



QUEEN'S
UNIVERSITY
BELFAST

STUDY ABROAD



Your journey starts here



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“A Global University”

Why Queen's?

At Queen's we are proud to be a university that is internationally recognised and globally connected. Over two hundred students come to Queen's each year to study abroad for a semester or an academic year and to experience a world-class education in a thriving city.

While you're here, you'll benefit from a world-class Russell Group education; you'll experience our unique British and Irish culture, whilst developing your independence and gaining new perspectives.

Our Study Abroad programme at Queen's is truly multi-disciplinary. Students can choose to study almost any subject Queen's offers, across all three of our academic Faculties.

Queen's Loyalty Scholarship

Study Abroad students who return to Queen's to complete a full-time undergraduate or postgraduate degree are eligible for

**20% TUITION FEE
DISCOUNT IN YEAR 1**

We're a Global University

Over 25,000 students live and study at Queen's. Over 90 countries are represented globally. We also employ more than 650 international staff drawn from over 70 nationalities.

A Cosmopolitan Campus

We're proud that Belfast is a socially-diverse and inclusive city. One of the best ways to appreciate the diversity we have on campus is through the array of multi-cultural events that take place – such as US Thanksgiving Dinner, Indonesian Culture Show and Chinese New Year celebrations.

Supporting our Study Abroad students

Our global campus community offers a friendly, multicultural and safe environment. If you're coming to Queen's from outside the UK, you can expect:

- Faith provision for all major religions denominations, including wellbeing room on campus
- Easy access to speciality foods such as halal butchers, Asian supermarkets and international restaurants.
- A guaranteed place in Queen's Accommodation with living options including same-sex living, no alcohol living and quiet living (TandCs apply)
- A dedicated Study Abroad Welcome and Engagement Programme on arrival
- Support and advice on everything from healthcare to visa applications

Belfast – friendly, affordable, fun

Small enough to feel like home, big enough for adventure – Belfast is a truly unique study abroad destination.

Belfast is a modern capital city, known for its friendly welcome. With a long, proud history of industry and innovation, it's also a city with a passion for progress. The city of Belfast is closely entwined with the University. Our students and academics are working to shape the future, to solve big challenges and to improve society.

A Culture All Of Our Own

Awash with enthusiasm, culture and legendary Irish hospitality, life in Belfast offers opportunities to explore, alongside your studies. On our doorstep you can experience:

- Beautiful scenery and outdoor adventures such as the Giant's Causeway or hiking in the Mourne Mountains
- Game of Thrones film location and activity tours
- The rest of the UK, Ireland and Europe, with accessible airports and transport links to most major cities
- A buzzing arts and social scene, from festivals, theatres and international events, to historic pubs, stylish bars and shopping



What can I study?

Our three academic Faculties span a wide variety of disciplines that impact on the lives and world around us, from the Arts and Humanities, to STEM, Health and Life Sciences. At Queen's you'll be sure to find a fit for your unique academic interests, and to become a part of our academic community which is breaking new ground and creating real-world change.

“Transformative Education, Global Impact and Life Defining Experiences”



BELFAST IS IN THE SAFEST REGION IN THE UK
(UK CRIME SURVEYS 2021/22)





Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Social Science

Arts
English
History
Anthropology
Philosophy
Politics
Business
Social Sciences
Education
Social Work
Law



Faculty of Medicine, Health and Life Sciences

Pharmacy
Biological Sciences



Faculty of Engineering and Physical Sciences

Chemistry
Chemical Engineering
Electronics
Electrical Engineering
Computer Sciences
Maths
Physics
Mechanical Engineering
Aerospace Engineering
Geography
Archaeology
Psychology

Cross-Faculty

Sustainability
Environment
Management
Psychology
History



**BELFAST HAS THE LOWEST
COST OF LIVING IN THE UK**

(MERCER COST OF LIVING
CITY RANKING 2023)

Study abroad themes

Below are some of Queen's thematic areas for Study Abroad. These are just some of the wide range of modules on offer within these themes – take them as a bundle, mix and match or add something new – the choice is yours!*

Unique to Queen's

Are you interested in studying something outside the box or something which gives you a real sense of the place? Immerse yourself in Northern Ireland with some of the below modules which are unique to Queen's.

Level 1

ANT1006

Understanding Northern Ireland: History, Politics and Anthropology

This module provides an overview of the history and politics of the state of Northern Ireland, using anthropological understandings of ethnicity and nationalism to examine how Unionism and Irish Nationalism developed.

Level 2

PAI2011

The Politics of Deeply Divided Societies

Explore the study of the politics of deeply divided societies such as Northern Ireland, South Africa under Apartheid and the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, with an examination of ethnic and national conflict in terms of global politics.



Level 2

PAI2065

Peace and Conflict Studies

This module introduces you to the study of civil wars and the fields of conflict analysis and peace studies, in the study of the outbreak, development and resolution of armed civil conflicts.

Level 2

SOC2032

Northern Ireland: Identities, Ideologies and Futures

This module introduces students to sociological approaches to identity, peace and conflict in Northern Ireland. The nature of Northern Ireland's peace process is analysed in relation to contemporary local evidence as well as to scholarly debates about conflict transformation.

*Please refer to Study Abroad Module Guide for semester availability

Global Challenges

Queen's is committed to finding innovative solutions to real world problems and to shaping a better world through teaching, research and innovation. Choose from our wide range study abroad modules which address global challenges, such as the modules below.

Level **2**

IBEM2018

The Digital Business

Explores the challenges and opportunities of new emerging technologies such as cloud computing, social media, the internet of things and big data

Level **3**

GGY3095

Environmental Catastrophes

Environmental catastrophes occur when there is a rapid departure from normality and humans and/or ecosystems are unable to adapt. We explore the causes, mechanisms and consequences of a range of geohazards and human-induced catastrophes, including volcanic eruptions, tsunamis and biodiversity loss. We will also consider theoretical constructs such as the Anthropocene, ecosystem resilience, and tipping points in the Earth System.



**NORTHERN IRELAND IS
THE HAPPIEST PLACE TO
LIVE IN THE UK**

(LLOYD'S BANK HAPPINESS INDEX, 2020)

Level **3**

GGY3027

Health, Environment and Climate Change

This module aims to give students a deeper understanding of the relationship between environmental factors and human health. The module will explore the potential impacts of climate change on environmental and health relations and will cover important aspects such as how our changing climate poses one of the greatest health security and societal challenges of our time.

Level **3**

BIO3207

Global Issues in Agriculture

This module investigates issues affecting agriculture at an international level. These include issues such as food safety, global population growth and food security, and climate change. In addition, mechanisms of policy formation and impacts of recent policy changes (such as decoupling of EU agricultural support) will be discussed. Possible future changes in agriculture related to issues such as obesity, or to increasing competition from aquaculture enterprises, will also be addressed.



Science for Arts Students

Your study abroad semester or year is the ideal time to expand your academic horizons and to study something outside of your normal academic discipline. Queen's offers a range of science modules which require no prior science study.

PSY3131

Forensic Psychology and Crime

This module will introduce students to key topics in Forensic Psychology including theories of offending, the development of offending, the rehabilitation of offenders, the criminal justice system, criminal statistics, policing, the public's response to crime, and the forensic psychology subfield of victimology (the impact of crime on victims and those responding to crime and criminals). In particular, this module will focus on (1) fundamental applications of psychology, as a science, for understanding important forensic issues, and (2) psychology as applied to the criminal justice system both from the perspective of the offender and the victim.

CSC1028

Computer Science Challenges

Computer Science Challenges provides an opportunity for students to engage with practical and challenging problems in Computer Science. The course will offer a range of topical areas in Computer Science such as, data science, machine learning, cybersecurity or computing systems that students can select a project within.



CSC1027

Programming

This module introduces the fundamentals of object-oriented programming. Real-world problems and exemplar code solutions are examined to encourage effective data modelling, code reuse and good algorithm design. Fundamental OO programming concepts including abstraction, encapsulation, inheritance and polymorphism are practically reviewed through case studies, with an emphasis on testing and the use of code repositories for better management of code version control.

NBE1007

Environmental Change: past, present and future

This module provides an introduction to the principles and techniques used to reconstruct past environments and detect environmental change mostly during the last 2.6 million years, the Quaternary. It looks at the history of palaeoecology and the underlying theory and ecological principles that enable the interpretation of information from ancient deposits. The primary palaeoecological techniques and their limitations are described. Case studies show how some techniques have been applied to provide a range of palaeoenvironmental information.

Choosing what to study



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

Students can usually select modules from Level 1 and 2 without evidence of prior study. Modules at Level 3 often require demonstration of relevant study.

You can search and view descriptions of all available Study Abroad modules on our Module Search Tool here:

www.qub.ac.uk/Study/international-students/study-abroad/courses/modules/

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

Teaching Methods

Learning in the UK and Ireland is much more independent than in other countries. The teaching of a module will usually be based on lectures, supported by tutorials or seminars, which incorporate group discussion. Students are also expected to supplement formal teaching with their own private study, with the student determining how much reading they wish to do.



How do I 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.

Visa Requirements

Semester Study Abroad students require a Visitor Study Visa whereas those undertaking a full academic year require a Student Visa Route (formerly Tier 4 Visa). Queen's will provide the required documentation to successful study abroad applicants for their visa application.

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

Module choices and official transcripts from the home university outlining grades obtained to date are required at the time of application. Students are also required to meet English Language requirements. Applicants do not need to provide evidence of English language proficiency if:

- they are applying to come to Queen's for a Study Abroad programme as part of a degree course at a university in: Antigua and Barbuda, Australia, The Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Canada, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Jamaica, New Zealand, St Kitts and Nevis, St Lucia, St Vincent and the Grenadines, Trinidad and Tobago, United States of America;
- and the normal language of instruction at their home university is English;
- and they have already completed one year of study at their home university at the time of application to Queen's;
- and they have achieved a cumulative GPA of at least 3.0

Application Deadlines

Semester 1 Fall/Full
Academic Year:
31 May 2026

Semester 2 Spring:
31 October 2026

All other applicants must provide evidence of English language proficiency of IELTS 6.0 or 6.5 (depending on subject area) with a minimum of 5.5 in all four elements of the test, or an equivalent qualification acceptable to Queen's.

Apply online at qub.ac.uk/studyabroad



What are the costs?*

Study Abroad Fees 2026-27	£	US\$**	CAN\$**
One Semester/Term	9,650	13,000	18,113
One Academic Year	19,300	25,997	36,225
Accommodation Costs 2026-27			
Non-catered accommodation	115 pw	141 pw	200 pw
Non-catered accommodation with ensuite bathroom (BT1/2)	168 pw	207 pw	292 pw
Non-catered accommodation with ensuite bathroom (BT9)	157 pw	193 pw	273 pw
Application fee/Damage deposit	300	369	522
Living Expenses*			
Food	101 pw	130 pw	177 pw
Personal Expenses e.g. entertainment, clothes (depending on social life)	40 pw	52 pw	70 pw
Books can be borrowed from the Library for two weeks or overnight, or bought (reasonably priced University Bookshops)	10 pw	13 pw	17 pw
Local Transportation Costs Minimal, as Queen's is a campus university.	5 pw	6 pw	9 pw
Cost of a standard return coach journey to Dublin (2 hours)	18	23	31
Cost of an average return flight to London (1 hr) Based on Easyjet flight from various London airports to Belfast International fares between March/April 2022	70	90	122
Gym membership based on student off peak monthly membership – payable per month	24 pm	31 pm	42 pm
Student Cinema Ticket with Queen's Film Theatre	5	6	8

*Living expenses are indicative and program costs including fees vary subject to arrangements with individual partner institutions **All fees are payable in £ sterling. An approximate estimation is shown at the following exchange rate (November 2024): £1 = \$1.23 USD and \$1.74 CAN. Prices quoted are correct at time of print (November 2024)

pw = Per week / pm = Per month

Located at the heart of campus and with a rooftop terrace overlooking the University area, the brand-new, state-of-the-art building brings together student services with a range of facilities so students can access services, collaborate in shared spaces, get support and advice, and socialise in first-class venues.

This vibrant new hub means students can get the support they need, when they need it.

It provides a whole new exciting space to catch up with friends, study in a tech-friendly space, grab lunch from the SU Shop, enjoy a pint in the Union Bar, or take in a gig in the brand new Mandela Hall.

One Elmwood student centre and students' union

There's a buzz happening around campus...and the focus is all on One Elmwood, our new Student Centre and Students' Union. It houses both the Students' Union and University Student Support Services, in one purpose-built facility to give students better access to a range of services and opportunities all in one building.

Inclusion and wellbeing services

The Student Wellbeing Service offers a comprehensive range of support services which are flexible and responsive to individual needs. One-to-one appointments, drop-in services and professional counselling services are all available to all students at no additional cost.



Supporting Students

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Prioritising Gender Equality

Queen's is a lead UK university in tackling the unequal representation of women in science and engineering. Queen's University Belfast has been awarded a prestigious Gold Athena Swan Award, conferred in January 2024 by Advance HE. We are the first university on the island of Ireland and only the second in the UK to achieve an institutional Gold Award for work improving gender equality.

Diversity and Inclusion

Queen's is committed to promoting equality of opportunity and to celebrating the diversity of our student body. Our Diversity and Inclusion Unit actively works to develop and support the implementation of policies and procedures that promote equality and diversity on campus.

The Norman Houston Study Northern Ireland Award



This award has been created in memory of the late Norman Houston, friend of Queen's and former Director of the Northern Ireland Bureau in the USA.



Scan above QR code or for more info:
<https://www.qub.ac.uk/Study/international-students/study-abroad/norman-houston-award/>

During his tenure leading the diplomatic mission to North America, Mr Houston was a respected and admired diplomat. An advocate of Queen's, he supported a wide range of youth development and leadership programmes. We remember Norman Houston through 'The Norman Houston-Study Northern Ireland Award'.

We are committed to widening participation in international education opportunities. This award has been created in partnership with the Northern Ireland Bureau for students from the USA who require financial assistance.

One award will be provided each academic year for an exceptional visiting (study abroad) student from the USA. The award package includes:

- **Semester tuition fee-waiver**
- **University accommodation**
- **Return flight from USA to Belfast**
- **A return airport transfer to/from the University halls of residence**

What's next?

Visit our dedicated website

Our website for Study Abroad students will provide you with more information on the application process, fees and funding, life in Belfast and much more. qub.ac.uk/studyabroad



Get in touch

Contact a member of our team directly with any questions or queries you may have.

General Study Abroad Queries:

Email: studyabroad@qub.ac.uk



Getting here

By air

Belfast is served by two airports: George Best Belfast City Airport and Belfast International Airport which are both linked to the city by regular bus services.

Dublin International Airport is located approximately 2 hours by bus. Belfast, as the capital of Northern Ireland, is connected to the rest of the UK, Ireland and Europe by sea, road, and air.

By sea

Fast ferry services including Stena Line and P&O Ferries make multiple daily crossings from Northern Ireland to ports in Scotland and England.





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