



**QUEEN'S
UNIVERSITY
BELFAST**

FACULTY OF
ARTS, HUMANITIES
AND SOCIAL
SCIENCES

STUDY ABROAD ADVISOR'S GUIDE

Spring 2019

**SHAPING A
BETTER WORLD
SINCE 1845**

**RUSSELL
GROUP**



KEY DATES

2019

Spring semester 2018-2019	
Welcome orientation	Thursday 3 January - Sunday 6 January 2019
Start	Monday 7 January 2019
End	Friday 31 May 2019
Easter vacation	Monday 8 April - Friday 26 April 2019
Development Weeks	Monday 20 May - Friday 31 May 2019
Deadline for applications	Wednesday 31 October 2018

Fall semester 2019-2020	
Welcome orientation	TBC
Start	Monday 23 September 2019
End	Friday 13 December 2019
Deadline for applications	Friday 31 May 2019

WHY STUDY AT QUEEN'S?

- Established in 1845, Queen's University Belfast is the 9th oldest University in the UK (Complete University Guide 2019)
- Queen's is a UK top ten research intensive university, ranked in the top 1% in the world (QS World University Rankings 2018/ webometrics.info)
- Queen's is ranked 8th in the UK for student experience (Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide 2017)
- Queen's offers flexibility; students can study their interests, and take modules from across the University
- Our campus is located in a compact city with a community feel, nestled in the heart of leafy south Belfast.



RESOURCES

[Check out our Campus](#)

WHY BELFAST?

Belfast is the perfect place for students to base themselves for a semester or a year's study. It is a fun and vibrant city, which the Lonely Planet has deemed its *number 1* region in the world to visit in 2018!

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

- Beautiful scenery such as the Giant's Causeway or hiking in the Mourne Mountains
- The Titanic Belfast, Europe's top tourist attraction (World Travel Awards 2016) and Game of Thrones tours
- Great entertainment and nights out; with a buzzing arts and social scene
- Northern Ireland: happiest place in UK (Office of National Statistics 2016) and the most affordable for students (NatWest Student Living Index 2016)
- Belfast is the perfect base to explore the rest of the UK, Ireland and Europe. They are easily accessible with airport and transport links to most major cities.



**BELFAST VOTED
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(LONELY PLANET, 2017)



RESOURCES

[Watch Belfast : The Ultimate Student City](#)

[Anne Marie's Belfast Experience](#)



ACCOMMODATION

Study Abroad students are guaranteed accommodation on campus if they apply before the deadlines. Queen's Elms Village is the heart of the student community, and includes an on-site launderette, social space and convenience store. The Residential team at Elms also put on visits at the weekends for students, from shopping trips to the Giant's Causeway!

Key accommodation dates

Spring Semester

Thursday 3 January 2019 – Saturday 8 June 2019



RESOURCES

[Watch 'Stay at Queen's'](#)

THE APPLICATION PROCESS

The Global Opportunities Office at Queen's manages the study abroad application process.

Students can apply online by downloading the application form:

<http://go.qub.ac.uk/SAApplication>

- Students should complete the application form
- Students should then scan and email the completed application form, academic transcript and academic references to studyabroad@qub.ac.uk
- The Global Opportunities team will check and confirm class eligibility and availability for students
- They will then issue an offer letter, including details of fees (this can be sent to the individual student or the institution coordinator) along with an information booklet
- Students should complete their acceptance form and return it to the Global Opportunities Office along with a photocopy of their passport.

Note to advisers: Students should apply before the deadline of Wednesday 31 October 2018 for January 2019 entry, but in exceptional circumstances, we may be able to accept late student applications. Please contact studyabroad@qub.ac.uk to discuss this.



RESOURCES

[Studying Abroad at Queen's](#)

[A day in the life of a Study Abroad student at Queen's](#)

STUDYING ARTS, HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

At Queen's our undergraduate degrees are usually three years long and each year's classes are referred to by Levels, from 1-3. In the Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences students can usually take Level 1 and Level 2 classes. An exception is Social Work, as students who wish to study these classes must be studying Social Work at their home institution.

Level 3 classes generally require experience of previous study, but this will be decided by the department on a case by case basis. A selection of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences modules grouped into popular themes can be found [here](#).

A full list of our modules can be found in the resources section.



RESOURCES

ARTS, HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES STUDY ABROAD MODULES BY LEVEL

[Level 1 Modules](#)

[Level 2 Modules](#)

[Level 3 Modules](#)

SAMPLE PATHWAY FOR SPRING SEMESTER JANUARY 2019

Interest: Politics - Conflict, Religion and Identity



HIS2065 Apocalypse! End of the World	PAI3059 National and Ethnic Minorities in European Politics	ANT3151 Ireland and Britain: People, Identity, Nations
LEVEL 2	LEVEL 3	LEVEL 3
20 CATS POINTS	20 CATS POINTS	20 CATS POINTS

= TOTAL 60 CATS POINTS
Recommended 15 – 18 US credits

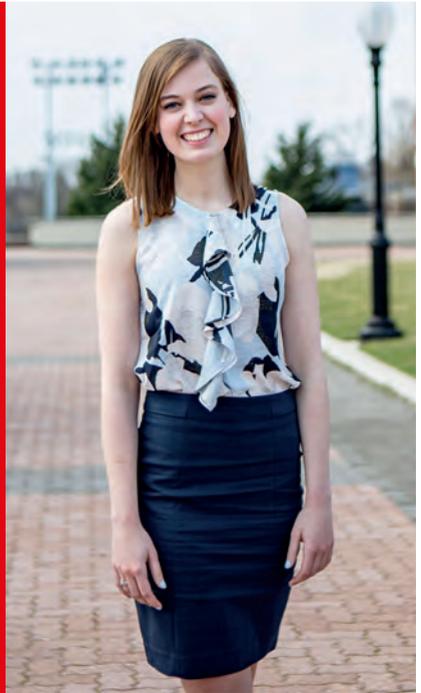


MODULE CASE STUDY

DRA3042 Post Conflict Drama: Performing The Northern Ireland Peace Process

“This class immediately caught my eye because it presented the perfect opportunity to explore the interaction between theatre, politics, and society. In class everything we talked about was intensely relevant to and reflective of a post-conflict society and we even discussed the impact of the theatre productions with Loyalist and Republican playwrights themselves when they came in to speak to our class! I couldn't recommend this module more highly as it completely renewed my faith in the efficacy and importance of theatre and public art. It was the highlight of my semester in Belfast!”

Anne Marie Hawley,
Study Abroad student from
Georgetown University, USA



STUDY FOR LESS AT QUEEN'S!

We would love to see you again so all our International Summer School and Study Abroad alumni will get 20% off full time postgraduate study at Queen's University Belfast.

Discount applies to international fee paying students for the first year of study only.
For full terms and conditions [please click here](#).

SUPPORTING STUDENTS

Student experience is important to us and we work to ensure study abroad students have the best possible time with us. Our dedicated [Student Guidance Centre](#) is a hub for students to receive support on pastoral support issues, immigration and careers and employability, as well as providing a social space on the ground floor.

WHAT SUPPORT IS AVAILABLE?

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SUPPORT (ISS)

- This dedicated support for international students can provide support with visas and immigration, as well as signposting for additional support services throughout the year. ISS also organise a social programme of welcome activities and induction with study abroad students arriving in September and January to help ensure students settle into life on campus. They also host regular drop in sessions for students to discuss their concerns during term time.

STUDENT WELLBEING SERVICE

- The [Student Wellbeing Service](#) offer a comprehensive range of support services which are accessible, flexible and responsive. They offer a regular drop in service, one-to-one appointments as well as access to counselling services.

STUDENTS' UNION

The Students' Union is a hive of student led activity situated in the heart of the campus. Students can get involved in extra-curricular activities to develop their skills and meet lots of new people!

- 200+ [Clubs and Societies](#) to join from Quidditch to Cheerleading to Equestrian and everything inbetween!
- [Volunteer SU](#) can provide advice on volunteering both on campus and within the local community, a brilliant way to get involved, meet new people and feel good!

Students can also get involved in the representative structures of the Students' Union- such as Student Council, and in the many campaigns taking place throughout the academic year such as Mental Health Awareness.



“The one bit of advice I would give to someone thinking about studying abroad at Queen’s is to get involved in student life! There is so much going on, with lots of clubs and societies to join. It’s the perfect way to make new friends.”

Madison Evans,
University of Denver

DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

Queen's is committed to actively promoting equality of opportunity and to respecting and celebrating the cultural diversity within the University. Our Diversity and Inclusion Unit actively works to develop and support the implementation of policies and procedures that promote Equality, Diversity and Inclusion on campus.

CASE STUDY **LGBT+**

The Diversity and Inclusion Unit have recently developed, in partnership with the Students' Union, a [Trans Equality Policy](#), so any study abroad students who identify as transgender can be assured of a smooth transition to their new campus.

The Students' Union also leads an annual "Beyond the Binaries-Trans Students Week" campaign, to raise awareness of trans issues on campus with a programme of events and workshops for staff and students, and there is an active LGBT+ Society on campus who organize events and social activities throughout the year.

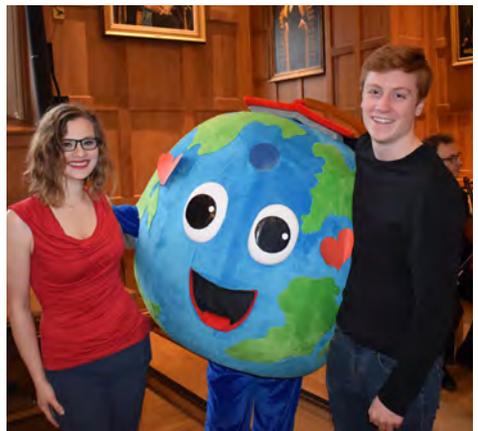


RESOURCES

There are some videos below which you can click on to share with any students who are thinking of studying abroad at Queen's:

[Payton's Study Abroad Experience](#)

[Queen's Study Abroad Thanksgiving Celebration](#)



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q. WHAT ARE THE CHANGES TO THE STRUCTURE OF QUEEN'S ACADEMIC YEAR?

In 2017 – 2018 the academic year at Queen's changed. Moving forward the main changes are:

- The removal of the examination period at the end of Semester 1. Formal examinations will now only take place at the end of Semester 2.
- The introduction of a progressive continuous assessment model across both semesters
- The introduction of a series of innovative Development Weeks

More information on changes to the academic year can be found [here](#).

Q. WHAT ARE DEVELOPMENT WEEKS?

With an earlier start date in January, Semester 2 students still get to experience 12 full weeks of teaching, with the added benefit of our new initiative, Development Weeks. Development Weeks will provide the space for students to engage in a variety of activities that will compliment learning within their degree programme, allowing them to gain skills beyond their degree. Options may include workplace tasters, skills development, community engagement and entrepreneurship. Students can also apply for funding to run their own projects through the Student Led Activity Fund.

[More information can be found here](#)

Q. WHEN CAN STUDENTS APPLY FOR THEIR ACCOMMODATION AT QUEEN'S?

Students can apply for accommodation once they receive their student number from the Global Opportunities Office. They should expect to receive this in November (for Spring 2019 students).

Q. WHEN WILL STUDENTS RECEIVE THEIR VISA DOCUMENTATION?

Approximately 6-8 weeks before they start their studies at Queen's.

Q. ARE THERE ANY OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS TO UNDERTAKE INDEPENDENT RESEARCH IN THE FACULTY?

Yes, students can undertake a survey/ research module of independent study which is worth 20 CATS credits. Students can opt for AHS2001 Research Project (Study Abroad) in either the Fall or Spring semester.



STUDYING ABROAD AT QUEEN'S WHO'S WHO?

FACULTY OF ARTS, HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES



Claire McLoughlin, International Study Abroad Coordinator

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We recognised that the majority of semester Study Abroad students come to study within Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences, so Claire acts as an additional support for our Study Abroad students, as well as ensuring that our institutional partners are receiving the information they need.

INTERNATIONAL OFFICE: THE AMERICAS TEAM



Angel Elvin, Senior International Officer

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Angel is based in the USA and is your point of contact for any Study Abroad fairs or talks you would like to invite Queen's to attend. If any students wish to find out more about Queen's, Angel would be delighted to speak with them directly via email, Skype or even personally if she is visiting your area.



Susan McCleary, International Officer

E: s.mccleary@qub.ac.uk

Susan is based in Belfast and is the point of contact for Study Abroad institutional relationships with Queen's. Susan can organise visits to Queen's for institutions visiting Ireland and the UK and works across all three of the Queen's Faculties to foster opportunities for US students to study abroad.

GLOBAL OPPORTUNITIES OFFICE



Our Global Opportunities Office is responsible for all the administrative processes involved in studying at Queen's. Rachel and Amy process all of our Study Abroad applications from students, providing the necessary information for enrolment. The office will also provide all the required information on module choices, accommodation and fees.

E: studyabroad@qub.ac.uk

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SUPPORT OFFICE



The International Student Support (ISS) team is here to help students make the most of their experience as an international student. The dedicated team can provide students with specialist advice in relation to visa and immigration matters and assist students with welfare and pastoral queries during their time at Queen's.

E: iss@qub.ac.uk



Belfast is in the
safest region
in the UK

(British Crime Surveys, 2015/16)



Belfast is one of Europe's
most hip and vibrant
capital cities

(Lonely Planet, 2017)



Joint 2nd in the UK for
university facilities

(Times Higher Education Student
Experience Survey, 2017)



Belfast has the
lowest cost of
living in the UK

(Mercer, 2017)



We offer the
lowest student rent
in the UK

(NatWest Student Living Index, 2017)



We're the
fastest growing
Russell Group University
for international students

(HESA, 2011 – 2014)

Information is correct at time of publication (May 2018) and is subject to change.

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