Study Abroad at Heriot-Watt University

Explore the exciting opportunities our Visiting Student Programme has to offer
Discover our Campuses

EDINBURGH
You’ll find a really friendly, welcoming community at Heriot-Watt. Our main campus in Edinburgh is set within 380 acres of spacious, green parkland and offers a unique 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 housing, cafés and food court, shop, medical centre, Disability Office, International Student Advisors Office, Chaplaincy, an active Student Union with lots of clubs and societies, 24-hour library and the new £33m state-of-the-art sports performance centre.

hw.ac.uk/uk/edinburgh

SCOTTISH BORDERS
The School of Textiles and Design is set in beautiful countryside, at the heart of the world-renowned Scottish textile industry, an hour 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 which offer an inspirational, creative, high-quality educational and research environment. Our close links with industry help to ensure relevant programme and research content. Our cutting edge, industry standard technology blends with the heritage and history of the area to make a unique study experience.

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

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DUBAI
Our new state-of-the-art campus in Knowledge Park is set to open its doors in January 2021.

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

The modern campus is set to enhance further the student experience with a digitally enabled learning environment supporting the delivery of the University’s portfolio of programmes including in data science, computing and AI, business, accounting and finance, psychology, architecture and design, construction and engineering.

hw.ac.uk/dubai

MALAYSIA
Heriot-Watt University Malaysia’s purpose-built campus opened in Putrajaya in 2014 and is only 25 kilometres from Kuala Lumpur.

Our £35m campus is a state-of-the-art teaching and learning environment which sits on 4.8 acres in a stunning lakeside location providing exceptional educational facilities and a vibrant and diverse student community.

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

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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!
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.

With Edinburgh ranked as 15th in the world and 2nd in the UK in QS Best Student Cities, it’s no surprise that students make up 12% of Edinburgh’s population.

LIVING AND STUDYING IN OUR FESTIVAL CITY
The majority of our programmes are taught at our Edinburgh campus, which is six miles from the city centre of Scotland’s capital. The campus itself is set in 380 acres of beautiful parkland, offering students ample space to think, play and enjoy. Jump on one of the buses that frequently depart from the campus and you can enjoy the city of Edinburgh and all it has to offer.

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.

The City of Edinburgh Council

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.

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

www.hw.ac.uk/video-kayleigh

2ND BEST CITY IN THE UK FOR STUDENTS
QS Best Student Cities
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 with an unsurpassed international in-country presence. 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.

We are a truly global university and are ranked 301st in the world in the QS 2020 rankings. And ranked in the top 300 universities worldwide (251-300) according to the Times Higher Education World University Rankings.

STUDY COSTS

The semester fee for visiting students at our Scottish campuses is £7750 for 2022.
Costs for university accommodation range from £142 to £179 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.

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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 center 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.

Academic Course Options

We offer a range of undergraduate 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 and Urban Studies
- 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.

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. Each course is normally worth approx. 3.75 US credits. 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.