Information for European partners

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Responding to Covid-19

As the situation continues to develop, we will be publishing Covid-19 guidance relevant to exchange applicants here: www.ed.ac.uk/global/study-abroad/covid-19

For the latest general information and advice, please see our main University Covid-19 homepage: www.ed.ac.uk/news/covid-19

Important Deadlines

	Academic year	Semester 1	Semester 2
Nomination	1st May	1st May	1st October
Application*	31st May	31st May	31st October
Accommodation**	16th August	16th August	30th November

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

Deadlines for providing supporting documents are:
Semester 1 (academic year):   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 university 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). If you have any questions on what is an equivalent grade at your institution, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

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 at their home institution. Where one full year has not yet been completed, study at a previous institution will be considered on a case-by-case basis.
- 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 at their home institution. Students may also need to provide a high school diploma to demonstrate their competency in the relevant subject area.

English language requirements

In line with recent immigration changes, EU students who will be joining us for a full academic year on a Student Route visa will be required to provide proof of English language proficiency through one of our accepted qualifications listed on our website: www.ed.ac.uk/global/study-abroad/study-options/erasmus-exchange

Exceptions:

If a student is a national of a majority English-speaking country; if a student is currently attending a university in a majority English-speaking country; if a student is currently attending a university on our exempted list (https://www.ed.ac.uk/studying/postgraduate/applying/your-application/entry-requirements/english-requirements/approved-universities)

Semester Dates

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

Application

Online Information Sessions

Please encourage your students to attend one of our online information sessions for information and advice on the University and how to apply (university staff are also welcome to attend these): www.ed.ac.uk/global/study-abroad/online-information-sessions

Application Guide

Once we have processed your nominations we will email applicants directly with our University factsheet and 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

Academic Reference

Erasmus exchange applicants are ***not*** required to submit an academic reference with their application.

Academics

Courses
Courses available to Erasmus exchange students are listed on our course finder here:
www.ed.ac.uk/study-abroad/course
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.

Exchange students must meet the terms of the specific exchange agreement they have been nominated on and all required pre-requisites as stated in the course finder. Exchange students nominated on a subject-specific exchange agreement (e.g. Business, Psychology, Chemistry) are expected to enrol in 2/3 of their courses from that specific subject area.

Restricted courses
Architecture/Landscape Architecture, Art and Design studio based courses and Medicine and Veterinary Medicine courses are not available (unless students are coming on a subject-specific exchange agreement in these subject areas).

Popular courses
A 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. 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 on arrival in Edinburgh. 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 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 have to provide transcript mailing and contact email addresses when completing their application to the University of Edinburgh. Their final transcripts will be posted to the address indicated on their application or, in case we are not able to send hard copies, we will email official electronic transcripts to the indicated contact email address.

Please advise your students of the correct mailing and contact email address – preferably your office address. Transcripts become available at the following times of the year:

Semester 1 students: *mid-February*

Semester 2 and full year students: *July/August*

Students can also request electronic copies of their transcript from: www.ed.ac.uk/student-administration/electronic-document-service

Electronic documents received in this way should be considered absolutely secure and official.

Re-sits and Overseas Examination Service

During the University of Edinburgh's re-sit diet, many 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 exchange students, including the re-sit application process and reassessment fees: www.ed.ac.uk/global/study-abroad/successful-applicants/re-sits-overseas

University Accommodation

Full year Erasmus students *are guaranteed* an offer of University Accommodation provided they submit an accommodation application by the deadline.

Due to the demand on our accommodation, single semester Erasmus students *are not* guaranteed an offer of accommodation. These students are still encouraged to apply for accommodation; if any accommodation does become available, the Accommodation team will contact the student to make them aware.

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. Unfortunately we 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).

Immigration

All non-UK nationals are now required to seek immigration permission when coming to the UK. Some students will need to apply for a visa before travelling, but most students who are coming to the UK for less than six months will be able to get immigration permission when they arrive in the UK under the Standard Visitor route. Check what students need to do here:
www.ed.ac.uk/student-administration/immigration/applying-for-visa/doi-need-visa

If your student is coming to the UK for a programme that is less than six months in length, and they do not wish to work (including work placements as part of their programme) or extend their studies in the UK, they can apply to come to the UK as a Standard Visitor: www.ed.ac.uk/studentadministration/immigration/applying-for-visa/standard-visitor

Students coming for longer than six months will need to apply via the Student Route (previously called Tier 4): www.ed.ac.uk/student-administration/immigration/applying-for-visa/tier4

If you have any questions, we have a dedicated Student Immigration Service who will be able to help: studentimmigration@ed.ac.uk

Healthcare

Students coming in on the Standard Visitor route do not have access to medical treatment in the UK, other than private medical treatment. It is therefore important that your students get insurance that will cover the cost of any treatment they may need when they are in the UK.

Students coming via the Student Route (previously called Tier 4) will pay a fee for this visa which includes a health surcharge and therefore they would be covered for NHS treatment for the duration of their studies.

Please note that testing and treatment for Covid-19 is free of charge if your students have symptoms or have been asked by local council to take a test, regardless of immigration status. NHS treatment for people who are infected with Coronavirus (COVID-19) is also free of charge for everyone.