

UNIVERSITY of
STIRLING



STUDY ABROAD IN SCOTLAND

2018

**ARE YOU READY
FOR AN ADVENTURE?**

STUDY WITH US

At the University of Stirling, we are committed to ensuring an international outlook is central to everything we do. We are very proud to be top in Scotland for welcoming international students*, with more than 120 nationalities represented on campus.

We welcome hundreds of Study Abroad and exchange students every year who apply to us directly, come as part of organised exchange programmes with partner universities or arrive through an approved Study Abroad provider. We accept students from all years of undergraduate study, giving you the chance to study with us at a time that suits you.

We are located in central Scotland, and we can't think of a better place to be. Renowned for its welcoming and friendly atmosphere, Scotland welcomes over 50,000 international students from more than 180 countries every year. You'll be able to experience Scotland's vibrant culture and rich history, while meeting people from around the world.

Studying abroad is a unique adventure designed to help you experience new cultures and discover new skills and perspectives that will broaden your horizons. Taking part will also show future employers your ambition, maturity and self-reliance. The skills and life lessons learned from your Study Abroad experience will help you stand out in both your personal and professional life.

Take on a new adventure, and study abroad with us in 2018.

*International Student Barometer 2016



QS EXCELLENCE AWARD FOR TEACHING EMPLOYABILITY INTERNATIONALISATION FACILITIES

QS World University Rankings 2018

The University of Stirling is an international university with a global reputation for high-quality education and research.

Situated beneath the Ochil Hills, our 330-acre campus boasts its own lake (loch), as well as the 18th-century Airthrey Castle.

It's very easy to get around campus, with all the facilities (accommodation, teaching, social and sports centres) no more than a ten-minute walk apart. On campus, you'll also find a bank, pharmacy, mini-market, bookshop and a cinema – as well as a wide selection of restaurants and cafés, including Starbucks.

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Our facilities were given the top score in the most recent QS Stars World University Rankings – and it's easy to see why. The University's modern library has a range of study spaces to suit your needs. Our world-class sports facilities, including a 50-metre swimming pool and the National Tennis Centre, enable you to play and train alongside Olympic athletes.

With our beautiful campus as your base, choosing Stirling as your Study Abroad destination will allow you to experience a wealth of treasures in one of the world's most vibrant and welcoming countries.

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DISCOVER SCOTLAND



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EDUCATION AND INNOVATION

Scotland is renowned for its innovative, modern and cutting-edge research and teaching. Thousands of international students are attracted to Scotland for its academic excellence, and the Scottish education system has been adopted in many countries all over the world. Scotland is also famous for its inventions, including penicillin, the bicycle, the television and the telephone. We are continuing that tradition, and our researchers are at the forefront of their fields – which means you will be taught by experts in each area of study.

BEAUTY

Our dramatic landscapes, distinct geography and countless scenic landmarks are breathtaking. Mountains, lochs, beaches, islands and castles offer you wonderful opportunities to get out and discover our gems. The Scottish Highlands are also a short journey on the train. For outdoor enthusiasts, this is the prime location for catching a glimpse of our incredible landscapes. Whether it's skiing, open water swimming or simply enjoying the beauty of one of the world's last wild places, you should definitely add a trip 'up north' to your to-do list.

FOOD AND DRINK

If you're into food and drink, Scotland has plenty to offer. For those looking for a traditional experience, you can't miss a hearty serving of haggis, neeps and tatties. Scotland also boasts 13 Michelin-star restaurants, and some of the globe's top whisky distilleries are dotted throughout the country.

***SCOTLAND IS THE MOST BEAUTIFUL COUNTRY IN THE WORLD**

Rough Guide 2017

Voted the world's most beautiful country*, Scotland is the perfect choice for your Study Abroad experience. As an international student, you'll be warmly welcomed into our Scottish culture, and join our family of international scholars and alumni.

In Stirling, you'll find all that's good about Scotland – vibrancy, history, energy and a wealth of opportunities. Almost 100,000 people from all over the world call Stirling home – and the city's welcoming atmosphere and variety of things to do make it an excellent destination for your Study Abroad experience.

YOUR STIRLING

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WALK WITH HISTORY

Stirling Castle is one of Scotland's grandest, and it was the childhood home of Mary Queen of Scots. That's why it's no wonder it's been named Scotland's Best Visitor Attraction*. Stirling is also linked to two of Scotland's historic heroes: William Wallace and Robert the Bruce. You can climb up the 246 steps of the Wallace Monument to enjoy breathtaking views of Stirling, or step back in time with a visit to the Battle of Bannockburn Experience to learn about the famous battle between Scotland and England.

ENTERTAINMENT

Seamlessly blending in with the city's rich history is Stirling's thriving nightlife. From the buzzing bars and clubs of the city centre to the more traditional real ale and whisky pubs, shopping, cinema and chic coffee houses, Stirling is a place that suits the needs of every social student. Stirling city centre is just two miles from the campus – less than 10 minutes by bus.

GET EXPLORING

Stirling has everything you could hope for in a city, and even has its own cycle sharing network in the form of Nextbike. Stirling's central location means getting across Scotland couldn't be easier. Glasgow and Edinburgh are both within easy reach for a day of shopping or a night out. If you are into music, Glasgow hosts over 130 gigs a week – so you are sure to find one of your music idols playing near you.

*Scottish Outdoor and Leisure Awards 2016

20% OF THE POPULATION IN STIRLING IS AGED BETWEEN 16 AND 29 YEARS

National Records of Scotland 2016





"I really like the variety of different subjects I can choose from. The teachers are friendly and supportive, and the lectures are very interactive. I have made friends from all over the world – my flatmates are from Scotland, USA, Spain and Norway!"

Yukito Sugiyama
Akita International University, Japan



"It's beautiful, and there's so much to see. As a history student, there is history right on your doorstep. The campus is a cool community with lots of international people here. I've found it a huge learning experience, and I already feel like I've grown a lot."

Andrew Schuster
University of Wyoming, USA



"I really wanted to experience different cultures, and I've always loved Scotland. Everyone here is very friendly and welcoming, so it was easy for me to adjust. I came here to improve my English, but this has been a true life experience."

María Clara Vial Birrell
Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile, Chile

YOUR STUDENT LIFE



WELCOME

During your first few weeks, there will be lots of exciting events happening – providing you with great opportunities to start adjusting to your new campus life. Attending our welcome reception, run by our dedicated events team, is a fantastic way for you to have fun and meet new friends.

ACCOMMODATION

We make our best efforts to reserve university accommodation for all incoming Study Abroad and exchange students who apply by the published deadline (mid-August for September start; mid-December for January start). Students have the choice of two to three on-campus and one off-campus residence each year, and will be able to apply for accommodation online after they have been offered a place at the University. Our accommodation is self-catered, with a shared kitchen, on-site laundry facilities, and 24-hour University of Stirling staff support.

HEALTHCARE

As a student, you'll have access to the National Health Service, with our medical centre conveniently located on campus.

STUDENTS' UNION

Upon enrolment, you'll automatically become a member of our Students' Union – which runs over 120 clubs and societies – as well as our welfare and support services. All of our services are run by trained advisors offering confidential peer support.

Find out what's available at our Union by visiting stirlingstudentsunion.com

STUDENT SUPPORT

Advice and support is always available if you need it. Our Student Support Services offer a range of high quality services, including:

- Disability service
- Counselling and wellbeing
- Care and support
- Student money advice
- Information on visa requirements

Our Student Services Hub is also a brilliant first point of call with any questions you may have: ask@stir.ac.uk



**IN SCOTLAND
FOR WELCOMING
INTERNATIONAL
STUDENTS**

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HOW IT WORKS



DURATION OF STUDY

As a Study Abroad student, you can choose to study with us for either a semester or a full year as part of your undergraduate degree.

You can come for Semester 1 and/or Semester 2.

SEMESTER 1:

 **10 SEP 2018**
– **17 DEC 2018**

SEMESTER 2:

 **14 JAN 2019**
– **31 MAY 2019**

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FLEXIBILITY

At Stirling, flexibility is built into our curriculum. You can select three modules (courses) per semester from a variety of subject areas. For upper-level modules, you will need to demonstrate prior study in a subject in order to be granted a place. You can also register for your chosen modules prior to your arrival, ensuring you're taking the modules that fit in with your academic degree at your home institution.

Upon completion of your modules, an official transcript of your grades will be sent to your home institution.

CREDITS

The amount of credits you will gain depends on your duration of studies.

One semester is made up of three modules, which are worth 20 SCQF/ 10 ECTS credits each. If you stay for a full year, you will study six modules for a total of 120 SCQF/ 60 ECTS credits.

TEACHING METHODS

Teaching is carried out through a series of lectures and smaller group seminars, with some subjects also incorporating practical lab sessions. Education in the UK has a stronger focus on independent study, with the number of dedicated hours varying between subjects. Our Student Learning Services department is always on hand to offer guidance on making the most of your academic studies.

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TEACHERS,
LECTURERS
AND FEEDBACK

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MODULES

SUBJECT AREA OPTIONS

- Accounting and Finance
- Animal and Marine Biology
- Aquaculture
- Biology and Cell Biology
- Business and Management
- Computing
- Criminology
- Economics
- English
- Environmental Sciences
- Film and Media
- Geography
- History
- Human Resource Management
- International and Cultural Studies
- Journalism
- Kinesiology
- Languages
- Law
- Marketing
- Maths
- Philosophy
- Politics
- Psychology
- Sociology
- Sport

MODULE COMBINATIONS

As a Study Abroad student, you're not restricted to taking modules (courses) within your degree, and can choose from multiple academic areas.

Don't worry if you don't have the exact prerequisites, you only need to make sure you're selecting modules at the appropriate level of study.

For more information, please visit stir.ac.uk/study-abroad-exchanges

TRANSITION FROM STUDY ABROAD TO A FULL DEGREE

Many Study Abroad students enjoy their time at Stirling so much that they choose to transfer here for their full degree. As long as you meet our entry requirements, this is a very straightforward process. Come and meet with one of our dedicated advisors during your semester to discuss your options.

25+
SUBJECT AREAS
TO CHOOSE FROM

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ARE YOU READY?

HOW TO APPLY

You can apply today, and the process couldn't be easier.

Our application form is available online at stir.ac.uk/study-abroad-exchanges/how-to-apply – which you can download and submit to us by email. Students must be currently enrolled at a higher education institution as an undergraduate to apply.

If you are coming through an exchange programme, you need to be nominated by the Study Abroad Office at your home university in order to apply.

WHAT YOU NEED

In addition to your completed Study Abroad application form, you'll also need:

- Your most recent transcript from your home university
- A copy of your passport picture page
- An academic recommendation
- In some cases, evidence of English Language ability is required

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FEES AND FUNDING

For information on tuition fees and to find out more about funding opportunities, including BUTEX, please visit stir.ac.uk/study-abroad-exchanges/costs

SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS

An email will be sent to successful applicants with further information, including a guide to applying for accommodation and registering for modules (classes).

DEADLINES

1 **1ST APRIL**
for September entry or full-year applications

15 **15TH OCTOBER**
for January entry applications

OUR PLACE IN THE WORLD



FLIGHTS TO SCOTLAND

If you're coming from outside the country, Edinburgh Airport and Glasgow Airport are your go-to destinations – with a wide range of incoming flights each day from across the globe.

ABUJA 9hrs 15mins
BERLIN 1hr 30mins
BEIJING 10hrs 30mins
HONG KONG 11hrs 30mins
CHICAGO 9hrs 50mins
LONDON 1hr 15mins
SAN FRANCISCO 12hrs 10mins
LOS ANGELES 12hrs 45mins
NEW DELHI 9hrs

NEW YORK 7hrs 30mins
OSLO 1hr 45mins
PARIS 1hr 30mins
TORONTO 6hrs 40mins
SINGAPORE 15hrs 30mins
SYDNEY 24hrs 30mins
TAIPEI 13hrs
TOKYO 12hrs
VANCOUVER 10hrs 35mins

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