Welcome New International Students

January 2020
A warm welcome to our new international and EU students. The University of Dundee has a wide range of support services across campus that are available to all students. For general advice and referrals, your first point of contact should be the Enquiry Centre, Campus Green (no. 21 on the campus map): www.dundee.ac.uk/studentservices. We also have Global Room (no. 4 on the campus map), which is a social space on campus for all students to relax, meet new people and celebrate cultural events. Free refreshments available, please drop in.

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 we 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 attend a drop-in session at the Global Room every Monday, Wednesday, Friday 11 am–1 pm.

The University also has a high quality welcome programme (www.ac.uk/freshers) with Campus Tours and opportunities to learn about all the support available and to 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 Welcome Reception to the Taste of Scotland Welcome Party.

Events

Welcome Reception

Library and Learning Centre

Monday 11th January 18:30 and 20:30

Come along and meet members of the Student Support Team, socialise, chat and meet other new students.

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.21 on the campus map).

International Society is the biggest society and one of the most active. Every year we meet people from different countries who share their experiences with us. In return, we connect 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, and around the Worlds. There will also be a Halloween Pumpkin Carving Competition, Nutella Day, International Food Festival, Ice Skating trips, Christmas lights events, BBQ and many others. We have members from many different parts of the world, so feel free to join our society. You can contact us on Facebook at:

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

https://www.instagram.com/dusatetheunion/

Email: internationalsociety@dundee.ac.uk

Student Calculator
The International Student Calculator helps 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. internationalstudentcalculator.org.uk
Prepare for success
An interactive learning resource for
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. See the
University’s Health Service website
for more information about keeping
healthy and how to register
with a doctor uod.ac.uk/gpreg

Friends in the Community
Friends International Dundee is a
group of people living in Dundee
who like to welcome international
students. For further details see:
www.dundee.ac.uk/international/
support/friends-in-the-community

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A ‘Taste of Scotland’ Welcome (Party)
Friday 24th January 16:00–19:00, Global Room

Join our staff and students for this traditional Scot-
tish party. Enjoy a taster of haggis, Burns’ poetry,
Highland Dancers, bagpipes and hear traditional
Scottish music. Tickets £6, pay by debit/credit
 card online at: http://uod.ac.uk/tasteofscotland

University of Dundee International Fami-
lies’ Group - weekly get-together
Would you like to meet with other international families? Why not join us on Wednesday mornings?
This is a good opportunity to practice speaking English and to make friends. Children can come and
they play together. We meet every Wednesday morning during the university term from 10am to
12pm in the Chaplaincy Centre. email: farquhars@friendsinternational.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 at Campus Green (no. 21 on the campus map), Global Room (no. 4 on the cam-
pus map). You can also view them online by visiting this webpage: www.dundee.ac.uk/international/
support/factsheets

BREXIT information for EU/EEA & Swiss Students As the UK prepares to exit the EU,
we strongly advise you make an application for pre-settlement or settlement as soon as you arrive and
before 31st December 2020 to ensure you will be eligible to stay to complete your studies
https://uod.ac.uk/int-2308. See also BREXIT FAQ’s: https://uod.ac.uk/int-2301

Collect your BRP card at the Post Office If you have been
issued a Tier 4 student visa you will be required to collect your BRP
(Biometric Residence Permit) within 10 days of arrival in the UK. Please
take your passport and any other relevant letters/documents to collect
your BRP which you will need to have for matriculation/registration. The
Post Office is a 5-10 minute walk from Campus at: 30 Whitehall Street,
Dundee DD1 4AF uod.ac.uk/brpcollection

Registering with the Police
If you are required to register with the police when you arrive in the UK this will be stamped in your passport/
stated on your letter from the Home Office. Police will be available on campus during welcome week when you
will be asked to present a completed registration form, your passport and BRP card, 2 passport sized photo-
graphs and £34 cash. Look out for an email from tier4compliance with further instructions. If you arrive after
welcome week you can register at the police station for more information see: uod.ac.uk/policeReg

Fraud, tricks and scams
Be aware of scams (email, telephone call or letter) targeting students. For example, the scammer inform students
that there is a problem with their original visa application and requests a payment to solve the issue. The scam-
mer may pretend to be an officer from the Home Office, police, embassy, custom control. Under no circum-
stances, should you give personal details (bank, passport/visa, computer passwords) over the phone/email.
For further information, see www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/aboutus/scams

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

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