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Business School Fact Sheet for Undergraduate Students Studying Abroad in Edinburgh 2018/19

Edinburgh City

Edinburgh is a major European capital and is considered to be one of the best places to live and work in the UK. It is described as one of the most beautiful cities in Europe, notable for its ancient castle, medieval centre and elegant Georgian and Victorian architecture, striking parks and gardens.

With four universities, major international arts festivals, world class galleries, national museums, theatres and concert halls, Edinburgh has a modern dynamism within its historic streets. It is a cosmopolitan city, with all the advantages of a major European capital, yet is small in scale, with a population of just half a million.

A city of culture, Edinburgh is also a city for business. It is the second largest financial centre in the UK with a thriving, diverse economy and a highly educated, motivated workforce. Several major global financial institutions have their HQs in Edinburgh. The Scottish Parliament is located in the Holyrood area of central Edinburgh at the bottom of the Royal Mile, opposite the historic Holyrood Palace.

This is a city where Dolly the Sheep, the world's first cloned mammal, was born, a city that is home to the most powerful computer in the UK (here in the University), a city that has developed the country's most vibrant bio-sciences sector. The University of Edinburgh Business School is right at home in this atmosphere of innovation and collaboration.

The University

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The Business School

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Granted its royal charter in 1582, the University of Edinburgh has remained at the forefront of learning throughout its long history. It is located in the very heart of Edinburgh and is one of the world's top 20 universities, its programmes among the most highly sought after. The student population is just over 31,000 with more than 20,000 undergraduate students.

The Business School is an integral part of one of the world's oldest universities and first awarded the BCom (Bachelor of Commerce) degree in 1920. Its reputation is given further substance by its accreditation from a wide range of leading business education organisations and professional bodies including AACSB, EQUIS and AMBA. The undergraduate Accounting programmes are fully accredited by ICAS (the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Scotland) and provide exemptions from the professional examinations that lead to the qualification of Chartered Accountant.

The Business School is located in the centre of Edinburgh, on George Square, a 10-15 minute walk from Princes Street and Waverley Railway Station and only 5 minutes from the Royal Mile and the Old Town. The School looks out onto George Square Gardens, and is adjacent to the Meadows, popular places for students to sit in and relax during the summer months.

The Main University Library on the south side of George Square is open 24 hours, 7 days a week. (Three levels of the Library remain open to students all night - the lower ground, ground and first floors.) The School's Undergraduate Resource Centre in David Hume Tower includes computing facilities, quiet space for individual study and meeting rooms for group work.

Academic year

<http://www.ed.ac.uk/semester-dates>

SEMESTER 1

Welcome Week: 8 – 16 September 2018

Start of Semester 1: 17 September 2018

Teaching period: 17 September – 30 November 2018

Revision period: 3 - 7 December 2018

Exam period: 10 – 21 December 2018

End of Semester 1: 21 December 2018

Winter vacation from: 24 December 2018 – 11 January 2019

SEMESTER 2

January Welcome: 9 - 13 January 2019

Start of Semester 2: 14 January 2019

Teaching period: 14 January – 5 April 2019

Spring Vacation: 8 – 19 April 2019

Revision period: 22 - 26 April 2019

Exam period: 29 April – 24 May 2019

End of Semester 2: 24 May 2019

Summer vacation from: 27 May 2019

Application procedure

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

Application deadlines

Full Academic Year: 31 May
Semester 1 only: 31 May
Semester 2 only: 31 October

Students can apply online:

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

Before you can apply to Edinburgh as an Erasmus or International exchange student, you must be nominated by your home university. Please check with your study abroad advisor or Erasmus/International Office at your home university to see if Edinburgh has an agreement in your subject area.

Along with your application, you will need to upload copies of your supporting information including an official transcript, an academic reference and a personal statement (of about 500 words).

English language requirements: If English is your second language you must provide evidence of good written and spoken English skills. For further information, see:

<http://www.ed.ac.uk/study-abroad/how-to-apply/english-language-requirements>.

Arrival and orientation

Welcome Week in September and the January Welcome is the period before classes begin when you have the opportunity to settle in to life as a student at the University.

This is when you will officially enrol at the University and attend information sessions, orientation events and a range of activities organised by Edinburgh University Students' Association (EUSA), designed to help you find your way around, gain access to services and meet up with others arriving from our global partners. You will also meet your Personal Tutor and learn more about the University's support services for students. There are hundreds of exciting societies to join at Edinburgh!

<https://www.eusa.ed.ac.uk/activities/societies/>

The Business School will invite you to a Welcome Party in September (or January if you are arriving in Semester 2) where you will meet other international students and staff. You will have the opportunity to join the BUSINESS SOCIETY, a student-run society with a network of Business School students providing extra student facilities and social events. Find the Society on Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/thebusinesssociety/> or email edbizsoc@gmail.com.

The Business Society



Courses

The Business School offers a wide choice of undergraduate courses to exchange students. For details of courses see: http://www.drps.ed.ac.uk/18-19/dpt/cx_s_su780.htm

As an undergraduate exchange student you will select courses from our 2nd year (Non-Honours courses) but also from our 3rd and 4th years (Honours courses). All of our 2nd, 3rd and 4th year courses are open to you as an exchange student with one or two exceptions. Our post-graduate Business courses are not open to undergraduate students.

The 2nd year courses are the courses of choice in subjects where you may have limited prior knowledge. For example, the Principles of Finance course starts from the assumption of little or no prior knowledge of business finance and is designed both for those who wish to study the subject further and for those who do not.

Honours courses (3rd and 4th year courses) assume either particular prior knowledge - and will have a pre-requisite course - or they assume the general knowledge of business acquired after studying two years of Business.

All Business School 2nd, 3rd and 4th year courses are one semester in length and will run either in Semester 1 or Semester 2. If you are studying here for the full year you will select 6 courses (a total of 120 SCOTCAT credits equivalent to 60 ECTS). Each course is worth 20 credits (10 ECTS). If you are here for one semester only then you will choose 3 courses (60 credits or 30 ECTS).

The courses are weighted according to the number of lecture hours, tutorials and independent study time. A 20 credit course is equivalent to 200 hours of study time.

Most 2nd year courses have two or three hours of lectures per week and a one-hour tutorial (small-group discussion). 3rd and 4th year courses normally have one 2-hour session each week.

It is possible for you to enrol on one or two courses outwith the Business School, however there is no guarantee of a place, as other schools within the University may restrict entry numbers on courses.

The style of teaching may differ from that which you have experienced at home. You may find that you have fewer hours of direct teaching. In such cases, you will be expected to study independently in the library, work through the course reading list and demonstrate your learning in essays and exams. Teaching methods here will be a combination of lectures and tutorials.

<p>Assessment</p>	<p>The Business School offers a diverse range of assessments across its undergraduate courses. These may consist of one assignment, for example, an individual essay, group project and/or presentation (30%) and a final exam (70%). For full details see the course catalogue and course description: http://www.drps.ed.ac.uk/18-19/dpt/cx_s_su780.htm.</p> <p>Feedback on assessments is normally provided within 15 days of the submission date.</p> <p>The marking scale at the University of Edinburgh is as follows:</p> <p>70 – 100 A- an excellent performance (pass) 60 – 69 B- a very good performance (pass) 50 – 59 C- a good performance (pass) 40 – 49 D- a satisfactory performance (pass) 30 – 39 E- a marginal fail (fail) 20 – 29 F- a clear fail (fail) 10 – 19 G- a bad fail (fail) 0 – 9 H- a bad fail (fail)</p>
<p>Transcript</p>	<p>When students have completed their semester or year at the University of Edinburgh, the Academic Registry will automatically prepare the Transcript of Records free of charge. Every transcript has a key to the Edinburgh grading system and recommended equivalencies on the reverse. One copy will be sent to the student's home university: http://www.ed.ac.uk/study-abroad/courses-credits/credits-grading-transcripts.</p>
<p>English language support</p>	<p>The University has a wide range of resources to help students who are non-native speakers of English to improve their language skills.</p> <p><u>Academic English for International Students 1 & 2 (AEIS1 & 2)</u> AEIS is a 20 credit academic course designed to improve English language level and study skills. Students must take the Test of English at Matriculation (TEAM) upon arrival to Edinburgh to ensure their English language proficiency is appropriate for the course. Space in this course is limited, so entry is strictly controlled by the CHSS Visiting Student Office (VSO). Please come in person to the VSO to enrol in this course.</p> <p><u>Test of English at Matriculation (TEAM)</u> TEAM is a free English language test and includes components which test listening, comprehension and knowledge of grammar and vocabulary. It takes about 40 minutes to complete. Students may also take non-credit bearing English Language courses via English Language Support for International Students (EL SIS): http://www.ed.ac.uk/english-language-teaching/students/current-students/elsis.</p>

Accommodation and Cost of Living

Exchange students who apply as part of an exchange arrangement approved by the University of Edinburgh are usually guaranteed University housing if they are studying at Edinburgh for the full academic year. To check your eligibility see: <http://www.accom.ed.ac.uk/for-students/visiting-and-exchange/>

(If you are studying for just one semester, the Accommodation Service can provide advice on private rental agencies as they may not be able to guarantee university accommodation.)

There is a wide range of accommodation to choose from, including self-catering flats and halls of residence with a full meal plan. Most students prefer to share in a self-catering flat and these are located throughout the city centre and cost approximately £90-150 per week for a standard single room with shared kitchen and bathroom facilities. The cost is normally inclusive of internet access and utilities but students should check each property for full details on the University's Accommodation Services website:

<http://www.accom.ed.ac.uk/>.

Information on cost of living can be seen at:

<http://www.ed.ac.uk/studying/international/finance/cost-of-living>.

Student societies & sports facilities

The University of Edinburgh has over 250 student clubs and societies – more than any other university in the UK – giving the opportunity to develop interests, make friends and socialise. There are 64 sports clubs including everything from fencing to skydiving, and horse riding to ice hockey. The superb fitness and indoor sports facilities based in the Centre for Sport and Exercise include extensive gyms, a residential centre for outdoor activities, a swimming pool, widespread playing fields and the leading sports injuries clinic in the country.

Students can also sample new activities or develop their skills at Firbush, the University's outdoor activities centre on the banks of Loch Tay in the Southern Highlands. The Firbush programme includes a wide range of water sports and mountain activities, from kayaking to cross-country skiing.

<http://www.ed.ac.uk/schools-departments/sport-exercise/home>.

Immigration

If you are a member of the European Union (EU) or European Economic Area (EAA) you require a valid passport or national identity card to obtain entry to the UK. You are also advised to have copies of your letter of admission to the University on arrival.

Non EU/EEA members should contact their nearest British Embassy or Consulate at least one month and not more than three months before their travel to the UK to obtain a 'Tier 4 (General) Student' visa. Students who intend to apply for a Tier 4 visa will receive a Confirmation of Acceptance for Study

(CAS) number by email from the Visiting Student Office. This number is required as part of the visa application.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/uk-visas-and-immigration>.

Working or volunteering

Many visiting students have a part-time job while in Edinburgh to get more experience, earn some spending money and meet new people. EU/ EEA students and students with a full UK Tier 4 general student visa are permitted to take up employment, on or off campus, part-time, but the regulations must be followed:

<http://www.ed.ac.uk/international-office/immigration/working-in-the-uk/during-studies>.

It is also common to undertake voluntary work and there are plenty of opportunities to do so. Students can get further advice from the University's Careers Service:

<http://www.ed.ac.uk/careers/looking-for-work/part-time-vacation>.

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The Business School Concourse



Main Library



Old College Quadrant