# Information for International Exchange partners

## 2020/2021

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### Important Deadlines

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*Online applications must be submitted by the given deadline, however, supporting documents (e.g. transcript, English language certificate) can be uploaded after the application submission.

Deadlines for providing supporting documents are:

- **Academic year & Semester 1:** 30th June
- **Semester 2:** 30th November (please note this deadline is the same as the accommodation application deadline, therefore, if applicants wait to submit their documents late, they cannot be guaranteed an offer of study in time to apply for accommodation).

**Please note that applicants must have accepted an offer of study in order to be eligible to apply for accommodation.**
### Entry Requirements

**Grade requirement**
All incoming exchange students are required to meet our minimum entry requirement of a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or over on a 4.0 scale or equivalent (ECTS ‘C’ average).

**Transcript requirement**
Applicants to the College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences will be required to provide a transcript at the point of application demonstrating they have completed a minimum of one full year of study.

Applicants to the College of Science and Engineering will be required to provide a transcript at the point of application demonstrating that they have completed a minimum of one semester of study. Students may also need to provide a high school diploma to demonstrate their competency in the relevant subject area.

Further information on all our entry requirements, including up-to-date English language requirements can be found at: [www.ed.ac.uk/global/study-abroad/study-options/international-exchange](http://www.ed.ac.uk/global/study-abroad/study-options/international-exchange)

### Semester Dates

Dates for the upcoming academic year can be found at: [www.ed.ac.uk/global/study-abroad/diary](http://www.ed.ac.uk/global/study-abroad/diary)

### Application

**Online Information Sessions**
Students are encouraged to attend one of our online information sessions for information and advice on the University and how to apply: [www.ed.ac.uk/global/study-abroad/online-information-sessions](http://www.ed.ac.uk/global/study-abroad/online-information-sessions)

**Application Guide**
Once we have processed your nominations we will email applicants directly with further instructions, including our Step by Step Application Guide.
A copy of this guide is available at: [www.ed.ac.uk/global/study-abroad/how-to-apply/applicationguide](http://www.ed.ac.uk/global/study-abroad/how-to-apply/applicationguide)

### Academic Reference

International exchange applicants are **not** required to submit an academic reference with their application.
# Academics

## Courses
Courses available to international exchange students: [www.ed.ac.uk/study-abroad/course](http://www.ed.ac.uk/study-abroad/course)
The current course finder is displaying courses offered in the academic year 2019/2020. The course finder will be updated in late June 2020 to reflect the course choices for 2020/2021. Students must meet all required pre-requisites as stated in the course finder. Applicants should use the current course finder as a guide when selecting courses. Unfortunately, we cannot guarantee entry into any of a student’s chosen courses.

## Restricted courses
Architecture/Landscape Architecture, Art and Design studio based courses and Medicine and Veterinary Medicine courses are not available.

## Popular courses
An up-to-date list of subject areas that are in high demand or have limited space can be found at [www.ed.ac.uk/global/study-abroad/courses-credits](http://www.ed.ac.uk/global/study-abroad/courses-credits). As spaces are limited on these courses, students will often be limited to pre-enrol for one or two courses only (depending on the subject) and invited to fill any remaining spaces on a first-come, first-served basis.

*Please note that Informatics, Geography and Psychology have been added to this popular courses list. While entry will be more competitive, we will do our best to place students in their preferred courses.*

## Course load
Students must enrol in 60 credits per semester.

### Exceptions:
Students who are required to take a particular course, the only option being of 10 credits. This results in the student choosing an underload (minimum 50 credits) or an overload (maximum 70 credits).

Students who are completing a dissertation or other formal work for their home institution: this requires written confirmation of this study from their home university.

There are no further exceptions that would result in an underload or overload of credits. Students should discuss taking a credit underload/overload with their College’s Visiting Student Office or their Personal Tutor.

## Compulsory Attendance
All visiting students must attend and engage fully in the classes that they are enrolled in at the University of Edinburgh. If students consistently fail to attend or engage with their studies the issue will be escalated within their College and may result in the ultimate exclusion of the student.

Students will be encouraged to speak with their Personal Tutor or the Student Support team in their school if they are experiencing difficulties (i.e. academic, personal, health). This will enable them to support the student in improving their attendance, their wider engagement with their studies, and importantly to address any issues that may be of concern to them.
**University of Edinburgh transcripts**

Students will provide a transcript address when completing their application to the University of Edinburgh. Their final transcript will be posted to the address indicated on their application in mid-February for Semester 1 and mid-July for Semester 2. Please advise your students of the correct address – preferably your office address.

Students may also request electronic copies of their transcript from: [www.ed.ac.uk/student-administration/electronic-document-service](http://www.ed.ac.uk/student-administration/electronic-document-service)

**Re-sits and Overseas Examination Service**

During the University of Edinburgh’s re-sit diet, many Study Abroad and Exchange students will be given the opportunity to re-sit assessments that they have failed earlier in the academic year.

Please note that not all courses permit an overseas re-sit.

The following webpage contains an overview of the re-sit information which applies to Study Abroad and exchange students, including the re-sit application process and reassessment fees: [www.ed.ac.uk/global/study-abroad/successful-applicants/re-sits-overseas](http://www.ed.ac.uk/global/study-abroad/successful-applicants/re-sits-overseas)

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**Accommodation**

International exchange students are guaranteed an offer of University Accommodation provided they submit an accommodation application by the deadline.

Students must have accepted an unconditional offer to study at the University of Edinburgh before they can apply for accommodation.

Students will list their top 5 accommodation preferences as part of the application. While we can guarantee an offer, we unfortunately cannot guarantee that students are placed in their preferred accommodation, although the Allocations staff will endeavour to do so when possible.

Offers will expire if not accepted within 7 days. It is therefore important that students regularly check their University of Edinburgh email account (and check their spam folders).

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**Southern Hemisphere Applicants**

If your university uses the Southern Hemisphere calendar, your students can apply to study at Edinburgh for a calendar year January – December.

If this is of interest for any of your students, then please let us know when you are nominating your students online (in the Comments section).

Your students are not guaranteed university accommodation during the summer vacation; however, we will try to accommodate students where possible.