



Heriot-Watt University Exchange Fact Sheet 2022-2023

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Academic Calendar

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Welcome sessions will differ per School

School of Social Sciences (SOSS) specific info: [SOSS Exchange Students - Languages and IBM/L](#)

Academic calendar

5-9 September 2022 Welcome Week

12 September – 2 December 2022 Semester 1 teaching

5–16 December 2022 Semester 1 exams

19 December 2022 – 6 January 2023 Semester 1 break

9 January 2023 – 31 March 2023 Semester 2 teaching

3–21 April 2023 (Easter: 9 April 2023) Semester 2 break

24 April – 19 May 2023 Semester 2 exams

IMPORTANT DATES & DEADLINES:

Nominations (from a Partner University) and Applications (from a Student) deadlines for Incoming exchange students:

Semester 1 and full academic year:

Nominations: 15 May 2022

Applications: 15 June 2022

Semester 2

Nominations: 15 September 2022

Applications: 15 October 2022

Application process:

Once nominated by your University, the students will be sent an Application Form link with instructions on how to apply. We will also require **a copy of their passport, proof of English language and the latest transcript of records.**

- Your Certificate of Arrival and Departure will be signed by hwuexchange@hw.ac.uk

- Your Learning Agreement (course choices) will be signed by your academic (a professor) programme coordinator.
- **Proof of English** can be either an approved test [English language requirements - Heriot-Watt University \(hw.ac.uk\)](https://www.hw.ac.uk/english-requirements) or a letter from the Host University confirming the student meets the required minimum B2 level by studying and being examined in English (just passing an English course will not suffice). Native speakers don't need to prove their English.

Visa and Immigration Information



In a nutshell.....

Stay in the UK for up to 6 months = Standard Visitor Visa route.

Stay in the UK for more than 6 months = Study Visa route (CAS letter needed).

Gov.uk website -check what kind of visa you need [Browse: Study in the UK - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/browse/study-in-the-uk) and calculate the total cost (including the healthcare surcharge)

You can also check the visa information here [UKCISA - international student advice and guidance - Student immigration: the basics](https://www.ukcisa.org.uk/international-student-advice-and-guidance-student-immigration-the-basics)

If you need more information on applying for a visa for your exchange programme then please see below for the contact details for the Universities Global Student Advisor.

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[Course catalogue \(all Schools\)](#)



School of Social Sciences only : the most up-to-date version of the special course catalogue for exchange students in LINC(S) (Languages) is available [here](#)

For specific information on course selection, programme specifics, academic related issues please contact an [academic Exchange Coordinator per School](#)

Credits required per semester:

The workload of a full time student is 60 Heriot-Watt credits (or 30 ECTS) per semester, which is normally achieved by taking 4 courses per semester (each course is worth 15 Heriot-Watt credits or 7.5 ECTS).

English Language Courses



The primary language of instruction at Heriot-Watt is English and students can access the link below to enquire about preparatory/additional English courses available.

[Academic English](#) (English courses available for international students)

Pre-arrival Info Sessions

Global Student Office will organise an online Info Session for Incoming students (in June and in December) via TEAMS. Individual schools will host their own information sessions prior to arrival and also during Welcome Week.

Living in Edinburgh



- [Maps and directions to our Edinburgh campus](#)

How to find a room in Edinburgh ?

[Living on our beautiful Edinburgh campus](#) or off-campus:

- **Facebook**—search ‘Find a flatmate’ — Heriot-Watt Edinburgh’ and join the group.
- **Search on the following websites:**
- www.studentpad.co.uk
- www.accomodationforstudents.com
- www.athomeinedinburgh.co.uk
- www.easyroommate.com

[Adjusting to life in the UK](#)

Information for International Students



[Living in the UK](#)

[Managing Your Money](#)

[UKCISA - international student advice and guidance - Opening a bank account](#)

[Entitlement to healthcare](#) including insurance information and medical services available. The University Health Service on campus is available to students living within the Edinburgh city boundary or students can register with a General Practitioner in their area.

Student Portal

Student Portal (myHWU) - download our app [myHWU - Heriot-Watt University](#)

[New student checklist](#)

[Student support contact](#)

Advice on: settling into university life, money, accommodation, disability, personal safety, counselling.

Careers Advice

[Your career – How can we help?](#)

Internships/jobs available:

Please see Careers Advisory Service for information on jobs and internships – Careers Advisory Service Careers@hw.ac.uk

We hope that you find this Guide useful! If you have any additional questions, please contact us at hwuexchange@hw.ac.uk