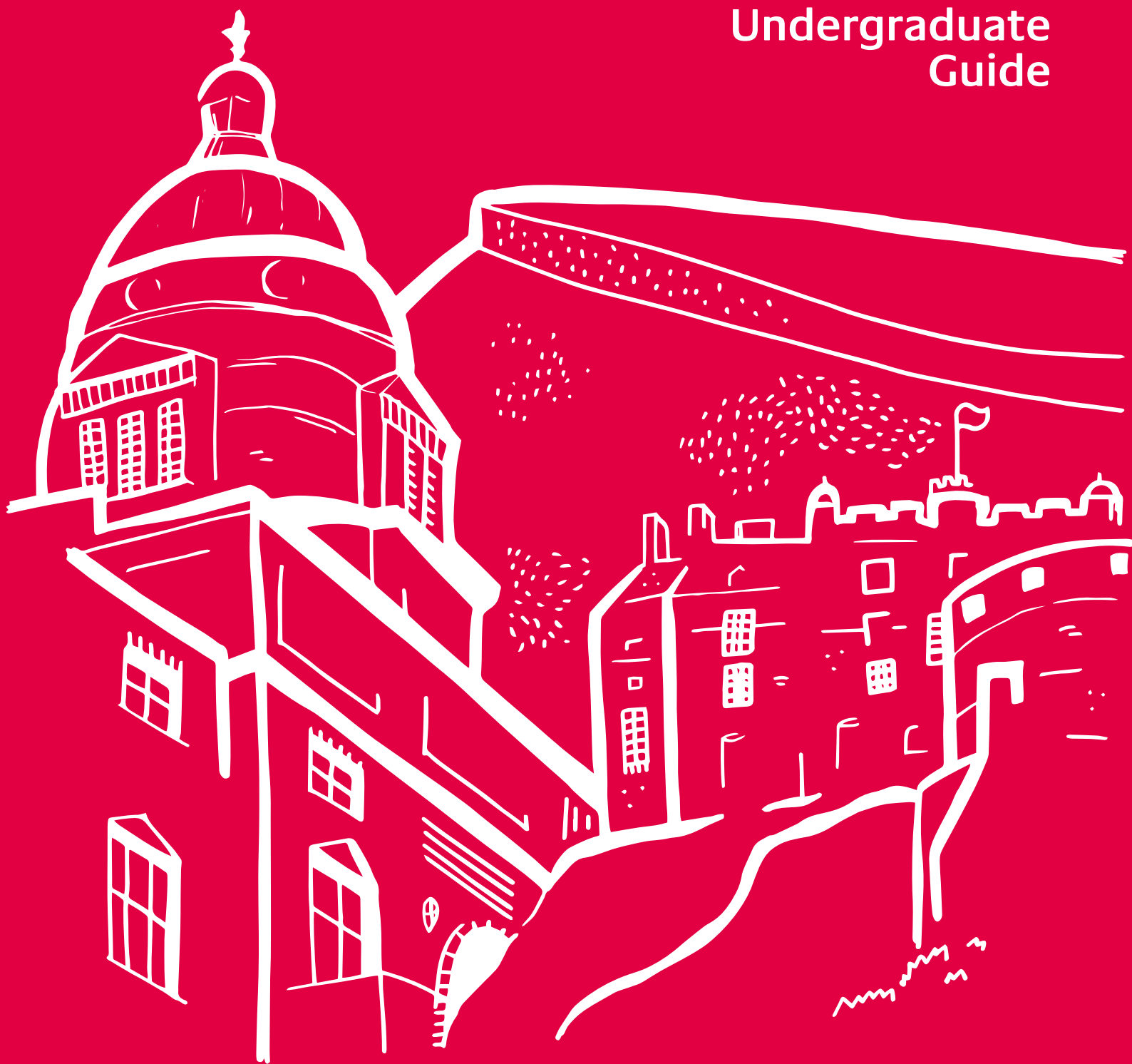




THE UNIVERSITY
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International Undergraduate Guide



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There are many reasons to choose the University of Edinburgh for your undergraduate experience: the quality of our academics, our stunning location and our international campus combine to make our offering truly special.

Founded in 1583, the University of Edinburgh is one of the UK's oldest and most prestigious universities. Over the last four centuries, we have built an enviable reputation for excellence in both research and teaching, attracting some of the world's leading thinkers to work and study here.

The University is located at the heart of Edinburgh, Scotland's capital and one of the most beautiful cities in Europe. We have been welcoming international students to Edinburgh for many years.

This guide will provide you with the information you need to decide if the University of Edinburgh is the right choice for you. If you have questions, you can contact us:

global.enquiries@ed.ac.uk

www.ed.ac.uk/study/international

TOP 50

We're consistently ranked as one of the best 50 universities in the world.

1ST

1st in Scotland and 4th in the UK for research power, based on research quality and breadth.*

13TH

We're ranked 13th in the world's most international universities.**

39,000 STUDENTS

Over 39,000 students, with more than 25,000 undergraduate students.

156 NATIONALITIES

Over 17,000 international students from 156 countries.

Access to **280+** student societies, **5** galleries and museums, **30** libraries.

Top sporting university in Scotland, **top 5 in UK**, world class facilities.***



“Edinburgh is such a vibrant city, and there’s always something going on. The size of the city is just right – large enough for it to be lively, but small enough that you can get almost anywhere by walking or taking the bus. It’s a great place to live, study and have fun too.”

Student from Malaysia



Choose Edinburgh

The City of Edinburgh

Edinburgh, the inspiring capital of Scotland, is a historic, cosmopolitan and cultured city, which offers a unique living and learning experience. One of the most vibrant cities in Europe, the city of Edinburgh is regularly voted as one of the most desirable places to live in the world and has been rated the third ‘most welcoming’ city in the world. Edinburgh regularly receives very high satisfaction ratings for safety and security in the International Student Barometer survey. This cosmopolitan, safe and welcoming atmosphere encourages international students to feel at home quickly.

Location

The University is located at the very heart of Scotland’s capital city, ensuring that the urban campus is an integral part of everything that is going on. Described as one of the most beautiful cities in Europe by independent guides, Edinburgh is the second most popular tourist destination in the UK after London. Edinburgh is famed for its ancient castle, medieval centre and elegant

architecture, which have led it to be known as the ‘Athens of the North’. The wealth of historical buildings in the city centre has earned the Old and New Towns the United Nations’ ‘World Heritage Site’ status.

Culture

Edinburgh is rich in social, cultural, learning and sports facilities. Scotland’s capital is home to the Scottish Government and many of the country’s national institutions and collections such as museums, art galleries and theatres. The city hosts 12 annual festivals each year including the world’s largest arts festival in August and one of the world’s largest winter festivals. In 2004 Edinburgh was named the world’s first UNESCO City of Literature, in recognition of the city’s rich literary heritage. Professor Alexander McCall Smith, best-selling author of the ‘No. 1 Ladies’ Detective Agency’ novels is Emeritus Professor in the School of Law. A stone’s throw from campus and popular haunt of the University’s students, the Elephant House café is the place where J K Rowling worked on her ‘Harry Potter’ novels.

Photos of Edinburgh by international students

Each year we invite international students to send us their favourite photos of Edinburgh: www.ed.ac.uk/photo-competition

Find out more about the city of Edinburgh:

www.ed.ac.uk/about/city



The University of Edinburgh

Founded in 1583 and one of the UK's six 'ancient' universities, the University of Edinburgh is a top ranking international centre of excellence in research and teaching, and attracts the best students from around the world. With superb resources and facilities for students across a wide range of academic disciplines, the University is committed to providing an outstanding educational experience whilst supporting sustainable trade and the environment.

The University of Edinburgh is one of the largest universities in the UK with over 39,000 students and comprises three Colleges which are composed of twenty-one Schools.

Reputation and student body

The University of Edinburgh is consistently ranked amongst the very best universities in the UK in national league tables, which represents the high standards in teaching, research, facilities and the great graduate prospects. With over 60,000 applications for 5,900 undergraduate places in September 2017, it is a very popular and competitive study destination.

The University of Edinburgh has one of the most diverse international student populations of any Scottish university with over 156 different nationalities contributing to our cosmopolitan and multi-cultural learning environment.

There are over 25,000 students pursuing undergraduate degrees at the University of Edinburgh and around a third come from outside of the UK.

Undergraduate students

UK	16,530
EU (non-UK)	2,665
Outwith EU	6,065
Total	25,260

Postgraduate Students

UK	5,865
EU (non-UK)	2,290
Outwith EU	6,185
Total	14,340

Data rounded.

Employability

Last year over 2,500 employers sought to recruit our undergraduate students, and the University ranks 8th in the UK for graduate employment (Global Employability University Ranking 2017).

Famous alumni

Including the philosopher David Hume, Charles Darwin, John Witherspoon, Joseph Lister, Robert Louis Stevenson and, more recently, former Prime Minister Gordon Brown, former MI5 director Stella Rimington, NASA Astronaut Piers Sellers, Olympic cyclist Chris Hoy and the writers Ian Rankin, Alexander McCall Smith and J K Rowling.

Nobel Prize winners

We are associated with 21 Nobel Prize winners, including: Charles Barkla (Physics, 1917), Max Born (Physics, 1954), Peter Doherty (Medicine, 1996), James Mirrlees (Economics, 1996), Peter Higgs (Physics, 2013), Fraser Stoddart (Chemistry, 2016), and most recently, Daniel Högsta (Peace, 2017). In 2004, University Honorary Professor Sir Michael Atiyah won the prestigious Abel Prize, Maths' equivalent of the Nobel Prize.



“I would definitely recommend the University of Edinburgh because of the extent of knowledge you can gain during your course and the experience of being a member of such a diverse international community.”

Student from Canada

“Edinburgh has an old world charm to it. The mix of the old and new is very appealing. The people of Edinburgh immediately make you feel part of the city and there is a sense of being part of the community. It is a wonderful place to be a student because your experience goes beyond university life.”

Student from India



An international university

Climate

Many students have the impression that Edinburgh will be a cold and wet place to live. In fact, Edinburgh has the same annual rainfall as New York and Rome, and has a varied, temperate climate, just a degree or two cooler than London. In the winter, snow is rare in the city and the temperature rarely dips below freezing during the day. In summertime, it is generally warm, with temperatures between 18-24°C / 65-75°F.

Getting around

With a population of around 500,000, Edinburgh is a compact, friendly city which is easy to travel around on foot, by bus, by tram or car. As one of the greenest cities in the UK, there is an extensive network of cycle routes.

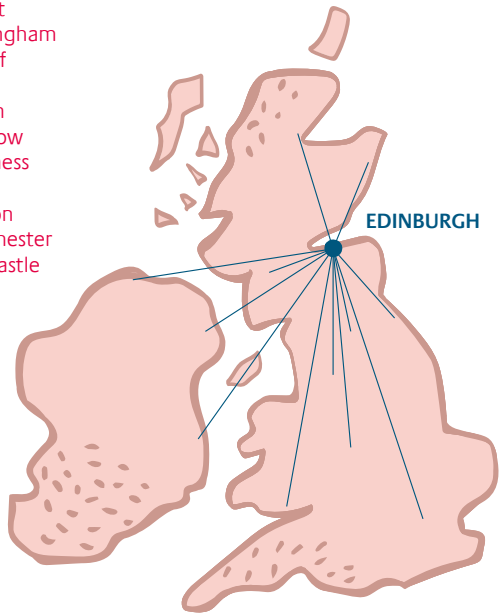
Getting here

Edinburgh has substantive links to all major UK and European cities. Edinburgh International Airport has an extensive range of national and international services with direct flights to most major cities in Europe and to a number of major cities worldwide.

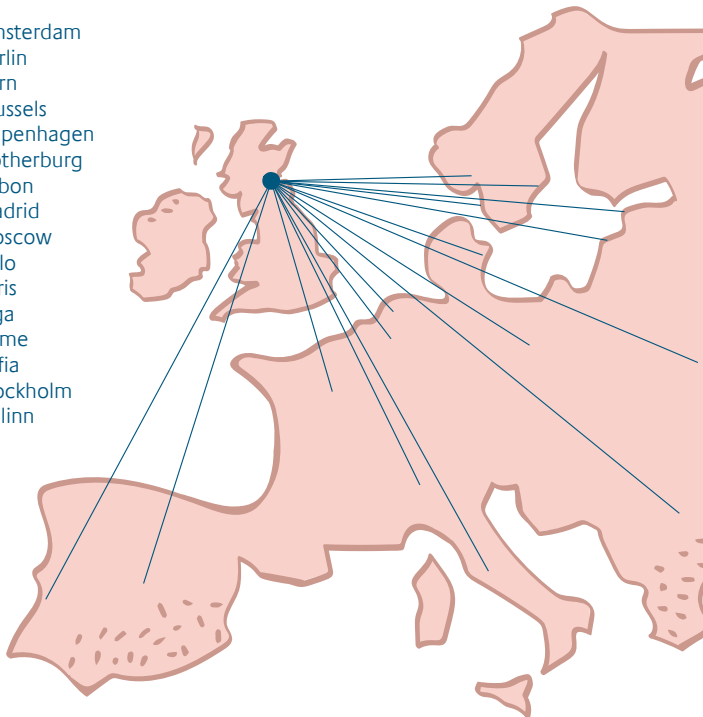
Edinburgh is in an ideal location to explore Scotland, the rest of the UK and Europe. The dramatic Highlands offer an ideal getaway from city living, just a couple of hours from Edinburgh by train or car. Popular destinations include Loch Ness, Loch Lomond and the Isle of Skye. The rest of the UK is also within easy reach with London just four hours away by rail or one hour by air. Many students also take the opportunity to travel around Europe during vacation periods, or even for the weekend. Cheap flights are available from Edinburgh direct to many European cities and resorts, with Paris just an hour and a half away.

Within reach of UK and European destinations

- Aberdeen
- Belfast
- Birmingham
- Cardiff
- Derry
- Dublin
- Glasgow
- Inverness
- Leeds
- London
- Manchester
- Newcastle



- Amsterdam
- Berlin
- Bern
- Brussels
- Copenhagen
- Göteborg
- Lisbon
- Madrid
- Moscow
- Oslo
- Paris
- Riga
- Rome
- Sofia
- Stockholm
- Tallinn



Student life

Accommodation

www.accomm.ed.ac.uk/for-students

- Guaranteed accommodation offer for all new international undergraduate students
- Over 6,500 rooms in a variety of modern and historic residences
- Options for catered or self-catered facilities in flats or halls
- All residences within walking distance of the University
- Contracts normally cover Christmas and Easter holidays
- 24-hour residential wardens and Residence Life team who provide a range of social, welfare and support services

Sports and fitness

www.ed.ac.uk/sport-exercise

- Over 65 different sport clubs including everything from fencing to skydiving, horse riding to ice hockey
- Centrally located Pleasance Sports Centre with squash courts, fitness centre and various sports halls
- Full range of indoor sports facilities and a 25m swimming pool
- Outdoor facilities include playing fields, tennis courts and Outdoor Pursuits Centres on Loch Tay for sailing and mountain-biking, and near Aviemore for skiing, mountain climbing and hill walking

Clubs and societies

www.eusa.ed.ac.uk/societies

There are over 280 student societies - more than any other university in the UK - covering everything from juggling to economics to volunteering, which can cater to your interests. As well as being fun, many societies can give you the kind of transferable skills useful in future careers. Prospective journalists can cut their teeth on the 'Student' newspaper, or work on the University radio station. Those interested in music and drama are spoilt for choice as there are choral societies, a University orchestra, and the largest student theatre company in the UK.

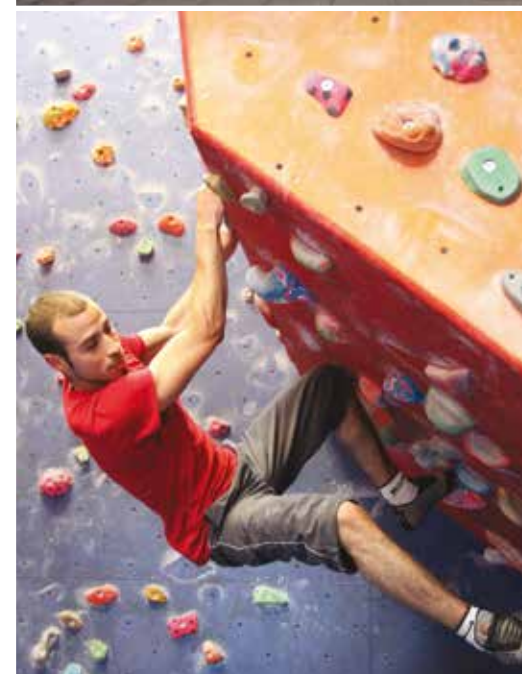
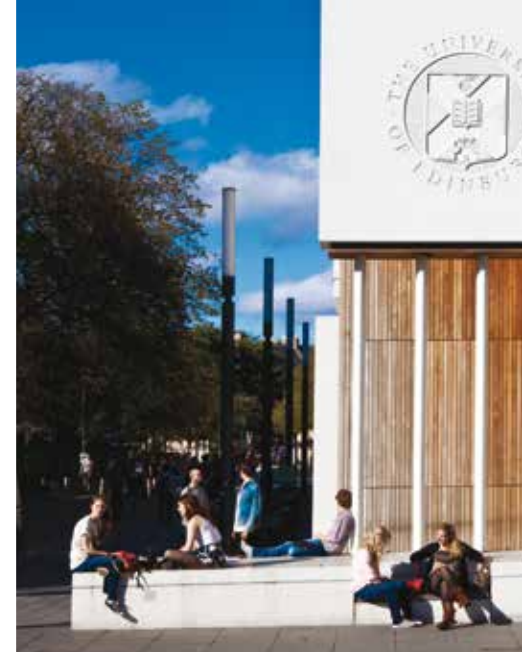
Student exchanges

www.ed.ac.uk/global/exchanges

The University of Edinburgh has one of the largest exchange programmes in the UK. There are extensive opportunities to spend time on a study or work placement as part of your degree. There are over 350 exchanges at some of the best universities in Europe, North America, Latin America, Asia and Australasia. Our exchange partners include prestigious Ivy League institutions such as the University of Pennsylvania, and other world-class establishments including McGill University, CalTech, Fudan University, The National University of Singapore, Peking University, IEP Paris – Sciences Po and The Sorbonne, Paris.

“The students here are very friendly, the professors and staff are very helpful, patient, and experts in their subjects, the university facilities are really good, and I feel like I’m really immersed in an international community.”

Student from the USA





Degree programmes

One of the things students repeatedly comment on and appreciate when they get to Edinburgh is the flexibility and choice of courses available to them. The University's size enables us to offer an unparalleled range of courses, giving you the opportunity to develop a deep understanding of niche areas or to sample a broad range of courses throughout your undergraduate degree.

Scottish undergraduate programmes

Degrees in Scotland are generally four years in duration. Direct entry into year two may be possible for applicants with higher grades than the normal entry requirements in some subject areas. These subject areas are Medical Sciences; Biological & Biomedical Sciences;

Chemistry; Computer Science (Informatics); Earth Sciences; Ecological & Environment Sciences; Engineering; Geography (single honours); Mathematics or Physics & Astronomy, or in Art & Design for those students who have taken an art foundation course.

The key aspects of Scottish higher education are flexibility and choice. Students often change their degree as they progress so the big decision of 'what to do at university' can be delayed.

Exceptions to the broad-based and flexible Scottish degree structure include Fine Art and professionally based programmes such as Accounting, Law, Engineering, Medicine, Veterinary Medicine and Architecture.

Admissions selection

The University of Edinburgh is committed to admitting the very best students. While formal qualifications are important, our selectors look at the entire application to assess suitability and potential of applicants.

www.ed.ac.uk/studying/undergraduate/applying/selection

Undergraduate masters

Ancient universities confer MA degrees at undergraduate level in humanities and social sciences subjects, sometimes referred to as undergraduate Masters.

www.ed.ac.uk/studying/undergraduate/degree-names

Degree finder:

www.ed.ac.uk/ug/degrees



Degree choices

Around 500 undergraduate programmes to choose from

Accounting

Arabic & Persian

Archaeology

Architecture & Landscape Architecture

Art & Design

Asian Studies

Biological & Biomedical Sciences

Business Management

Celtic & Scottish Studies

Chemistry

Classics

Cognitive Science

Computing Science (Informatics)

Divinity & Religious Studies

Earth Sciences

Ecological & Environmental Sciences

Economics

Education

Engineering

English & Scottish Literature

English Language

Environmental & Ecological Sciences

Geography

History

History of Art & Fine Art

Islamic Studies & Middle Eastern Studies

Languages, Countries & Cultures

Law

Linguistics

Mathematics

Medicine & Health

Modern European Languages

Music

Nursing Studies

Philosophy

Physics & Astronomy

Politics & International Relations

Psychology

Russian Studies

Scandinavian Studies

Social Anthropology

Social Policy

Social Work

Sociology

Sport Science & Sport Management

Sustainable Development

Veterinary Medicine

View the Degree Programme Tables and details of courses:
www.drps.ed.ac.uk/18-19/dpt/drpsindex.htm



Flexibility & choice

The four-year experience

The four-year degree structure at Edinburgh offers flexible learning, allowing you to discover your preferred degree path.

In first year you will normally study three subjects. You continue two of these subjects in your second year, at the end of which you decide which subject to take to degree level.

Even if you know exactly what you want to do, you can study additional subjects alongside your core programme, adding depth to your education.

By the time you graduate your breadth of knowledge will be highly prized by employers, giving you the best chance of success in your chosen field.

Teaching methods

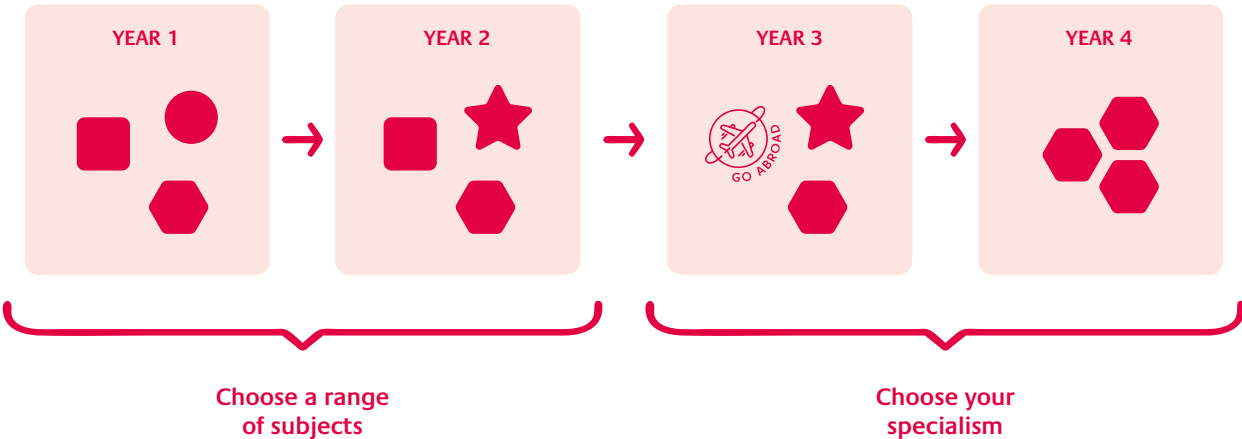
Teaching usually consists of weekly lectures and tutorials for each course, with laboratory work for science and engineering courses. The lecture sets out the subject for the week, providing the foundations upon which you build. You will study independently, before meeting in tutorial groups to discuss the subject in more depth. Emphasis is placed on independent research, critical thinking, and logical argument. Classes are normally assessed through a combination of essays, exams and practical work for science and engineering students.

www.ed.ac.uk/studying/ug/teaching

Degree structure

Find out more about our flexible four-year degree structure:
www.ed.ac.uk/undergraduate/degree-structure

A degree of choice



Admission requirements

How to apply

Applications for undergraduate degree programmes are made via UCAS, the central organisation that processes applications for all UK undergraduate courses.

Applications can be submitted from September in the year before you plan to start at university:
www.ed.ac.uk/studying/undergraduate/applying/ucas

Demand for places at the University of Edinburgh is high, and entry is competitive. Each year we receive around ten applications for every place. We encourage applications from well-qualified students, and recognise a wide range of qualifications for entry.

Entry requirements

Entry requirements vary from programme to programme. You can find the minimum academic entry requirements, including specified subjects, in the Undergraduate Degree Finder:
www.ed.ac.uk/ug/degrees

GCE A Levels

Entry requirements for candidates are three A Levels at specified grades in one sitting. Most subject areas will look for breadth of study across subjects. Minimum requirements range from ABB to AAA.

International Baccalaureate (IB)

Award of the full Diploma is required. Minimum requirements range from 32 to 38 points overall, with 555 or above at HL.

US qualifications

Students need to undertake standardised tests, for example:

- Three SAT Subject Tests with 650 minimum or
- Three APs at Grade 4 minimum or
- A combination of three SAT Subject Tests or APs in different subjects

Note: SAT Reasoning score of 1290 (650 minimum in Evidence-based Reading & Writing, and 620 minimum in Math) or ACT Composite score of 27 minimum can replace one SAT Subject Test or AP.

Other qualifications

For detailed advice and information on other international entry requirements, please check the country-specific information at:
www.ed.ac.uk/studying/international/country

Other requirements

You're required to submit a personal statement and academic reference in your application:
www.ed.ac.uk/studying/undergraduate/applying/ucas/personal-statement

Some degree programmes have additional requirements, such as submission of a portfolio, work experience summary or a test like the UK Clinical Aptitude Test (UKCAT). Additional entry requirements are included in the programme details in the degree finder:
www.ed.ac.uk/ug/degrees

English language requirements

You may be required to provide evidence of your English language level. We accept a range of qualifications, including IELTS, TOEFL and Pearson, and requirements vary depending on the degree you are applying for. We may also accept the English qualification you have taken as part of your studies at high school. Details of our requirements can be found at:

www.ed.ac.uk/english-requirements

International Foundation Programme and Pathway programmes

For applicants whose national qualifications or school leaving certificate are not accepted for direct entry to the University, we offer opportunities for talented students to access degree programmes within arts, humanities and social science. More information is available at:

www.ed.ac.uk/studying/international/applying/foundation

Apply now:

www.ucas.com/apply



Funding your studies

Tuition fees

A guide to international tuition fees for the 2018/19 academic year:

Programmes	Annual fee
Most programmes	
Class based (non-laboratory)	£18,800
Laboratory based	£24,600
Studio based	£24,600
Medicine	
Years 1-3 Preclinical & intercalated	£32,100
Years 4-6 Clinical	£49,900
Veterinary Medicine	£30,800

International students on full-time undergraduate degree programmes pay a fixed annual tuition fee giving you the reassurance of knowing exactly how much you'll pay each year before your studies begin.

You can find up-to-date details of tuition fees by programme of study, including additional programme costs:
www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding

Fee status

You can check your fee status online:
www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/fee-status

Funding & scholarships

The University offers a number of scholarships to international students, all of which are awarded on the basis of academic merit. Additional information on funding and scholarships for study at the University of Edinburgh can be found at:
www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/search
or from the British Council:
www.britishcouncil.org

Cost of living

It is important to plan your budget in advance of arrival. You will find a personal budget calculator and information about living costs online:
www.ed.ac.uk/studying/international/finance

Working

Many students have a part-time job while in Edinburgh to gain work 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 (up to 20 hours per week) during the academic year and full-time during vacation periods. The Careers Service has a dedicated international careers advisor, to assist overseas students in their search for employment both in the UK and internationally. More information is available online:
www.ed.ac.uk/careers

Search for funding:

www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/search



Immigration

International students need to obtain a visa to study in the UK.

The only students who don't require a visa to study in the UK are:

- students holding passports from European Union (EU) / European Economic Area (EEA) countries
- students from Switzerland

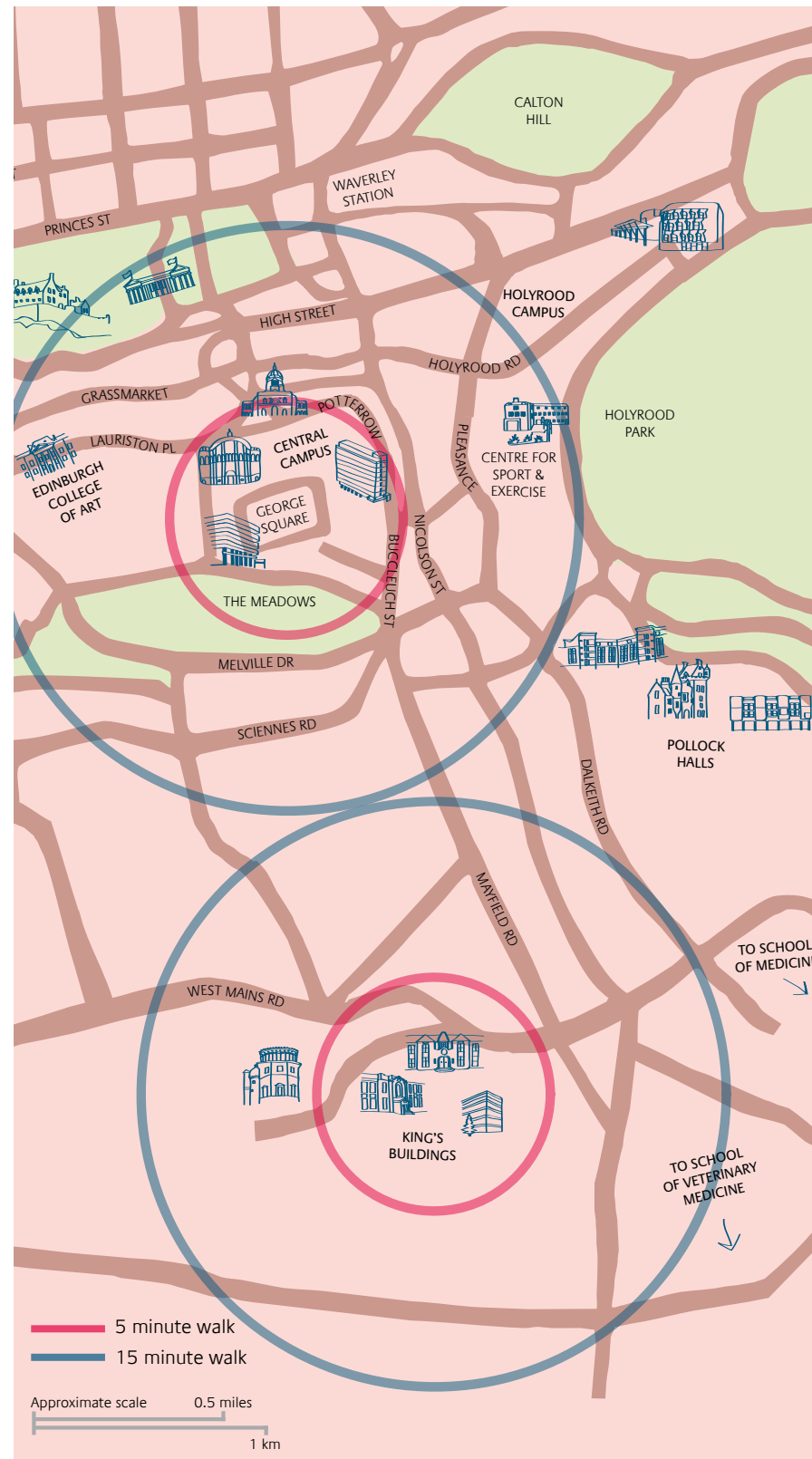
Students from all other countries should use the Home Office guidance to identify the type of visa required (there are two options) and start the application procedure online:
www.gov.uk/visas-immigration

Further advice

Detailed help and advice on immigration is available at:
www.ed.ac.uk/immigration



Visit us



We welcome visitors to the campus throughout the year and offer Information Sessions to prospective international students most Mondays and Fridays. The Information Session is led by one of our Regional Managers and is followed by a student-led tour of the central campus. Arrangements can also be made for those visitors who have applied or hold offers to meet with an academic member of staff within their subject area of interest.

To book a place on an Information Session or to find out more about the University:
www.ed.ac.uk/undergraduate/visiting

For other visit requests:
visits@ed.ac.uk
 +44 (0)131 650 4296

Open days

International visitors are also very welcome at our open days which are normally held in June and September. You can also conduct a self-guided tour which can be downloaded at:
www.ed.ac.uk/visit/tours/self-guided

Online information sessions

We hold online information sessions twice a month for students who want to learn more about study opportunities:
www.ed.ac.uk/international/chat-to-us-online

Contact us

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Sport and Exercise
www.ed.ac.uk/sport-exercise

Edinburgh University Students Association (EUSA)
www.eusa.ed.ac.uk

Edinburgh University Sports Union (EUSU)
www.eusu.ed.ac.uk

Tuition Fees
www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/fees

New students

You can find useful information about beginning your studies in Edinburgh in September. This includes checklists to ensure you remember everything you need, and useful advice on immigration and visas, travel to Edinburgh, registration, accommodation, orientation and much more:
www.ed.ac.uk/new-students

British Council

The University works closely with the British Council through its educational arm, Study UK. You can find useful information, regarding the UCAS application process, study in the UK, upcoming education exhibitions, visas, and working regulations.

British Council
www.britishcouncil.org

Study UK
study-uk.britishcouncil.org

Other links

Visit Scotland
www.visitscotland.com

UKCISA
www.ukcisa.org.uk

UK Visas & Immigration
www.gov.uk/ukvi

UCAS
www.ucas.com

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www.ucas.com/students/apply

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