



Berry College International Programs

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**Name of host institution:** University of Dundee

**Location:** Dundee, Scotland

**Website:** [www.dundee.ac.uk](http://www.dundee.ac.uk)

Webpage for US students: [http://www.dundee.ac.uk/admissions/international/your\\_home\\_country/usa.htm](http://www.dundee.ac.uk/admissions/international/your_home_country/usa.htm)

**Accreditation/Recognition by:** Ministry of Education; U of Dundee is one of Scotland's leading universities, especially in the medical and life sciences. The University of Dundee has been named top in the United Kingdom for teaching quality in the newest set of university league tables, published in The Times Higher Education Supplement and The Times.

**Number of international students:** 15% degree-seeking, 30 US visiting students

**Local students:** 10,500 undergrads; 18,000 including grad students

**Most convenient way to reach host country from Atlanta:** Students may fly into Glasgow or Edinburgh. Flights are direct from Newark on United I to Glasgow; Delta flies direct to Edinburgh from Atlanta.

**How students reach host institution from airport:** Students may take a train from their arrival city to Dundee (approx. 1 ¼ hours); the railway station is a few minutes' walk from university. Airport pickup service by the university is also available if international office is contacted prior to arrival

Airport transfer service: <http://www.centretraveldundee.co.uk/>

**Visa information:** No visa required for US citizens studying in the UK for less than six months. Students with academic programs longer than six months or working/interning/volunteering for any amount of time require the Tier 4 visa

**Point of contact in International Students Office:** Until further notice, Pamela Brown, [p.a.brown@dundee.ac.uk](mailto:p.a.brown@dundee.ac.uk), [GlobalProgrammes@dundee.ac.uk](mailto:GlobalProgrammes@dundee.ac.uk)

**# of staff in Visiting Students Office:** 4 (supporting all students)

**Terms of study:**

fall  spring  summer (occasionally an International Summer School is offered)

**Approximate dates of terms:** Early-September – mid December; mid January – mid May

Term dates can be viewed online - <http://www.dundee.ac.uk/general/termdates/>

### **Application Process**

**Application form** (online, paper, how to obtain): online

<http://www.dundee.ac.uk/study/international/how-to-apply/>

Letters of admission couriered directly to Students

**Requirements for participation** (GPA, references): 3.0 GPA, 1 letter of reference from study abroad adviser or academic referee; personal statement, transcript. Students applying for Art & Design submit a portfolio.

**Application fee:** N/A

**Deadlines:** 31 March for fall, 30 September for spring

**Other:** students in the sciences should be in at least the junior year and register for year 1 or year 2 science classes. Some classes have pre-requisites; student eligibility will be determined on the basis of transcripts provided

### **Academics**

**Credit system (e.g. ECTS) & US equivalent:** The Scottish "SCOTCAT" credit rating for university courses means each US credit is approximately equal to 4 SCOTCATs. Each Dundee course is typically worth 20 SCOTCATs, or 5 US credit hours.

**Academic advising (how do students register for classes):** general advising through international office; each department has its own study abroad adviser  
Register during advising wk, adviser signs off matriculation form

**Course offerings (relationship to Berry curriculum: gen ed fulfillments, major courses; classes especially for international students):** Study abroad module information:  
<http://www.dundee.ac.uk/study/international/country/usa/>

Arts & Social Sciences, Art & Design, Engineering & Physical Sciences, Law & Accountancy, Life Sciences (there will be a new Life Sciences curriculum in 2013.)

Students may take classes across various departments but occasionally there can be a timetable issue. However, the majority of our students take classes across colleges and manage to find classes that work without time tabling issues.

For full year modules, each applicant will be considered on an individual basis by the admissions tutor. Whether they will be admitted into the class will depend on the pre-requisites for the class. If it is not possible for the student to take the class they have selected, we will recommend another class.

**Average courseload (# of courses & credits):** 3 classes per semester is considered fulltime; students take level 1 or 2; math and science classes start at a higher level than at US institutions. Some Ss may be eligible to take level 3 classes. Ss notified before arrival if courses is full, N/A

**Instruction (lecture, seminar, tutoring, online):** Lecture and tutorial (seminars), labs with science courses; lecture classes may have more than 100 students, while accompanying tutorials will have small numbers for content discussion

**Internship opportunities:** N/A

**Form of course assessment:** rather than having several small assignments, students complete in-depth, long written work.

Students are assessed in a variety of ways depending on the particular course they are taking. Essays and exams are the most common forms of assessments. There is not nearly as much continuous assessment in UK universities as there is in the US system. Instead students tend to have one or two big exams or essays for each class at the end of the semester. This can take a bit of adjustment for students but they are told about this during orientation and the expectations for each course including assessment details are laid out at the beginning of the student's study abroad semester.

**Support ("learning center," etc.):** We have a variety of mechanisms in place for all study abroad students as well as some additional services should students find they need some extra/additional support. Each student meets with the academic convenor for study abroad students upon arrival to confirm his or her course choices and address any academic related questions the student may have. The academic convenor is available to students throughout their study abroad semester/year as well. Every professor has office hours so students are free to address their professors with questions or concerns they may have.

**Resources** (library, IT): excellent resources, internet access from residence hall rooms

**Should student bring a computer?** Yes - recommended but it's entirely up to the students. We have several computer labs on campus that are available to students and are open from very early to very late. However, some students are used to having a laptop and therefore may prefer to bring one along. They would not be discouraged from doing so. IT suites throughout campus but not open 24 hours wireless in most Buildings but not in residence halls.

Computer to IT and check for viruses after that, connected to internet

**Major differences in educational system:** lectures will be larger; there is not nearly as much continuous assessment in UK universities as there is in the US system.

**Transcript & grading system** (explain US equivalents, avg. length of time between end of term and issuing of transcript)

The UK grading system has a reputation for being a bit more challenging than the US system. Very few A's are given out in any given class. Our system works on an A through F scale so in that way is comparable to the US system. Please refer to the end of this document for a grading conversion scale.

Transcripts normally arrive two to four weeks after the semester. They are available as soon as the professors have marked each exam and handed in the final marks to the Registry Office.

### **Student Support & Life**

**On-site orientation** (length, items covered): week before classes begin, institutional/city/academic life orientation. Welcome week website—matriculation, meet with an advisor, social events, tours, evening student union events, packet w/SIM card. See <http://www.dundee.ac.uk/welcome/> for more info.

Study abroad booklet: [http://www.web-markets.net/library/online/dundee/study\\_abroad/001/](http://www.web-markets.net/library/online/dundee/study_abroad/001/)

Information for international students: <http://www.dundee.ac.uk/international/support/>

**Excursions/activities:** There are subsidized trips offered by the international office.

**Health/counseling facilities:** international students use the regular counseling services for students; hospitals and other health care facilities available in the city. Students will purchase TW Lord study abroad insurance prior to departure.

Registering with a doctor: <https://www.dundee.ac.uk/student-services/health/>

St advisory services arranges home stays, trips, information on culture shock

**Accommodation for students with physical & learning disabilities:** There is a Disability Services Unit; notify the international office of any student needs prior to their arrival at the university academic learning and teaching center

**Student societies:** Dundee University Students Association is very active and offers a variety of over 60 clubs; some have fees.

**Sport/Recreation:** 2 sports halls, squash courts, sauna, 4-lane swimming pool, tennis courts; sailing, canoeing on River Tay; skiing, climbing

**Other:** The campus is a contained one in the city of Dundee, which has 160,000 inhabitants. Inexpensive transport is available to students; Highlands are to the North and the city is an hour from Edinburgh. Dundee is 85 miles from Glasgow, 66 miles from Aberdeen.

### **Housing**

Accommodation: <http://www.dundee.ac.uk/accommodation/>

**Application process:** Students are sent housing forms on line upon acceptance into the university

**Damage deposit:** There is no damage deposit. If a student causes damage to his/her accommodation he/she will be sent an invoice for the specific damage done. £300 deposit to hold towards accommodation price paid with submission of lease agreement.

**Options:**

75% residence halls, en suite, shared kitchen (students may cook or go to campus cafes)

25% flats, shared bath (mostly grad students)

- residence halls are secure

All accommodation is single study bedrooms.

**If host family, how are families selected?** N/A

**If residence hall, are . international & host country students mixed?** Yes

Students register with National Health Service – no fee

**Furnishings provided** (linens, pillow, etc.): We have laundry facilities, bedding, cooking pack (cutlery, dishes etc), and bike facilities with all the accommodation. The bike facilities are free but all other services are an additional cost. Each room comes with a bed, a desk, a wardrobe, and a lamp. Almost all the accommodation is wired for internet.

**Avg. distance between institution and student housing:**

Maximum 15 minutes' walk

**Financials – subject to change & other fees may apply**

**Tuition:** students pay Berry College tuition

**Room:** Semester 1 average: £2100 Semester 2 average: £2500

Up to date housing costs can be found online - <http://www.dundee.ac.uk/accommodation/>

There is a pre-payment deposit of £300 students are required to pay when they sign the accommodation lease to accept their accommodation. This they would need to pay before they arrive in Scotland. Most students pay for this through credit card, and the deposit applies to the housing cost.

**Meals (indicate meal plan or estimated self-catering):** meals are self-catered; students should budget approx. £100/month

**Other** (lab, materials/computing fees): books - £125/semester (may be available in library).

Institute of Sport/exercise fee £10/month £80/year

Fee for some clubs/societies

**Personal expenses** (approximate): \$245/month; travel outside Dundee - \$400/semester (varies) £130/month  
Fees for Lab coat and dissection kit

Living costs can be viewed at this link - [http://www.dundee.ac.uk/admissions/tada/living\\_costs.htm](http://www.dundee.ac.uk/admissions/tada/living_costs.htm)

Bedding pack - £30 from accommodations office or purchase at Tesco  
cooking pack

## GRADE CONVERSION SCALE - SCOTLAND

Progression		Secondary Bands and Aggregation Scores		Honours Courses	US Equiv.
Primary grade	Gloss	Secondary Band *	Aggregation Score		
A		1	22		A +
		2	21		A
		3	20		
		4	19		
		5	18		A -
B		1	17		A -
		2	16		B +
		3	15		
C		1	14		B
		2	13		B -
		3	12		
D		1	11		C +
		2	10		C
		3	9		
					C -
E		1	8		D +
		2	7		D
		3	6		
					D -

F	Poor	1 2 3	5 4 3	Attainment of intended learning outcomes appreciably deficient in critical respects, lacking secure basis in relevant factual and analytical dimension.	Fail	F
G	Very Poor	1 2	2 1	Attainment of intended learning outcomes markedly deficient in respect of nearly all intended learning outcomes, with irrelevant use of materials and incomplete and flawed explanation.	Fail	F
H	No Credit	0	0	No convincing evidence of attainment of intended learning outcomes, such treatment of the subject as in evidence being directionless and fragmentary.	Fail	F

No extra fees to modules.