A warm welcome to our new international and EU students. The University of Dundee has a wide range of support services within Student Services available to all students. For general advice and referrals, your first point of contact should be the Enquiry Centre, Campus Green (no. 43 on the campus map): www.dundee.ac.uk/studentservices.

The International Advice Service (IAS) provide support and advice specifically for international students and their families, on a wide range of issues, including visa and immigration, practical guidance, as well as links to home hospitality schemes. We understand that studying and living in a different country can be exciting and challenging and are fully aware of your primary concerns. This also applies to study abroad and exchange students who stay for a shorter period of time.

The University also has a high quality welcome programme with lots of events and opportunities to learn about the University, the support available and make new friends. Take a look here: www.dundee.ac.uk/welcome/events. We hope you will enjoy your time in Dundee and take advantage of all that is on offer, especially the Principal's Welcome, a Global Welcome, Cultural Fusion events, not least our Taste of Scotland Welcome Party which is highly recommended.

### Events

#### A Global Welcome
**Friday 15th January 3.30pm – 5.00 pm**
**Dalhousie 2G12**

This event will be fun, interactive and informative. You will meet members of staff from the International Advice team, representatives from our international hospitality schemes and student volunteers to help you adapt to a new culture and environment. A chance to win a Highland trip worth £126!

www.dundee.ac.uk/international/support

#### Peer Connections

Look out for events offered by the Peer Connections who will welcome, buddy, mentor and help all students settle in, show you around, meet, mix and share information and experience with other students. www.dundee.ac.uk/studentservices/pconnect Enquiry Centre, Campus Green (no. 43 on the campus map)

#### Cultural Fusion

All welcome to come along and enjoy the music with free tasters of food in the River Rooms, Floor 9, Tower Building on the following days:
- Africa and the Mediterranean—Wednesday 20th January 5pm—7pm
- Asia – Wednesday 27th January 5pm—7pm

#### Friends International Dundee - The International Café

Every Saturday evening 8:00 pm - 10:00pm in Saint Peter's Free Church hall, Saint Peter Street (off Perth Road) DD1 4J

See the Café programme at www.friendsinternational-dundee.org.uk

The Café provides a place for international students to relax and meet local people from Dundee. Still to come this year we have a traditional Scottish Burns Night, pancake night, an Easter celebration, a walk and a garden party.

Download the British Council document: "Safety first - Making sure your visit to the UK is safe and enjoyable" uod.ac.uk/bcsafety
A ‘Taste of Scotland’ Welcome Party
Friday 29th January 7 pm – 11 pm,
Mono, DUSA

Join us for this Scottish party and sample a taste of traditional Scotland including haggis, Burns poetry, entertainment, bagpipes and lots of Scottish country dancing to the excellent live Ceilidh band. Tickets cost £7 pay by debit/credit card online at: uod.ac.uk/taste-of-scotland

Due to popular demand entry is strictly by pre-bought ticket only.

Frequently asked questions from international students

The International Advice Service have prepared a range of factsheets based on frequently asked questions, from government legislation and visa extensions, to practical information such as opening a bank account and applying for a National Insurance number. These factsheets are available to collect from the Enquiry Centre, Campus Green (no. 43 on the campus map) or you can view them online by visiting this webpage: www.dundee.ac.uk/international/support/factsheets

Collection of BRP cards at the Post Office

All visa nationals will be aware that they must collect their BRP (Biometric Residence Permit) within 10 days of arrival in the UK. When you indicated on your visa application that you will be studying in Dundee, you will have selected the Meadowside Dundee post Office in Ward Road as the collection point for your BRP. Remember to take your passport with you and any other relevant letters/documents to collect your BRP card at the Post Office. You are required to collect you BRP card before you attend matriculation/registration. The Post Office is a 5-10 minute walk from Campus at: 4 Meadowside, Dundee DD1 1AA

If you encounter any problems or delays in collection of your card, please contact internationalsupport@dundee.ac.uk

Registering with the Police

Some visa nationals are required to register with police headquarters in Dundee when they arrive. If so, this will be stamped in your passport. You will be required to take 2 passport sized photographs and £34 cash. For more details see the factsheet here: uod.ac.uk/policereg

Prepare for success

An interactive learning resource for preparation to the UK to help you find out about different aspects of academic life in the UK and the skills needed for effective study: www.prepareforsuccess.org.uk

Have you registered with a doctor yet?

All students are required to register with a local general practitioner (GP) This should be done as soon as possible after your arrival in Dundee. If you have still to receive your meningitis vaccination (recommended for all first year students) please inform your GP. Further information from our Health Service website: uod.ac.uk/gpreg

Home Hospitality

Home Hospitality offers an opportunity to form links with a Scottish family. Several groups offer this service including VL Angus and Friends International. For further details see: www.dundee.ac.uk/international/support/homehospitality

Student Services

Here to support students who have personal, health, disability or work related problems but also seek to help all students learn the personal skills needed to build the lives and careers they want. Being at University is about seeking out and responding to opportunities in all spheres of life, not just academic work, and Student Services support that search whether things are going well or not so well. www.dundee.ac.uk/studentservices

Telephone Scams

We have been made aware that there is a telephone scam targeting students. The caller informs the student that there is a problem with their original visa application and requests a payment to solve the issue. Please be aware that these telephone calls are not from members of the UK Visa & Immigration Service and you should not give any personal details over the phone. www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/aboutus/scams

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