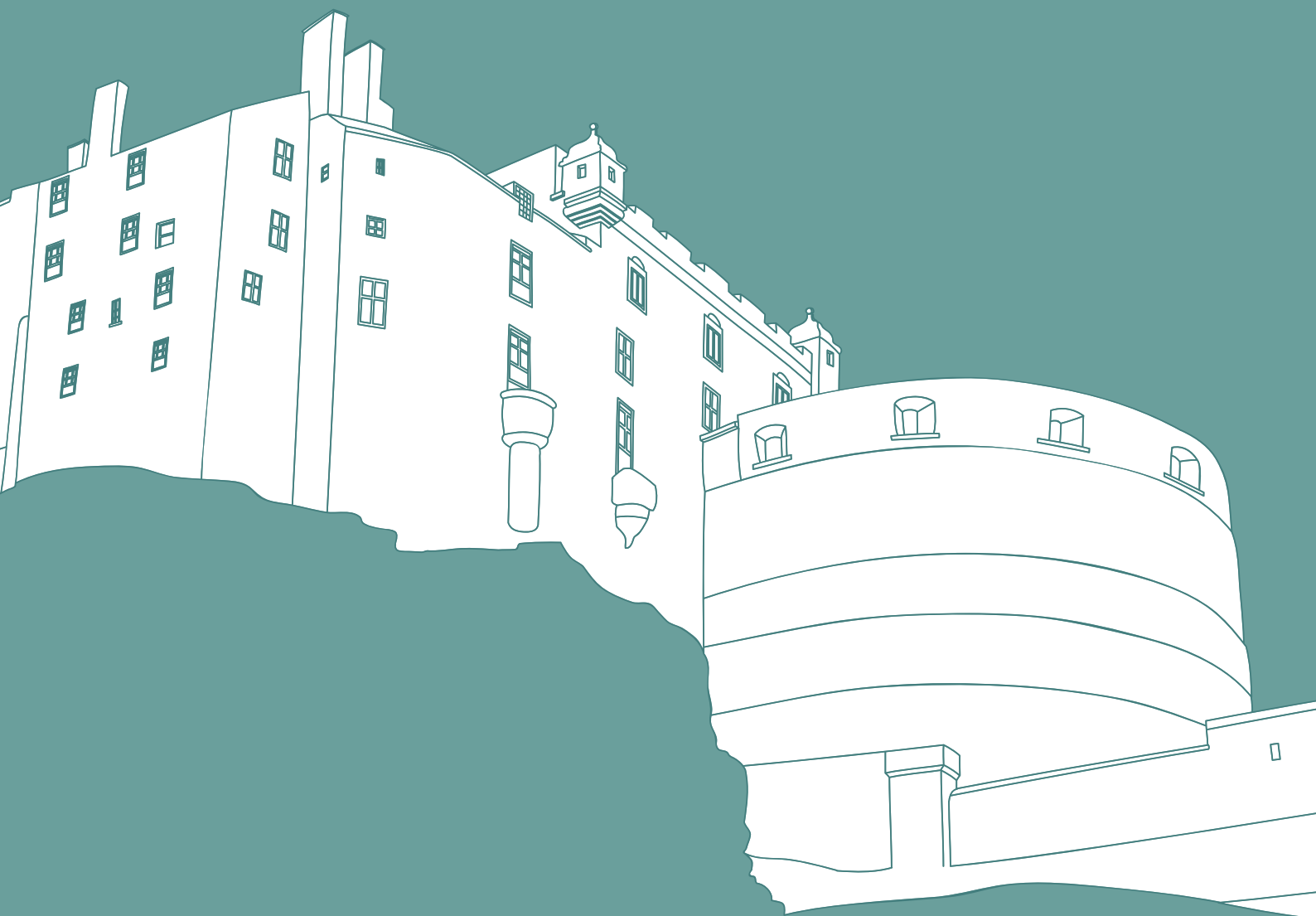




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International Undergraduate Guide



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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:

enquiries.international@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.*

23RD

We're ranked 23rd in the world for the employability of our graduates.**

35,000 STUDENTS

Over 35,000 students, with more than 23,000 undergraduate students.

137 NATIONALITIES

Over 14,800 international students from 137 countries.

Access to **260+** 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.

Find out more about the city of
Edinburgh

[www.ed.ac.uk/
about/city](http://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 35,000 students and comprises three Colleges which are composed of twenty 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 57,000 applications for 5,800 undergraduate places in September 2015, 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 137 different

nationalities contributing to our cosmopolitan and multi-cultural learning environment.

There are over 23,000 students pursuing undergraduate degrees at the University of Edinburgh and 32% come from outside of the UK. A significant proportion of our students are trans-national (i.e. they have studied in international schools; lived in a variety of countries; or have parents with different nationalities); but feel at home with us because of the diversity on campus.

Undergraduate students

UK	15,640
EU (non-UK)	2,560
Outwith EU	5,090
Total	23,290

Postgraduate Students

UK	5,140
EU (non-UK)	1,950
Outwith EU	5,190
Total	12,280

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Employability

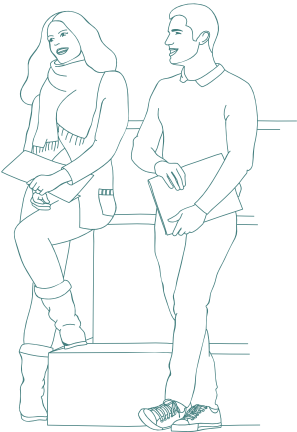
Last year over 2,500 employers sought to recruit our undergraduate students, and the University ranks 4th in the UK for graduate employment (Global Employability University Ranking 2015).

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 20 Nobel Prize winners, including: Charles Barkla (Physics, 1917), Max Born (Physics, 1954), Peter Doherty (Medicine, 1996), James Mirrlees (Economics, 1996) and most recently Peter Higgs (Physics, 2013). In 2004, University Honorary Professor Sir Michael Atiyah won the prestigious Abel Prize, Maths’ equivalent of the Nobel Prize.

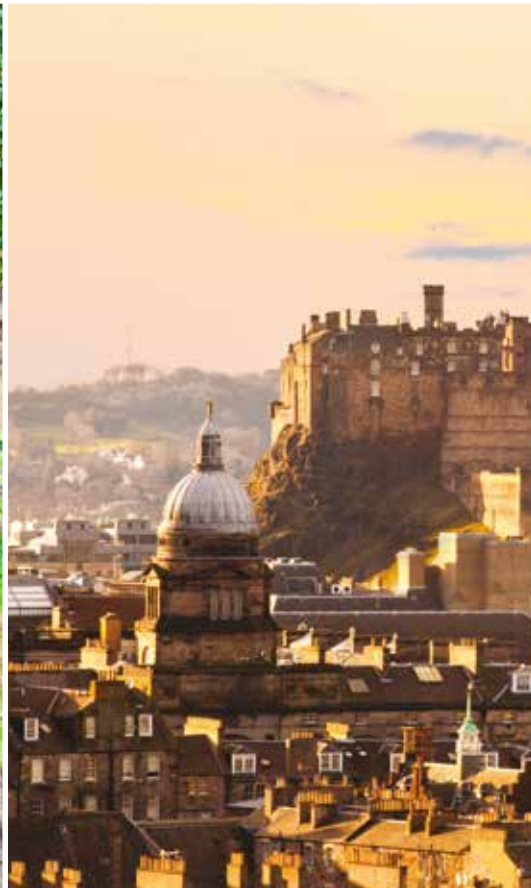


“I would definitely recommend the University of Edinburgh because of the extent of knowledge you can gain during your course and the experience of being a member of such a diverse international community.”

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

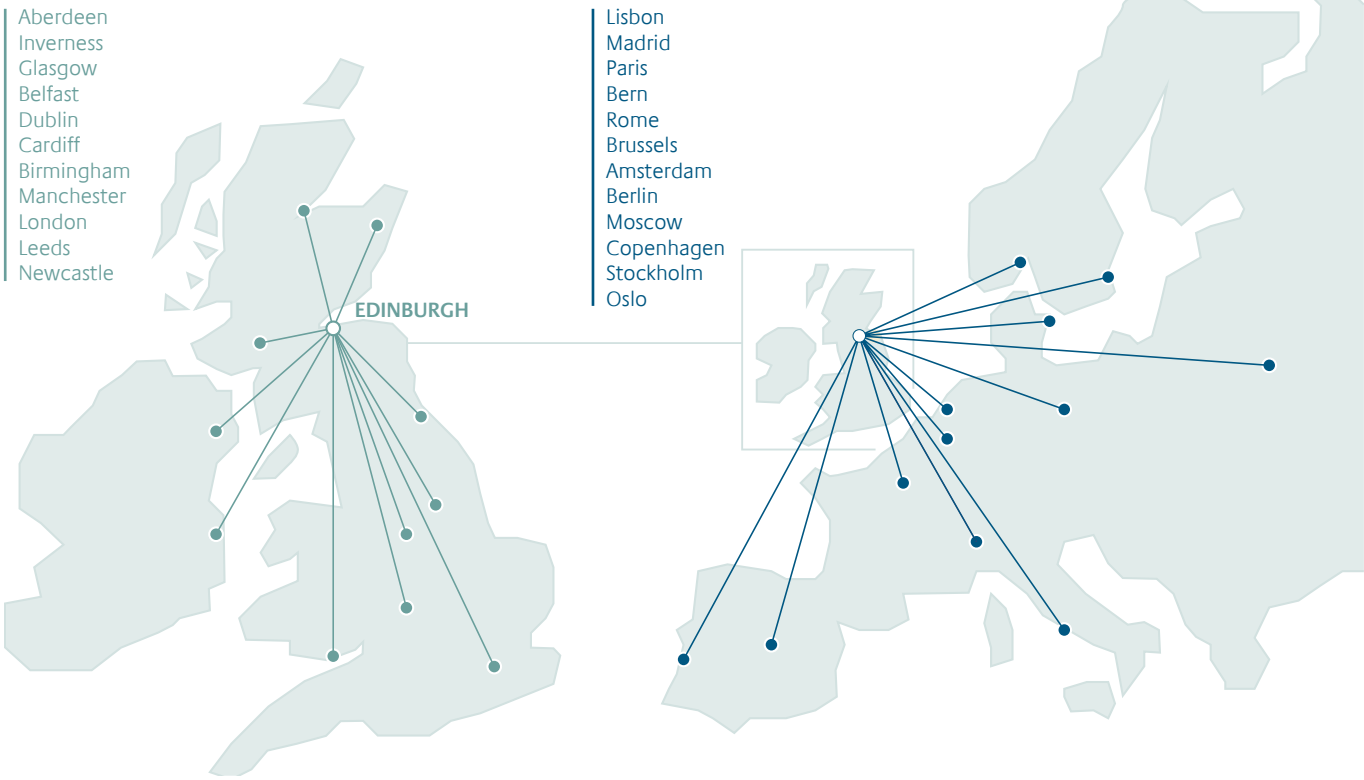
With a population of around 500,000, Edinburgh is a compact, friendly city which is easy to travel around on foot, by bus, by tram or car. As one of the greenest cities in the UK, there is an extensive network of cycle routes.

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



Student life

Accommodation

www.ed.ac.uk/accommodation-services

- 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

Sports and fitness

www.ed.ac.uk/sport-exercise

- Over 60 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
- Superb sport and exercise facilities are ranked among the best in the UK
- The city's Royal Commonwealth Pool was a Glasgow 2014 Commonwealth Games venue, as host of the diving competitions

Clubs and societies

www.eusa.ed.ac.uk/societies

There are over 250 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/student-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 380 exchange partners 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: A degree of flexibility

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.

Ancient universities confer MA degrees at undergraduate level in humanities and social sciences subjects.

The key aspects of Scottish higher education are flexibility and choice: in years one and two (for many degrees), students explore a wide range of subjects before deciding their degree title and then specialise in this area. 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.

Our selection process:
www.ed.ac.uk/studying/undergraduate/applying/selection

Degree structure

Find out more about our flexible four-year degree structure.

▶ Watch our video:
www.ed.ac.uk/undergraduate/degree-structure

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

Full Undergraduate Prospectus:
www.ed.ac.uk/studying/undergraduate/prospectus

View the Degree Programme Tables and details of courses:
www.drps.ed.ac.uk/16-17/dpt/drpsindex.htm



Flexibility & choice

Below are three examples of the structure for undergraduate degrees at the University of Edinburgh. These show the four-year degree structure - in these cases for the MA in Social Anthropology, MA in Business Management and the BSc in Biological Sciences.

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.

Typical degree curricula:

Social Anthropology

YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3	YEAR 4
Social Anthropology 1A: An Introduction	Social Anthropology 2: Into the Field	Anthropological Theory	Belief, Thought & Language
Social Anthropology 1B: The Practice of Social Anthropology	Ethnography: Theory & Practice	Consumption, Exchange, Technology	Culture & Power
Chinese 1	Chinese 2A	Kinship: Structure & Process	Indigenous Peoples of Lowland South America
Economics Principles & Applications	History of Art 1	Ritual & Religion	Anthropology of Health & Healing
		Imagining Anthropological Research	Dissertation
		Democracy & its Discontents	
		Happiness: Cross-Cultural Perspectives	

Business Management

YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3	YEAR 4
Accountancy 1A	Marketing	Strategic Management	Entrepreneurship & New Venture Creation
Accountancy 1B	Career Development Planning	Investment & Securities Markets	Risk Management
Economics 1	Business Research Methods I: Quantitative Techniques	The Entrepreneurial Manager	Consumer Behaviour
Computing for Business	Organisational Behaviour 2	Managing Employment Law	Advertising: Theories & Practice
Foundations of Business	Innovation & Entrepreneurship	Business Research Methods II: Applications & Analysis	Management Honours Dissertation
Study Skills for Business	Principles of Finance	The Economics of Corporate Strategy	
	International Business & the Multinational Enterprise 2B	Research in Management	

Biological Sciences (Biotechnology)

YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3	YEAR 4
Origin and Diversity of Life 1	Genes and Gene Action 2	Biotechnology 3	Biotechnology Project
Molecules, Genes and Cells 1	Microorganisms, Cells and Immunity 2	Molecular Microbiology 3	Biotechnology Synoptic Examination
Biological Chemistry 1A	The Dynamic Cell 2	Molecular Genetics 3	Biotechnology Industrial Visits and Core Skills
Biological Chemistry 1B	Chemistry for Life Sciences 2	Immunology 3	Enzymology & Biological Production
Philosophy of Science 1	Environmental Chemistry 2	Medical Microbiology 3	Novel Approaches
Logic 1	The Green Planet 2	Dinosaur Palaeobiology	Honours courses in biological or biomedical sciences
		Gene Expression & Microbial Regulation	

Please note options may change each academic year.

Admission requirements

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. Because of the nature of the degree structure at Edinburgh, entry requirements vary from programme to programme. You can find the minimum SQA (Scottish Highers), GCE (A-Levels) and International Baccalaureate academic entry requirements described in the Undergraduate Degree Finder:
www.ed.ac.uk/undergraduate/degrees

Entry requirements

GCE A Levels

Entry requirements for candidates are three A Levels at specified grades in one sitting. For many degree programmes we will expect you to have studied specific subjects at A Level, AS Level or GCSE. 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. For many degree programmes, we will expect you to have studied specific subjects at Higher Level (HL) within the IB. Minimum requirements range from 32 to 38 points overall.

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 1800 (600 minimum in each section) or ACT Composite score of 27 minimum can replace one SAT Subject Test or AP.

In the new SAT Reasoning test available from March 2016 we require a minimum score of 1290 (650 minimum in Evidence-based Reading & Writing, and 620 minimum in Math).

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

International Foundation Programme / GlobalSelect

For applicants whose national qualifications or school leaving certificate are not accepted by the University, we offer opportunities to access degree programmes within humanities, social science, science and engineering. More information is available at:
www.ed.ac.uk/studying/international/applying/foundation

English language requirements

If English is your second language you must provide evidence of good written and spoken English skills. 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

English Language courses

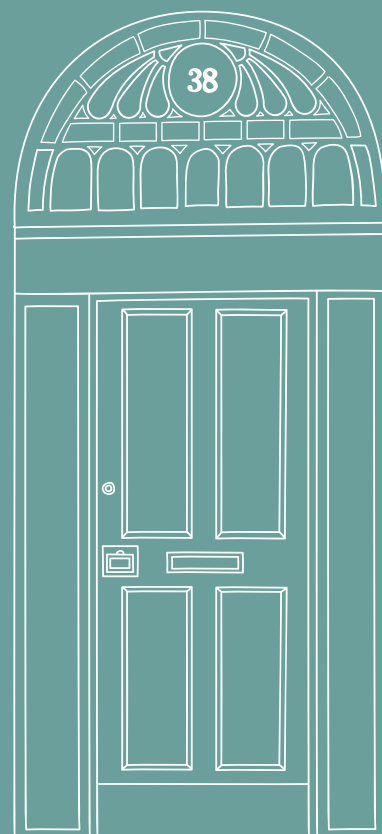
English Language Education (ELE) offers courses for students throughout the year:
www.ed.ac.uk/english-language-teaching

How to apply

Applications for undergraduate degree programmes are made via UCAS, the central organisation that processes applications for undergraduate courses at all UK universities and colleges. Applications can be submitted from September in the year before you plan to start at university:
www.ed.ac.uk/studying/undergraduate/applying/ucas

Apply now:

www.ucas.com/apply



Funding your studies

Tuition fees

A guide to international tuition fees for the 2016/17 academic year:

Programmes	Annual fee
Most programmes	£16,700 (class based) £21,900 (laboratory) £21,900 (studio arts)
Medicine	£25,700 (years 1-3) £49,600 (years 4-6)
Veterinary Medicine	£29,600

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 International Officers 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 the Information Session please contact:
enquiries.international@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/studying/undergraduate/visiting/self-guided

For further information about visiting the university go to:
www.ed.ac.uk/studying/undergraduate/visiting

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/studying/international/application/chat-to-us-online

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Edinburgh photos 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

Accommodation Services
www.ed.ac.uk/accommodation-services

Centre for Sport and Exercise (CSE)
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, Education UK. The British Council website provides a wealth of useful information, regarding the UCAS application process, study in the UK, upcoming education exhibitions, visas, and working regulations.

British Council
www.britishcouncil.org

Education UK
www.educationuk.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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