STUDY ABROAD AT HERIOT-WATT UNIVERSITY

Explore the exciting opportunities our Visiting Student Programme has to offer
DISCOVER OUR CAMPUSES

Our campuses offer a great student experience, wherever you choose to study. You’ll meet people from all over the world, discover new sports and activities, and make lifelong friends. And we’ll support you all the way!

EDINBURGH
Our main campus in Edinburgh is set within 380 acres of spacious, green parkland and offers an ideal environment for studying and socialising. We have excellent transport links to and from Edinburgh city centre and are located approx. 10 minutes by taxi from Edinburgh Airport.

All facilities are conveniently located on campus including accommodation, food outlets, shop, dentist and doctor’s surgery, International Students Advisors Office, Chaplaincy, an active Student Union with lots of clubs and societies, 24-hour library and the new £30m sports performance centre.

hw.ac.uk/uk/edinburgh

SCOTTISH BORDERS
Set in the beautiful countryside, at the heart of the world-renowned Scottish textile industry, our Scottish Borders campus is where fashion, textiles and design programmes are taught. The campus is an hour away from Edinburgh with good transport links.

Dating back to 1883, we are the second oldest textile institution in the world and have unrivalled specialist facilities that offer a creative, high-quality educational and research environment. Our close links with industry help to ensure relevant programme and research content.

Accommodation is available on campus and there is a lively student community.

hw.ac.uk/uk/scottish-borders

ORKNEY
Heriot-Watt’s Orkney campus is one of the UK’s most unique university locations. Set in the picturesque harbour off the north coast of Scotland, the campus delivers postgraduate taught and research programmes. It has supported a broad range of research, teaching and consultancy activities within the marine, oil and gas, and fisheries sectors for over 25 years.

Orkney’s extensive natural resources, ties to the marine industry and friendly community make it a distinctive learning environment.

Students have the opportunity to join field trips and enjoy the best of what the campus has to offer: diving, sailing, fishing and more - you’ll find it all in Orkney.

hw.ac.uk/uk/orkney

MALAYSIA
Our purpose-built Malaysia campus opened in Putrajaya in 2014 and is only 25 kilometres from Kuala Lumpur.

The £35m campus sits on a stunning lakeside location providing exceptional educational facilities, modern leisure and sports facilities, and a vibrant and diverse student community.

Accommodation is available off campus (10-15 mins drive away) with a free shuttle bus service in operation.

hw.ac.uk/malaysia

DUBAI
The University has operated in Dubai since 2005 and recently earned a prestigious five-star ranking from Knowledge and Human Development Authority (KHDA).

Our state-of-the-art campus in Knowledge Park opened its doors in January 2021. Dubai is one of the most sophisticated, connected and cosmopolitan cities in the world. Its residents come from more than 180 different countries and students from 105 different nationalities study at our Dubai campus. Whether you prefer desert safaris, jet skiing, skydiving or theme parks, there will be something for you in Dubai.

hw.ac.uk/dubai
EDINBURGH CITY

As one of the world’s most beautiful cities with an exceptional quality of life, Edinburgh is Scotland’s capital and a great place to live and study. It’s a unique city with a dynamic outlook, renowned worldwide for its rich learning tradition and magnificent architecture.

With Edinburgh voted as the best city in the world by the Time Out Index, it’s no surprise that students make up one fifth of Edinburgh’s population.

Watch Kayleigh’s vlog to see a day in the life of a Heriot-Watt student at the Edinburgh campus

3RD SAFEST CITY IN THE WORLD
YouGov

2ND BEST CITY IN THE UK FOR STUDENTS
QS Best Student Cities

HISTORY AND HERITAGE
In 1995, Edinburgh was accredited as a World Heritage Site by UNESCO. From the medieval Old Town and the Georgian New Town to Greyfriars Kirkyard and Blair Street Vaults, Edinburgh is packed with fascinating, and sometimes chilling, history.

MOST POPULAR DESTINATION
Edinburgh is the most popular destination in Scotland for overseas visitors, and the second most popular in the UK as a whole.

A FESTIVAL CITY
Edinburgh is the world’s leading festival city with the Edinburgh Festivals attracting 4.5 million visitors each year. Over 25,000 performers take part in 3,000 events across a variety of festivals, including the Edinburgh Festival Fringe, Edinburgh’s Hogmanay, Edinburgh International Science Festival, Edinburgh International Festival and the Edinburgh International Film Festival.
GALASHIELS, SCOTTISH BORDERS

THE COMMERCIAL HUB OF THE BORDERS
With a population of around 13,000, Galashiels sits in the heart of the Scottish Borders. A world-renowned centre of luxury textiles, the town is a commercial hub of the Borders region, with rich history and thriving modern industry.

LIVING IN BEAUTIFUL SCOTTISH COUNTRYSIDE
The town is surrounded by breath-taking countryside which allows for hiking and biking in all seasons. In the lively town centre, you will find an array of cafes, restaurants, shops and bars to suit all tastes. The local train station provides a frequent service to Edinburgh (approx. 50mins) and Glasgow (approx. 2.5hrs).

A THRIVING STUDY ENVIRONMENT
The campus is built around an historic mill and recently received a multi-million-pound refurbishment to create an inspiring learning environment with computer suites, specialised workshops and spacious studios.

ORKNEY

THE MOST UNIQUE UNIVERSITY LOCATION
Stromness, home to our International Centre for Island Technology (ICIT), is the second-most populous town in the Orkney archipelago. Situated off the northeastern coast of Scotland, ICIT is a living laboratory that is steeped in over 5,000 years of history and over 500 miles of diverse coastal habitats. Flight and ferry links provide frequent connections to and from Orkney.

EXPLORE THE NATURAL WORLD
Orkney’s stunning landscape boasts beautiful coastlines and sheltered beaches. Its clean environment creates rich habitats providing nature lovers with an abundance of wildlife, sea life, flora and fauna.

EXPERIENCE ISLAND LIVING
Orkney is an excellent location for diving, with numerous conservation sites and the wrecks of Scapa Flow providing a key attraction. The Orkney Sailing Club offers sailing courses and hosts regattas, while a multitude of lochs provide great opportunities for angling.

Passionate about rock climbing? People from all over the world come to Orkney to climb the Old Man of Hoy - a 450ft sea stack.
ABOUT HERIOT-WATT UNIVERSITY

With a history dating back to 1821, Heriot-Watt University has established a reputation for world-class teaching and practical, leading-edge research, which has made us one of the top UK universities for business and industry. We’re a vibrant, forward-looking university, well known for the quality of our degrees with employers actively seeking out our graduates.

Heriot-Watt is also Scotland’s most international university. We deliver degree programmes to 31,000 students globally, have campuses in Dubai and Malaysia and boast the largest international student cohort in Scotland at our Edinburgh and Scottish Borders campuses.

STUDY COSTS

The undergraduate semester fee for academic year 2024/25 is £8,500. For postgraduate study, the semester fee varies per discipline. Please contact visitingstudents@hw.ac.uk to request the fee.

Costs for university accommodation range from £168 to £245 per week. Please contact us for further information regarding fees at our Dubai or Malaysia campuses.

Studying at Heriot-Watt has given me a unique experience that has changed my perspective both academically and personally. I met people from a variety of places, thanks to its high diversity of students. This has given me connections all around the world and helped me to learn more.

Studying in Edinburgh has helped to stimulate my desire to travel and see the world, which I hope to incorporate into my career. I also now have a more global perspective on engineering and its impact, which will help me in my future endeavors.”

Davis Miller

Davis from Massachusetts, USA, studied Chemical Engineering, Mathematics and British Culture courses at our Edinburgh Campus for a semester. Davis travelled from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst as part of the Study Abroad programme.
ACADEMIC COURSE OPTIONS

We offer a range of undergraduate and postgraduate courses for visiting students across the following subject areas at our Edinburgh Campus:

• Accountancy and Finance
• Actuarial Mathematics and Statistics
• Biology
• Brewing and Distilling
• Business Management
• Chemistry
• Computer Science
• Construction Project Management and Quantity Surveying
• Economics
• Engineering:
  - Architectural Engineering
  - Chemical Engineering
  - Civil and Structural Engineering
  - Electrical, Electronic and Computer Engineering
  - Mechanical Engineering
• Geography
• Languages and Intercultural Studies
• Mathematics
• Physics
• Psychology

At our School of Textiles and Design based in the Scottish Borders, we also offer the following courses:

• Fashion
• Fashion Branding and Communication
• Fashion Technology
• Interior Design
• Textiles

Many of these courses are also taught at the Dubai and/or Malaysia campuses – please contact us for further information.

The International Centre for Island Technology based in Orkney offers the following postgraduate courses:

• International Marine Science
• Marine Renewable Energy
• Renewable and Sustainable Energy Transition

Visiting students can mix and match courses on the same campus (subject to timetabling and any pre-requisite experience). We recommend that visiting students take 3 or 4 courses per semester. Visiting students should ensure that all course choices are approved by their home institution for credit transfer purposes.

SEMESTER DATES

• Semester 1 (Fall): Early September to mid-December
• Semester 2 (Spring): Mid-January to late May

APPLICATION DEADLINES

• Semester 1 (Fall): 31 May
• Semester 2 (Spring): 31 October

If you miss the deadline, please contact us as late applications may still be considered.

I really wanted to study in Scotland, especially Edinburgh, and Heriot-Watt had all of the courses that I needed to take to stay on track. Also the university is situated a bit outside the city centre so you get to enjoy both the countryside and the city life in Scotland.

I have learned so much both in classes and by just talking and discussing with people from other countries about everything from cultural differences to politics and of course the Scottish accent (it’s very unique).”

Silje Kristine Larsen
Silje Kristine from Norway, studied Business Management and Chemistry courses at our Edinburgh Campus for a semester. Silje Kristine travelled from the Norwegian University of Life Sciences.
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