

Academics

- *Admissions Requirements*
 - 3.0 minimum GPA (will consider slightly lower with strong home campus support, but never lower than 2.75)
 - Sophomore status + (most students are in junior year)
 - Faculty recommendation letter

- *Program Academics (information up to date as of Fall 2016)*
 - Not all departments require that students have completed 3 - 4 courses in the subject area, but it's a good way to determine if a student has met the required prerequisites and is adequately prepared for the course.
 - Typical class load = 3-4 classes/60-70 Aberdeen credits. The program recommends students aim for 60 credits.
 - As of Fall 2016, the minimum # of credits is 46 for exchange students. This number is set by immigration and may not be a precise number that can be reached with Aberdeen courses that are typically 15, 20 and 30 credit points. (10 credit point courses are offered in Engineering)
 - 75 credit points is an option within reach for many students; 90 is the maximum allowed by Aberdeen per semester.
 - Alma course credit equivalency is determined by Department Chairs.
 - Courses with the second number "0" are offered first semester; those with a "5" as their second number are offered second semester.
 - The list of available courses for the academic year is updated every May.
 - Fall: Students fulfill "S" course requirement
 - Winter: Student fulfills "S" course *spring term* requirement because it runs through May. Students must confirm this with Registrar upon publication of program dates.

Housing

- Students apply online for housing once they are accepted to the program. The housing assignment will be released approximately one month before departure.
- Hillhead Hall of Residence has been recommended by many previous students, and is a 15 minute walk from campus
- City buses run regularly to most halls
- Students can request catered or self-catered housing, although final selection is determined by university.
 - University housing does not provide linens, towels or pillows. Students need to bring these with them or purchase them upon arrival.
 - If self-catered housing is selected, the university will provide instructions for purchasing utensils and cookware.

Miscellaneous

- Fall Semester is an average of 15 weeks and does not include a mid-term break.
- Spring Semester (Alma's winter term) is an average of 19 weeks which includes an approximate three week mid-term break.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. *What travel documents do I need to go to the United Kingdom?*
 - A passport is required for international travel, and must be valid at least 180 days beyond the last date of the program.
 - A visa may or may not be required. The university will provide visa and immigration information upon acceptance.

2. *Can I use my cell phone in the United Kingdom?*
 - Using a U.S. cell phone abroad to make local and/or international calls can be very costly. Check with your service provider for details.
 - One option is to purchase a mobile phone once you arrive at the program.
 - You could also purchase phone cards once you arrive in Britain. It is not recommended to purchase international calling cards while in the United States because they often will not function once you are abroad.
 - PicCell Wireless and other such companies allow students to rent a phone with a global SIM card and charger appropriate for the UK.
 - The cheapest option is to set up Skype or another free internet-based calling service.

3. *Will I have internet access at the school? Should I bring my laptop?*
 - The University has over 1,000 Internet capable computers on campus and in residences.
 - Most University academic, administrative and residential buildings on the Old Aberdeen, Foresterhill and Hillhead campuses benefit from wireless access. Some buildings on the Rowett campus have wireless enabled hotspots.
 - Bringing a laptop is encouraged but not mandatory.

4. *What kind of student services are available at the University?*
 - Prior to the program start date, a New Student Packet will be provided that outlines university services, websites, contacts etc. The University of Aberdeen has a plethora of student support services such as professional counseling, Information Technology (IT) help, career services, student clubs, faith based resources and more.

5. *Who can I contact if I have questions about the application process, or general questions about the University of Aberdeen program?*
 - Your first point of contact should be the University of Aberdeen's official website (www.abdn.ac.uk). If your questions aren't answered by thoroughly checking the website, you can contact staff at Aberdeen by e-mail at studyabroad@abdn.ac.uk
 - Off-Campus Studies staff are always available to help answer your questions.