Welcome New International Students
September 2017

A warm welcome to our new international and EU students. The University of Dundee has a wide range of support services across campus 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 IAS works within the Enquiry Centre, Campus Green and is open from Monday – Friday from 9 am – 5 pm. Visit our website at: www.dundee.ac.uk/international/support. To make an appointment for specialist advice, please complete the online meeting form at www.dundee.ac.uk/international/support/meetingform or call 01382 381381.

The University also has a high quality welcome programme (uod.ac.uk/freshers) with lots of events and opportunities to learn about all the support available and make friends. We hope you will enjoy your time in Dundee and take advantage of all that is on offer. Below are just some of the events you can attend from the Principal’s Official Welcome to the Taste of Scotland Welcome Party, there’s something for everyone.

Events

Principal’s Official Welcome Event (10:45 - 12:00)
Monday 4th September 10:45—12:00, Caird Hall, City Square.
Welcome event for all students. Official welcome and procession by the University Principal and Academics.
Be seated by 10.45am, Dress code: Informal

International Welcome & Adapting to a New Culture
Friday 8th September 15:00—17:00 Chaplaincy
This event will be fun, interactive and informative hosted by International Advice Service. You will meet members of staff, 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! Free refreshments.

Meet, Mix and Socialise for Postgraduates
Saturday 9th September 18:30—20:00 hrs Dalhousie building (Gallery 1st floor)
Drop in and meet new students. Refreshments are free

Peer Connections
Look out for events offered by the Peer Connectors 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/peer-connections Enquiry Centre, Campus Green (no.43 on the campus map)

Welcome to the UK
Collect your International Welcome Pack which includes a free mobile sim card (with £5 credit inside) from the Enquiry Centre, Campus Green, (no. 43 on the campus map).

Settling In
When you first arrive in a new culture, differences are intriguing and you may feel excited, stimulated and curious. At this stage you are still protected by the close memory of your home culture. A little later, differences create an impact and you may feel confused, isolated or inadequate as cultural differences intrude and familiar supports are not immediately available. It might be helpful to realise that your experience is quite normal and you can read the following helpful guidance at: uod.ac.uk/cultureshock

Student Calculator
The International Student Calculator will help you manage your money for your studies in the UK. It enables students’ to budget throughout the year, before and after arrival in the UK. Case studies are available for guidance with regards to time and money whilst in the UK international.studentcalculator.org.uk

International Society is the biggest society at the University of Dundee and was awarded The Most Active Society 2014/15. Every year we are meeting people from different countries who share their experience with us. In return, we are connecting students through various events over the year showing them traditions and cultures from around the world. ISOC is organising various events throughout the year such as Trip to Highlands & Scotland, Treasure Hunt, Open Stage Night, Around the Worlds. Halloween Pumpkin Carving Competition, Nutella Day, International Food Festival, Ice Skating trips, Christmas lights events, BBQ and many others. We have members from different parts of the world, so feel free to join our society. You can contact us on Facebook at:

https://www.facebook.com/internationalstudentsocietydundeeuniversity/

Email: internationalsociety@dundee.ac.uk
The University of Dundee Taste of Scotland Welcome Ceilidh Party
Friday 29th September 7 pm – 11 pm; Bonar Hall

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 £8 pay by debit/credit card online at:

http://uod.ac.uk/tasteofscotland

University of Dundee International Families’ Group – weekly get-together
Would you like to meet with other international students’ spouses and their children? Why not join us on Wednesday mornings? This is a good opportunity to practice speaking English and to make friends. Children can come too and they can play together. We meet every Wednesday morning during the university term time from 10am to 12pm in the Chaplaincy Centre (no. 31 on the campus map). For more information email: farquars@friendsinternational.org.uk

Frequently asked questions from international students
The International Advice Service have prepared a range of factsheets which cover 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 your BRP card before you attend matriculation/registration. The Post Office is a 5-10 minute walk from Campus at: 4 Meadowside, Dundee DD1 1AA

uod.ac.uk/brpcollection

Registering with the Police
Some visa nationals are required to register with the police when they arrive in the UK. If so, this will be stamped in your passport. Those that should, will receive an email with instructions and a form on Registering with the police. You will be asked to present a completed registration form (also available from the Enquiry Centre) your passport and BRP card, 2 passport sized photographs and £34 cash. For a list of nationalities required to register with the police, or if you miss these registration dates follow the instructions on the factsheet here:

uod.ac.uk/policereg

Prepare for success
An interactive learning resource for 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. Doctor registration will be available on 8th September between 10:00—15:00 hrs at the Chaplaincy Centre. Further information from:

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/studentsservices

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