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FOR A UNIQUE UK AND IRELAND STUDY ABROAD EXPERIENCE

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STUDY ABROAD AT QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY BELFAST

As the leading UK university on the Island of Ireland, over 100 students from North America come to Queen's University Belfast each year to study abroad for a semester or an academic year, taking time out of their home university.

Choosing Queen's allows students to study at a world-class university, make new friends and live alongside local young people from Ireland and the UK for a truly immersive experience in another culture.

WHY BELFAST?

Belfast itself is a fun city on the current 'Must See' destination lists. Belfast is also in the safest region in the UK (British Crime Surveys, 2015/16).

Awash with enthusiasm, culture and that famous Irish friendliness, students can also explore:

- Game of Thrones film location and activity tours
- Beautiful scenery and outdoor adventures such as the Giant's Causeway or hiking in the Mourne Mountains
- The Titanic Belfast voted best tourist attraction in Europe (World Travel Awards 2016).

- Great entertainment and nights out; a buzzing arts and social scene from festivals, theatre and international events to historic pubs, stylish bars and brilliant shopping
- Northern Ireland: happiest place in the UK (Office of National Statistics 2015) alongside the most affordable for students (NatWest Student Living Index 2015)
- The rest of the UK, Ireland and Europe with accessible airport and transport links to most major cities



There are no application fees for Queen's Study Abroad Programme



WHY QUEEN'S?

Study abroad students at Queen's are taught by world-leading researchers and experts in their field through lectures, tutorials or practical laboratories, in state-of-the-art facilities.

Each study abroad student has a study adviser assigned to them so they can easily adapt to the different academic learning environment. Not only gaining new marketable skills and enhancing career prospects through their experience, study abroad students at Queen's can also transfer credits back to their home university.

ACCOMMODATION AND ORIENTATION

All study abroad students are guaranteed accommodation at Queen's, which is located within easy walking distance of the University in a pleasant residential area. All accommodation is self-catering with en-suite options and internet access.

Orientation programmes run in September and January to coincide with the start of semester, helping study abroad students get familiar with the new environment and support services on offer at Queen's. There is also information on adjusting to university study, living expenses and tours of the recreational facilities and city of Belfast.



WHAT CAN I STUDY?

Study abroad students can virtually choose to study any subject Queen's offers in:

- Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences
- Engineering and Physical Sciences
- Medical, Health and Life Sciences

Examples include:

- Conflict Transformation and Social Justice
- Ethnomusicology
- Economics
- Engineering and Computer Science
- Biomedical Science

Interdisciplinary study is also possible dependent upon pre-requisites being met and timetabling, eg *Irish Folklore/Molecular Cell Biology/Bio Chemistry*.

There are also some interesting and popular areas study abroad students can consider at Queen's such as *Psychology of Serial Killers*, *The Politics of Deeply Divided Societies* and *Introduction to Screenwriting*.



Almost all of our modules (excluding Medicine and Dentistry) are open to study abroad students.



CHOOSING WHAT TO STUDY

Study abroad students normally take three modules per semester. Modules are usually worth 20 CAT points each (5 US Credits) and students require 60 CAT Points per semester (This equates to 15-18 US Credits or 30 ECTS credits).

A list of modules in the undergraduate course catalogue is available at:

<https://qsiscat.qub.ac.uk>

Simply select the subject area of interest to see the range of modules (classes) offered. By clicking on each individual module, information on credit, content and assessment is detailed along with which semester in which it is offered.

Students should agree module choices with their home institution study abroad adviser before submitting an application to ensure they are appropriate to the student's level of study and for which your home university will award transfer credit.



Classes are known as modules in the UK and Ireland

HOW TO APPLY?

Study abroad is open to those students currently undertaking an undergraduate degree from an accredited university. Applicants should normally have completed at least one year of university study.

Students are required to have a GPA of 3.0 overall from their current home university grades. Some specific subject areas chosen may require evidence of prior study and attainment.

An application form is available to download at www.qub.ac.uk/studyabroad

Module choices, an academic reference and official transcripts from the home university outlining obtained grades are required for applications.

Application Deadlines

Semester 1 Autumn/Academic Year: 31 May
Semester 2 Spring: 31 October

Visa Requirements

Semester Study Abroad students from North America require a Short Term Student Visa whereas those undertaking a full academic year require a Tier 4 General Student Visa. Queen's will provide the required documentation to successful study abroad applicants for their visa application.

WHAT ARE THE COSTS?

STUDY ABROAD FEES 2017-18	£	US\$*	CAN\$*
One Semester/Term	6,795	9,662.37	11,891.57
1 Academic Year	13,590	19,321.91	23,780.93
ACCOMMODATION COSTS 2017-18			
Non-catered accommodation	97 per week	137.91 per week	169.74 per week
Non-catered accommodation with ensuite bathroom	115 per week	163.5 per week	201.24 per week
Application fee/Damage deposit	300	426.55	524.97
LIVING EXPENSES			
Food	50 per week	71.09 per week	87.49 per week
Personal Expenses e.g. entertainment, clothes (depending on social life)	40 per week	56.87 per week	69.7 per week
Books Can be borrowed from the Library for two weeks or overnight, or bought (reasonably priced University Bookshops)	10 per week	14.22 per week	17.51 per week
Local Transportation Costs Minimal, as QUB is a campus university.	5 per week	7.11 per week	8.75 per week
Cost of a standard return train journey to Dublin (2 hours)	34	48.36	59.53
Cost of an average return flight to London (1 hr) <i>Based on Easyjet flight from various London airports to Belfast International lowest published fare between Jan and June 2017</i>	50.98	72.5	89.25
McDonalds Hamburger	0.89	1.27	1.56
Gym membership based on student off peak monthly membership – payable per month	15 per month	21.33 per month	26.26 per month
One off administration fee for monthly gym membership	15	21.33	26.26
Student Cinema Ticket with Odeon	4.95	7.04	8.67

* All fees are payable in £ sterling. An approximate estimation is shown at the following exchange rate (2nd February 2018): US\$1.42 = £1, Can\$1.75 = £1. Prices quoted are correct at time of print (February 2018)



Game of Thrones Tour courtesy of Queen's Study Abroad Partner Arcadia University

SEMESTER DATES

Spring 2018 (Semester Two)

Accommodation	Available from Wednesday 3 January 2018 – Saturday 9 June 2018	
International Student Orientation	Thursday 4 January – Sunday 7 January 2018 (4 days)	
Weeks 13-23	Teaching	Monday 8 January – Friday 23 March 2018
3 Weeks	Easter Vacation	Monday 26 March – Friday 13 April 2018
Week 24	Teaching	Monday 16 April – Friday 20 April 2018
3 Weeks	Assessment	Monday 23 April – Saturday 12 May 2018
3 Weeks	Development	Monday 14 May – Friday 1 June 2018

Autumn 2018 (Semester One)

Accommodation	Available from Saturday 8 September 2018 (TBC)	
International Student Orientation	Wednesday 12 September – Sunday 16 September 2018 (5 days)	
Welcome Week	Including registration and enrolment	Monday 17 September – Friday 21 September 2018
Weeks 1-12	Teaching	Monday 24 September – Friday 14 December 2018
3 Weeks	Christmas Vacation	Monday 17 December 2018 – Friday 4 January 2019

Spring 2019 (Semester Two)

Accommodation	Available from Wednesday 2 January – Saturday 8 June 2019 (TBC)	
International Student Orientation	Thursday 3 January – Sunday 6 January 2019 (4 days)	
Weeks 13-24	Teaching	Monday 7 January – Friday 5 April 2019
3 Weeks	Easter Vacation	Monday 8 April – Friday 26 April 2019
3 Weeks	Assessment	Monday 29 April – Saturday 18 May 2019
2 Weeks	Development	Monday 20 May – Friday 31 May 2019

Note: Study Abroad students will be assessed prior to Christmas Vacation in week 12 for semester one.

QUEEN'S LOYALTY SCHOLARSHIP

Study abroad students who return to Queen's to complete a full-time undergraduate or postgraduate degree are also eligible for 20 per cent tuition fee reduction in year 1.

I came to Belfast looking to escape the well-trod path of the London, Paris, or Berlin study abroad experience on which many of my peers were embarking. I wanted to be in a place that would deepen my understanding of my Politics degree – a place that would bring the theory I learned into sharper and more personal focus. I found that in Belfast. I rarely feel like a tourist, and easily engage in the messy and personal politics that mean so much in this transitioning city.

I've been welcomed by both residents of Belfast and by Queen's students. Being at Queen's has allowed me to be more in control of my education. As a politics student, I am given the space to do better and more meaningful work both at Queen's and as a person living in Belfast.

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1% OF UNIVERSITIES
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Useful Contacts

Enquiries:

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