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## Study Abroad at Queen's University Belfast: 'Ireland's Oxbridge'

(Sunday Times 2015)

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. It is also the safest region in the UK (British Crime Survey 2014).

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 Museum named among the top 10 museums in the UK for visitors (Tripadvisor 2015)

- 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 the 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 mid September and late 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 study three modules per semester. Modules are usually worth 20 credits each and students require 60 credits 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](http://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?

<b>STUDY ABROAD FEES 2016-2017</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>US\$*</b>	<b>CAN\$*</b>
One Semester/Term	5,950	7,818	10,002
1 Academic Year	11,900	15,637	20,004
<b>ACCOMMODATION COSTS</b>			
Non-catered accommodation	94 per week	124 per week	158 per week
Non-catered accommodation with ensuite bathroom	112 per week	147 per week	188 per week
Application fee/Damage deposit	300	394	504
<b>LIVING EXPENSES</b>			
Food	50 per week	66 per week	84 per week
Personal Expenses e.g. entertainment, clothes (depending on social life)	40 per week	53 per week	67 per week
Books Can be borrowed from the Library for two weeks or overnight, or bought (reasonably priced University Bookshops)	10 per week	13 per week	17 per week
Local Transportation Costs Minimal, as QUB is a campus university.	5 per week	7 per week	8 per week
Cost of a standard return train journey to Dublin (2 hours)	34	45	57
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 16</i>	54.98	72	92

\*All fees are payable in £ sterling. An approximate equivalency is shown at the following rate (18 August 2016): US\$1.314 = £1; Can\$1.681 = £1



## Semester Dates 2017

### Spring Semester

Accommodation	Available from Wednesday 25 January 2017	
International Student Orientation	Thursday 26 January - Sunday 29 January 2017	
Weeks 1-10	Teaching	Monday 30 January - Friday 7 April 2017
	Easter vacation	Monday 10 April - Friday 28 April 2017
Weeks 11-12	Teaching	Monday 1 May - Friday 12 May 2017
	Revision	Monday 15 May - Wednesday 17 May 2017
Weeks 13-15	Assessment	Thursday 18 May - Saturday 3 June 2017

### Autumn Semester

Accommodation	Available from Saturday 9 September 2017	
International Student Orientation	Wednesday 13 September - Sunday 17 September 2017	
Welcome Week	Including registration and enrolment	Monday 18 September – Friday 22 September 2017
Weeks 1-12	Teaching	Monday 25 September – Friday 15 December 2017
	Christmas vacation	Monday 18 December 2017 – Friday 5 January 2018

*Note: Alternative assessments may be possible in Autumn semester, week 12*



## 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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## Useful Contacts

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