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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 ensuite options and internet access.

Orientation programmes run in mid September and early 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**

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 normally require a Short Term Student Visa whereas those undertaking a full academic year require at 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 2017-2018 | £ | US\$* | CAN\$* |
|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| One Semester/Term | 6,795 | 8,331 | 10,879 |
| 1 Academic Year | 13,590 | 16,661 | 21,758 |
| ACCOMMODATION COSTS | | | |
| Non-catered accommodation | 97 per week | 119 per week | 155 per week |
| Non-catered accommodation with ensuite bathroom | 115 per week | 141 per week | 184 per week |
| Application fee/Damage deposit | 300 | 368 | 480 |
| LIVING EXPENSES | | | |
| Food | 50 per week | 61 per week | 80 per week |
| Personal Expenses, eg entertainment, clothes (depending on social life) | 40 per week | 49 per week | 64 per week |
| Books Can be borrowed from the Library for two weeks or overnight, or bought (reasonably priced University Bookshops) | 10 per week | 12 per week | 16 per week |
| Local Transportation Costs. Minimal, as Queen's is a campus university. | 5 per week | 6 per week | 8 per week |
| Cost of a standard return train journey to Dublin (2 hours) | 34 | 42 | 54 |
| Cost of an average return flight to London (1 hr) Based on EasyJet flight from various London airports to Belfast International lowest published fare between Jan and June 2017 | 50.98 | 62.50 | 81.62 |

*All fees are payable in £ sterling. An approximate equivalency is shown at the following rate (12 January 2017): US\$1.226 = £1; Can\$1.601 = £1

Prices quoted are correct at time of print (January 2017)

Prices stated are approximate estimations based on exchange rates as given above and as of January 2017.



Semester Dates 2017-18

Semester One

| Accommodation | Available from Monday 11 September 2017 TBCF | | |
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| International Student Orientation | Wednesday 13 September - Sunday 17 September 2017 | | |
| Welcome Week | Including registration and enrolment | Monday 18 - Friday 22 September 2017 | |
| Weeks 1-12 | Teaching | Monday 25 September - Friday 15 December 2017 | |
| Weeks 13-15 | Christmas vacation | Monday 18 December - Friday 5 January 2018 | |

Semester Two

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



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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