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Academic Year 2012/13

Semester 1	International Day	Sun 09 Sept 2012
	Freshers' week	10 - 14 Sept 2012
	Teaching	17 Sept - 30 Nov 2012
	Exams	10 - 21 Dec 2012
Semester 2	Orientation	Sun 13 Jan 2013
	Teaching	14 Jan – 05 April 2013
	Spring break	07 April – 19 April 2013
	Exams	29 April – 24 May 2013

University accommodation will be available from the Saturday 10 Sept before Freshers' Week and from Saturday 14 Jan 2012 for semester 2 students.

Please check with the University web site nearer the start of the year in case of unforeseen changes. <http://www.ed.ac.uk/news/semester-dates>

Academic Information

You will find a list of the courses available to visiting students at the following web site: www.ed.ac.uk/studying/visiting-exchange/courses. Students should ensure that the majority of their subjects are in the agreed subject area of the Erasmus agreement and that for any courses they must meet the equivalent of stated prior study requirements and English language requirements (below).

All honours level classes have strict prior study requirements and in some subjects there are limited places available. For enrolment in honours courses, we require visiting students to have completed at least three previous courses in the relevant subject area, achieving a grade B or above (or equivalent). Please note that this applies to all subjects, even those specified in your exchange agreement.

Honours courses in certain subject areas are very popular and there are limited places available. Third year courses in the following subject areas are particularly popular:

- English Literature *

- History
- History of Art
- Law
- Philosophy
- Politics & International Relations

* Places in English Literature honours courses are usually not available unless you are nominated under an English Literature agreement so we recommend that you consider our first and second year English Literature courses - which Erasmus students have, in the past, found to be interesting and sufficiently academically rigorous.

Under the semester system the majority of our courses will be 20 credit (10 ECTS) (Semester) or 40 credit (20 ECTS) (Year) courses. Students are expected to take the normal academic load of 60 credits/semester or 120 credits/year. 2 Edinburgh credits = 1 ECTS. Students are not allowed to take more than the normal load and they are strongly discouraged from taking less than the normal load.

Questions about courses in the College of Humanities and Social Sciences should be addressed to hssvisitingstudents@ed.ac.uk.

Questions about courses in the College of Science and Engineering should be addressed to scevisitingstudents@ed.ac.uk.

Application Process

A list of nominated students should be sent to Clare Swindells, International Office Edinburgh EH8 9JU. Clare.Swindells@ed.ac.uk by the Erasmus/ Socrates coordinator. Full instructions on how to apply are given on our web pages <http://www.ed.ac.uk/studying/visiting-exchange/erasmus>

Application Deadlines

Applications should be returned by 1st July for students starting September and 1st November for students starting in January 2013. Late applications may not be accepted.

English

If you are applying for courses in the subject area of the Erasmus agreement, or for 1st or 2nd year courses in other subjects, then you do not need to produce evidence of your level of English. However you should have an English language proficiency which will allow you to follow all your course lectures and to complete any course assignments and examinations.

If you are hoping to apply for honours (3rd or 4th year) courses in other subject areas then you will need the following qualifications IELTS 6.5 (with minimum 6.0 in each component) or the equivalent. Alternatively you can sit an English language test in Freshers' Week at the beginning of the semester.

Accommodation

Students should submit their accommodation application on-line. www.accom.ed.ac.uk.

Full year Erasmus students are guaranteed accommodation, providing the application is submitted in good time. The final deadline for receipt of accommodation applications for September starts is 16 August 2011.

Students here for a single semester are **NOT** guaranteed accommodation. If they apply they will be placed on a waiting list.

Accommodation Services has information about private accommodation in Edinburgh:

- <http://www.ed.ac.uk/schools-departments/accommodation-services/new-prospective/types-guides/private-housing/finding>

If you arrange accommodation over the internet please be very cautious about sending any money. We would recommend that, if possible, you do not pay anything until you have seen the flat.

Computing Facilities

The University has a number of open-access labs and there is an extensive network of wireless points throughout the University sites.

The University's residential networking system provides a telephone, data and internet service to around 85% of students in our residential accommodation. For more detailed information please refer to:

www.accom.ed.ac.uk/accom_info/useful/asdat/data_and_phones_index.htm

Basic Living Costs based on 11/12 prices

For each week students are resident in Edinburgh they should allow themselves the following sums of money to cover their expenses in the academic session.

Weekly budget

	University room in halls (shared /single)	University self-catering room	Private flat room
Rent	£113- £226	£56- £127	£76
Food	£15 for lunches	£50	£50
Gas/electricity	included in rent	included in rent	£9-15
Internet	included in rent	included in rent	£3 - £8
Mobile phones	£7-£10	£7-£10	£7-£10
Laundry/toiletries	£8	£8	£8
Total per week	£143 - £259	£121-£195	£146 - £157

Further Expenses

Students will need a minimum of **£315** each year for textbooks and basic stationery.

Travel: Most students live near the University and can easily walk to classes. If students find accommodation further away from the university, but still within the city boundary, they may need to budget for around £12 per week for bus travel

Please refer to our cost of living web page:

<http://www.ed.ac.uk/studying/international/finance/cost-of-living>

Useful Links

Accommodation Services	www.accom.ed.ac.uk
English Language Teaching Centre	www.ials.ed.ac.uk
International Student Centre	www.ed.ac.uk/studying/international/student-life/isc
Student Association	www.eusa.ed.ac.uk
Visiting Student Course Finder	www.ed.ac.uk/studying/visiting-exchange/courses
Edinburgh Tourist Information	www.visitscotland.com
University Computing Services	www.ed.ac.uk/schools-departments/information-services

The new student website is a source of useful information: <http://www.ed.ac.uk/staff-students/students/new-students>