpose built Student Union in the world, opened in 1889.
  www.eusa.ed.ac.uk/eatdrink/teviot/bars-and-cafes
- **Student Societies** - Students can choose from a variety of over 270 societies (65 sport clubs).
  www.eusa.ed.ac.uk/getinvolved/societies
- **Edinburgh Buddies** - Exchange students can have a buddy to help them adjust to life here in Edinburgh.
  www.eusa.ed.ac.uk/getinvolved/eusaglobal/buddies/international

University Services available to visiting students

- **Main Library** – Newly refurbished and 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.
  nl.eusa.ed.ac.uk
- **Student Disability Office** – Guidance and support offered for disabled students
  www.ed.ac.uk/student-disability-service
- **Career Services** – Advisers specialised in providing career support to students in particular schools.
  www.ed.ac.uk/careers

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