**STUDY ABROAD 2013/2014**

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**APPLICATION**

See our web pages for procedures for information on [How to Apply](http://abdn.ac.uk/international/study-abroad.php) for 2013/2014 including Course Selection Guidance.  The application will be accepted by post or scanned copies can be sent to studyabroad@abdn.ac.uk.

Application Deadlines are **1st July** for full-year or first semester study and **1st November** for second semester. Students are encouraged to apply early to ensure that there is additional time to make immigration arrangements and to secure preferred accommodation.

For full-year or first semester applications, offer packs will be issued from March.  Students will also receive a final joining pack in July. Offer packs for second semester students will not be issued until November.

**2013/2014 TERM DATES**

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| **1st Semester, September – January** | **2013/2014** |
| Move-in Weekend | Saturday 21 or Sunday 22 September |
| Orientation | Monday 23 September |
| Registration/Freshers’ Week | Monday 23 – Thursday 27 September |
| Classes Begin | Monday 30 September |
| Classes End\* | Friday 20 December |
| Beginning of Christmas Vacation | Saturday 21 December |
| End of Christmas Vacation | Sunday 12 January |
| Revision Week Begins | Monday 13 January |
| First Written Examination | Saturday 18 January |
| Students Free to Depart | Saturday 1 February |
| Student Accommodation Contract Ends | Saturday 1 February |

\*Students who come for the Fall Term only, and whose second semester at their home institution begins before the end of January, may leave after classes end in December and are not required to return to Aberdeen in January. Instead, you will make arrangements to do extra work before you leave in lieu of taking exams in January. This must be approved by your home university during the application stage.

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| **2nd Semester, January - June** | **2014** |
| Arrive by | Thursday 30 January |
| Orientation and Registration | Friday 31 January |
| Classes Begin | Monday 3 February |
| Beginning of Easter Vacation | Saturday 29 March |
| End of Easter Vacation | Sunday 20 April |
| Revision Week Begins | Monday 19 May |
| First Written Examination | Saturday 24 May |
| Students Free to Depart  | Saturday 14 June |
| Student Accommodation Contract Ends | Friday 20 June |

**COST OF STUDY**

**Tuition Fees 2013/14**

Tuition fees are not charged for students studying through the International Exchange Programme.  This is only applicable to partner universities with an exchange agreement in place with available exchange places.  For information on Fees for sending students through the [Study Abroad](http://abdn.ac.uk/international/study-abroad.php) route please visit our web pages.

**Living Costs**

The UKBA requires that students have £800/month for maintenance in order to obtain entry clearance to the UK and therefore we suggest this as an estimate of living costs. The BUTEX scholarship information is appended to the end of this email. The [International Cost of Study leaflet](http://abdn.ac.uk/international/finance.php) for international students is available on our web pages.

**ACCOMMODATION**

The Accommodation process for 2013/2014 is due to open in May. Updates will be sent out to partners and students who have applied when it opens and included with offer packs.  The most popular choice is self-catered accommodation which is available at Hillhead Halls. A non-refundable £100 reservation fee which will be included in the annual rent but will be required to be paid in advance when the student accepts their accommodation, i.e. signs the contract.  For estimated costs based on 2012/2013, please see the [International Cost of Study leaflet](http://abdn.ac.uk/international/finance.php). Visit the [Student Accommodation](http://www.abdn.ac.uk/accommodation/choosing_accommodation/) website for more details on available accommodation including self-catered options. Details on how to apply will be sent with students offer packs.

**IMMIGRATION**

The regulations for entry into the UK are constantly revised and it is essential that students check the [UKBA website](http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/) on a regular basis to ensure they have the most up to date and accurate information.  We require students to declare whether they will apply for a Tier 4 visa or come under the Student Visitor route (if studying for 6 months or less) when sending in their Offer Reply.  General guidance about the process can be found on our [International Visa Information](http://abdn.ac.uk/international/visa-information.php) pages.

Tier 4 Visas

Students studying for more than 6 months in the UK are required to apply for a ‘[Tier 4](http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/visas-immigration/studying/adult-students/)’ visa.  The Tier 4 visa also allows for students to work/intern part-time in line with regulations.  If students intend to travel outside of the UK during their period of study, particularly if they are visa nationals, it is suggested as it is considered a multiple entry visa. Please read through details carefully.

Student Visitor route

Study abroad and exchange students may obtain entry clearance under the ‘[Student Visitor](http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/visas-immigration/visiting/student/)’ route, which is aimed at those short term students who wish to undertake a short course of up to six months and have no interest in full student visa entitlements (i.e. the ability to work part-time, extend their stay whilst in the UK, or provide the opportunity for multiple entry).  The University recommends any international student coming on a Study Abroad or Exchange programme to apply for the full student visa under Tier 4 to ensure there are no difficulties at immigration upon arrival, but students should visit the UKBA web pages for more details regarding this route.

**ENGLISH LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS**

It is essential that students meet [English Language requirements](http://www.abdn.ac.uk/international/english-requirements.php) as detailed on our web pages**.** Please note that the University must adhere to UKBA stipulations.

**NAFSA**

The University of Aberdeen will be participating in NAFSA in St Louis, MO this year.  Please visit the Study in Scotland Booth.  I will be attending and would be delighted to meet with you during the conference if you or colleagues from your institution are attending.

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