University of Dundee

Your guide to life at the University of Dundee
Scotland has an ancient and pioneering system of higher education, and Scots have always placed great importance on learning, leading the way in this area since the early part of the 15th century.

Scotland facts
- Scotland has a population of around 5.4m and is rich in history and culture
- The four major cities are Glasgow, Edinburgh, Aberdeen and Dundee
- Scotland has four main international airports (Glasgow, Edinburgh, Prestwick and Aberdeen)
- There is a lower cost of living and a higher quality of life in Scotland than in most other parts of the UK
- Most of Scotland's population lives in the towns and cities in the Central Belt, leaving hundreds of square miles of diverse and beautiful unspoilt countryside
- The national flower of Scotland is the thistle – a symbol of Scottish defiance

The Scottish Master of Arts degree
The undergraduate degree in Scotland often has a different name than the undergraduate degree in England, Wales and Northern Ireland. In Scotland a Master of Arts (MA) degree is the standard first degree in the Arts and Social Sciences faculty.
The degree is gained after four years of study and this degree is roughly equivalent to the English/Welsh/Northern Irish BA (Bachelor of Arts).

The Scottish system is famous for its flexibility. The module-based structure of the Scottish MA allows you to choose a mix of subjects in your first two years, before deciding which one(s) you would like to specialise in for your final two years.

**Education excellence**

Scotland consistently punches above its weight with a world-class education system.

**Did you know?**

- Graduates from Scotland’s universities have higher starting salaries than the UK average. They also have the lowest unemployment levels in the UK.
- Scotland has educated some of the world’s top intellectuals and inventors including John Logie Baird, Alexander Graham Bell, Adam Smith and Sir Alexander Fleming.
- It produces more academic papers and citations per 10,000 of the population than any other country in the world.

**Did you know?**

The Scottish MA has been a mark of quality in education since the 15th century.
Life in Scotland

Weekends
Scotland’s lively and cosmopolitan cities offer a wealth of activities to suit all tastes. Scotland is home to many internationally recognised festivals such as the Edinburgh Festival Fringe, the Royal Highland Show and Dundee’s own Carnival 56 music festival. All the cities also have a thriving pub and club scene, with all music preferences catered for.

Our cities benefit from easy access to our beautiful countryside. Fresh mountain air, magnificent scenery and a relaxed pace of life are only a short train, bus or bike ride away. Scotland has two national parks in the Cairngorms and in Loch Lomond and the Trossachs; both within easy reach from Dundee.

While in Scotland, why not take the time to celebrate the typically Scottish celebrations of St Andrew’s Day, Hogmanay and Burns Night – all testament to the Scots’ love of a good party!

Colourful history
Scotland’s history goes back over 5000 years. Scotland was an independent sovereign state for hundreds of years until the union with England formed the United Kingdom in 1707. It was not until 1999 that Scotland once again had its own parliament, while still remaining part of the UK. Throughout this time, Scotland has retained its unique culture.

It is very easy to explore the rich history of Scotland by visiting exhibitions such as the National Museum of Scotland or the Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum.

There are many castles which are definitely worth a visit, including: Edinburgh Castle, a spectacular icon of Scotland and World Heritage Site; St Andrews Castle and Cathedral and Eilean Donan Castle, one of the most beautiful and most photographed castles in the world.

“I was thrilled when I received my acceptance to study at the University of Dundee, but I could never have imagined how amazing the experience would be. Studying in Dundee was everything I hoped for and more. I connected with Dundee in a way I haven’t connected with a place in a long time. I didn’t just study in Scotland, I lived and breathed and loved Scotland.”

Taylor Arceneaux, USA, Humanities
Financial benefits

- The average expenditure and debt of students studying in Scotland are lower than those in the rest of the UK.
- On average the cost of living in Scotland is lower than in England.
- A Scottish city such as Dundee is a very cost-effective place to study. In fact, Dundee was named as one of the top 10 most cost-effective cities for students in the UK by the NatWest Student Living Index 2016. It has also been ranked amongst the top 10 best value for money universities in the UK by Expert Market.

Did you know?

Despite what you may think there is often only 1 or 2 degrees difference in temperature between Scotland and the south of England!
“Everything is very close to the university campus including shopping centres, the city centre and accommodation. If you like walks, Dundee has the beautiful River Tay and other green spaces where students enjoy running and walking.”

Jacklyn Thong Ern Qi, Malaysia, BSc Mathematics
An excellent academic reputation

The University of Dundee has an international reputation and attracts top-class students from across the world. With our prestigious reputation and student-first approach, you can be sure you’re making a great choice by studying at Dundee.

→ We’ve been named Scottish University of the Year two years in a row by The Times & Sunday Times Good University Guide 2016 and 2017
→ We are ranked one of the top 20 universities worldwide under 50 years old by the Times Higher Education Young University Rankings 2017
→ We’ve been named one of the top 25 most innovative universities in Europe by Reuters
→ We’re ranked 8th in the UK for student experience in the National Student Survey 2016
→ We were rated 1st in Scotland for six years running for all round student experience by the Times Higher Education Student Experience Survey 2010-2015
→ We’ve been given a gold award in the 2017 Teaching Excellence Framework (TEF) - the highest possible rating

A flexible degree structure

Many of the undergraduate courses offered at the University of Dundee follow the Master of Arts route.

The highly flexible Scottish MA system allows you to choose the subjects you’d like to study for the first two years before you decide on a specialisation.

However, if you don’t want to study for four years, most course structures are flexible enough to allow suitably qualified students to enter at Level 2 (2nd year). Take a look at our individual course webpages for more information about this option: www.dundee.ac.uk/study/ug

And that’s not all. In line with English and Northern Irish universities, Dundee offers 3 year Honours degrees in many subjects, including:
→ BSc (Hons) Applied Computing: Human Computer Interaction
→ BSc (Hons) Biological/Biomedical Sciences
→ LLB English/Welsh/NI Law
→ LLB Law (English/NI) with Oil and Gas Law
Life in Dundee

Our culture

- The University campus has been voted the friendliest in Scotland
- The majority of students live on or near the University campus situated next to Dundee’s cultural quarter. Theatres, art-house cinema, restaurants, galleries, bars, boutiques and craft shops are all within 5 minutes walking distance - no car necessary!
- The V&A Museum of Design, Dundee, a new centre of 21st century design for Scotland and the world, will occupy a prime site at the heart of Dundee’s redeveloped waterfront
- We have approximately 18,000 students, 60% are from Scotland, 20% from elsewhere in the UK and 20% from the EU or overseas

Quality of life

- Dundee regularly appears at the top end of ‘quality of life’ surveys in the UK, offering all that’s best of city life yet is friendly, compact and easy to navigate
- Dundee is known as Scotland’s student city with the highest proportion of young people in fulltime higher education than any other – about 1 in 5 of the population is a student
- Dundee has been reported as having more hours of sunshine, the purest air quality and more green spaces than any other Scottish city. We even have a beach for relaxing on those sunny days!

Multicultural city

Dundee is increasingly international and multicultural. It is home to permanent residents from many countries and ethnic groups. Our international community means that within easy reach of the campus, you can find:

- specialist food shops such as halal butchers, Chinese, Polish and Russian supermarkets, and the major UK supermarkets also supply a wide range of international food
- places of worship for many faiths, including Muslims, Sikhs, Hindus, Jews, plus many Christian denominations
- schools which are well equipped to support children for whom English is a second language
“There are many things that really make Dundee a special place for international students. However, the one thing that really stands out is the people. They are not only helpful, but very friendly as well. They always try their very best to help you out.”

U Bhalraam, Singapore, MBChB Medicine
Excellence and innovation

World-leading research
The University of Dundee has an international reputation and continues to attract top-class researchers from across the world in subjects as diverse as medicine, life sciences, dentistry, law, microelectronics, fine art and design, digital media and space exploration.

→ In the latest Research Excellence Framework, Dundee recorded the highest level of 4-star, or ‘world-leading’, research in the biological sciences of any University in the UK, and achieved an outstanding set of results across the STEM subjects – science, technology, engineering and maths - where the University’s quality profile was the highest in Scotland

→ Our medical and life sciences research is world renowned, with particular expertise in cancer, diabetes, cardiovascular disease, malaria and neglected tropical diseases

→ World leading researchers in our Space Technology Centre have developed the SpaceWire standard, used by space organisations across the world

Discovery
New research projects are continually launched creating an exciting and challenging environment for staff and students, as well as shaping our future.

→ Our Centre for Anatomy and Human Identification (CAHID) is at the forefront of forensic science research. One project explored children’s reaction to smoke alarms. Our research showed that children respond to different tones and frequencies of alarm than adults and that boys and girls are wakened by a different combination of sounds

→ Our mathematics and medical researchers are using mathematical modelling to gain better understanding into cancer development and treatment

→ Projects within computing aim to dramatically change the way people with no speech and complex disabilities converse with others by speeding up predictive text software

→ Researchers in the Centre for Environmental Change and Human Resilience (CECHR) are working on a number of projects including assessing climate change and impacts on the quality and quantity of water, and considering models of decentralised electricity supplies
Our graduates achieve their ambitions with a degree from Dundee...

Simeon A Diggs, from Liberia, graduated with an MSc in Professional Accountancy in 2012 and is currently working as a Risk Manager for the Liberian Bank for Development & Investment.

“In pursuit of my career ambition to become a professional accountant, I couldn’t make choices among schools because the Masters of Professional Accountancy programme at the University of Dundee offered the only perfect platform. With exemptions from all nine ACCA fundamental papers, one can hardly ask for more. The lecturers challenge you and bring the best out of you and the concern demonstrated by the lecturers towards your professional growth is exemplary.”
What’s on offer at the University of Dundee?

Sporting chances

Our Institute of Sport and Exercise has a wide range of high class facilities to keep you on your toes. On campus we provide:

→ a huge state-of-the-art-gym with personal training room
→ two exercise studios for all your favourite classes
→ three glass-backed, competition standard squash courts
→ a designated strength performance centre
→ a specialised dance/indoor cycling studio
→ a 25m swimming pool with sauna
→ four floodlit, all-weather tennis courts
→ 2 large indoor sports halls

Our Riverside sports grounds are a short walk from campus and offer floodlit artificial football and hockey pitches alongside seven grass and 2 rugby pitches.

These facilities are complemented by our excellent services. We offer:

→ campus sport leagues and events and social competition personal training - to motivate you in the gym
→ an extensive range of exercise classes and dance courses
→ swimming courses and classes
→ sports scholarships
→ competition and training

Sports clubs at Dundee include:
Archery, athletics, badminton, basketball, boat (rowing), boxing, canoe, cricket, cycling, dance, equestrian, fencing, football, gaelic football, golf, handball, hockey, hurling, judo, karate, lacrosse, netball, rucksack (climbing and mountaineering), rugby, sailing, shinty, ski and snowboard, skydiving, squash, sub aqua, Sunday league football, surf, swimming, tae kwon-do, tennis, trampoline, triathlon, mountain bike and volleyball.

www.dundee.ac.uk/sports
Join the club

Dundee has a wealth of clubs and societies available to our students. There are more than 80 in total but here is a selection:

- African & Caribbean Society
- Amnesty International
- BBQ, Baking and Coffee Society
- Big Band Society
- Business Society
- Catholic Society
- Christian Union
- Comedy Society
- Cosplay Society
- Creative Cooking Society
- Debating Society
- Dental Society
- English Lit and Film Society
- Geography & Environmental Sciences
- Hispanic Society
- Indian Society
- International Society
- Islamic Society
- Latin and Ballroom Dance Society
- Law Society
- Lip Theatre Co
- Malaysian Society
- Model United Nations
- Mooting Society
- Pakistani Association
- Politics and International Relations Society
- SciFi and Fantasy Society
- Singaporean Society
- Sikh Society
- Young Entrepreneurs Society

Many societies are affiliated to certain subjects (such as the History Society) or religious groups (such as the Catholic Society and the Christian Union), others are purely for interest. All are welcome and no prior knowledge is needed. Societies are a great way to make friends and fill your weekends with great experiences.

www.dusa.co.uk
Your campus

An award winning students’ union
Dundee University Students’ Association (DUSA), better known as ‘the Union’, is one of the most successful students’ unions in the country. Located at the heart of the city campus, it is rated the number one student union in Scotland as voted for by students in The Times Higher Student Experience Survey 2016.
www.dusa.co.uk

Here to help
Adapting to university life can be challenging, but we offer a range of support services from our team of very approachable trained professionals to ensure your personal, financial and social wellbeing.
www.dundee.ac.uk/studentservices

Academic support
The University provides a wide range of academic support from the Academic Skills Centre in partnership with the Schools. We are committed to helping you:
→ develop the skills and knowledge that underpin our programmes of study and research
→ prepare for employment in your chosen career path
www.dundee.ac.uk/asc

Top class libraries
Dundee’s library sites offer students access to information and resources to support their studies:
→ face-to-face expert support from professional library staff
→ long opening hours during semester: the Main Library is open from 7.30am to 2.30am Monday Friday; 9am to 2.30am Saturdays and Sundays and 24 hours a day during exams
→ a copy of recommended books and multiple copies of many key texts
→ flexible learning spaces – silent study zones, general study zones ideal for group work, and study break zones
→ four bookable group study ‘pods’ with media technology and six drop-in ‘pods’
→ access to more than one million books and subscriptions to over 5,000 journals, newspapers and databases
→ extensive electronic resources including e-books, e-journals, online newspapers, published research materials and image and sound resources which you can access from anywhere in the world
→ full access to WiFi, laptop charging points and laptop lockers
→ desktop power at every desk
→ 322 networked PCs
→ self-service machines which reduces queuing
→ a learning café
→ printing, photocopying and scanning facilities
www.dundee.ac.uk/library
State of the art IT

UoD IT provides a range of technologies to support your learning, including:

→ One of the largest WiFi installations outside of the US which allows hundreds of students to stream films, TV and games at the same time and connect up to 10 devices to the network. Superfast WiFi is available throughout campus

→ Help4U, our Service Desk, provides IT support and advice by phone, in person and online from 9am to 10pm every day, which is the best IT support available in Scotland

→ over 1000+ generally available PCs on campus in library study zones and IT suites, including specialist computer labs in departments such as media art, engineering and computing

→ free Microsoft Office software

→ Pay2Print, our printing service available in learning and teaching spaces

→ wireless access, including WiFi printing, available throughout learning and teaching spaces

→ Microsoft Office365-powered email, calendar and unlimited cloud storage

→ additional support for students with a disability: software, equipment and training to ensure that IT is accessible and easy to use

www.dundee.ac.uk/it

“Since I arrived, the school has done nothing but surprise me. The campus is one of the best I have seen in comparison to universities in Canada. The array of international students makes it a unique experience. Attending the University of Dundee was the truly the best decision I have made in my life and I would recommend the school to anyone looking to expand their horizons.”

Lou Dickenson, USA, MSc Management & Marketing
At the University of Dundee we have students from over 80 countries, creating an international community which benefits all our students.

→ Our International Admissions Office will provide you with a professional, responsive and understanding service from initial enquiry right through to enrolment as a student.

→ Once you are a student, the International Advice Service organises many fun and helpful activities for international students, including:
  → Social events, including visits to places like St Andrews, Glamis Castle and the Isle of Skye
  → Weekend hospitality visits to Scottish families
  → Visa workshops to give advice and guidance on visa extensions
  → The Students’ Union (DUSA) runs many societies of interest to international students, for example, the Pakistani Association and the Malaysian Society. Religious societies also help students to feel at home like the Islamic Society and the Catholic Society. There are also informal groups of students from different countries who help to support each other and keep in touch with their home countries.

But don’t just take our word for it. The University of Dundee is ranked 1st in Scotland, 3rd in the UK and 14th globally for overall average student satisfaction in the International Student Barometer (ISB) Survey 2017, the largest annual study of international students in the world.

In addition this fantastic result, the survey also ranked us in the Top 10 across the entire ISB for:
  → our enquiry centre
  → our careers service
  → the library
  → the subject area expertise of lecturers / supervisors
  → getting time from academic staff / personal support with learning
  → internet access in accommodation
  → our finance/cash office

www.dundee.ac.uk/study/international
International College Dundee

International College Dundee is an embedded college in the heart of the University of Dundee campus.

ICD offers you, as an international student, the opportunity to study the first stage of an integrated four-year degree at undergraduate level, or an integrated Master’s degree at postgraduate level. At ICD you study subject-specific modules as well as English language skills to help you succeed in your studies and gain your degree from the University of Dundee.

Why International College Dundee?
As an ICD student, you will begin your academic career by studying courses that develop language skills through subject study. This means that you acquire the concepts and knowledge needed for your degree, but also develop your language skills to a higher level before entering the main part of the degree.

You will be a University of Dundee student from the day you arrive on campus. You will have access to the same services and accommodation as other University of Dundee students. As an ICD student, you will also receive individual support and attention from your tutors as you focus on improving your academic and language skills.

What degrees can I study?
We offer two types of degree:

→ International Incorporated Bachelor’s
→ International Incorporated Master’s

Undergraduate students begin their studies with the International Stage One programme at ICD, where you can choose from a range of pathways including art & design, business, life & biomedical sciences, engineering & physical sciences, and social studies – continuing your study into the University of Dundee.

Postgraduate students study a series of modules combining English language and graduate study skills with a business studies focus, leading to a variety of business-oriented master’s degrees with an option leading to degrees offered in the Centre for Energy, Petroleum and Minerals Law and Policy (CEPMLP), a renowned graduate school in these specialised fields of study.

Continuing your degree
After studying the first part of their programme at International College Dundee, students continue their studies directly with the University of Dundee in their chosen undergraduate or postgraduate degree subject. When students successfully complete their programme at ICD they are automatically given a place to continue their undergraduate or postgraduate studies at Dundee.

Find out more at www.dundee.ac.uk/icd
Home-from-home accommodation

We have invested £37 million in our student accommodation so that our students have a modern, safe and well equipped place to work, rest and make friends. Our 900 single rooms on campus and over 400 across the road provide the perfect environment for students, just five minutes from the city centre and two minutes from lecture halls. We have a Student Support Worker and Assistants on hand to help students and night security personnel to keep everyone safe.

We have four residential complexes – Heathfield (426 residents), Belmont (424 residents), Seabraes (416 residents) and West Park (300 residents).

The complexes are made up of around 50 self-contained flats for between five and ten residents.

Bedrooms are all single occupancy and are between 13 or 15 sq.m. (including the en suite bathroom). In fact, our accommodation is so popular, it was recently voted No. 1 in the UK by the Times Higher Education Student Experience Survey!

Fast connections

The WiFi and superfast wired broadband will supercharge your study sessions and let you stay connected with friends. Dundee has one of the biggest Dell installations in the world. This allows our students to connect up to 10 devices to the network and stream at superfast speeds.

No hidden costs

Staying in University residences means there are no hidden costs as all electricity costs, general maintenance and personal property insurance are included in our price. There is no deposit required for our residences as prepayment of around £300 secures your accommodation and is then deducted from your overall rental costs. You can pay the whole amount upfront, or by instalments – whatever is easiest for you.

Our promise

At Dundee we are proud to guarantee accommodation to all new students at the University who apply before the deadline. Our residence contracts cover the whole academic year (39 weeks from September to May) so you can leave your belongings in your room if you decide to go home for the holidays.

Dundee also has a wide range of competitively priced private accommodation close to the University campus. Our Students’ Union DUSA offers free legal advice to help with matters such as leases.
“What I like the most about the University is its vibrant campus, modern accommodation and, most importantly, the family environment it embraces. I also like the quality of life in Dundee and the fact that everything is within a walking distance. The city is also relaxing and cozy, and the best part is that I feel at home.”

Sofia Abounnaim, Morocco, BSc Finance
Money matters
Tuition fees

Fees for our degrees are extremely competitive with other UK universities.

All students or their sponsors must pay tuition fees as well as their full living and travel expenses. Tuition fees vary depending on your fee category and your course. Your fee category, in most cases, depends on your current country of residence. We will use the information you provide on your application form to determine your fee category, and therefore your fees, if we make you an offer of a place.

The fee categories are Home (Scottish, Rest of UK, EU) and Overseas. Students normally resident in EU states are treated on the same basis as Scottish domiciled students for fee purposes, while students from outside the UK or EU, not normally resident here, pay fees at the overseas rate.

The fees for all our courses are listed on each individual course page on our website: www.dundee.ac.uk/study

Living costs

Dundee is a very affordable place to study. Weekly rent and the cost of a night out are both considerably lower than the national average. You will spend more than normal in your first week or two as you establish yourself, but your expenditure will soon settle down, allowing you to manage your weekly budget carefully.

If you are coming to study for the full academic year and you require a Tier 4 visa, the minimum living expenses required by UK Visa & Immigration is £1015 per month (£12180 per year) of study for academic year 2017/18.

Please note this amount changes every year and you should check you have the correct amount in your bank account before applying for your visa.

Claim your piece of our £1.4million scholarships fund

We want to attract the most outstanding students to Dundee. In order to do this, we offer a fantastic range of scholarships to our international applicants.

Our easy to use scholarship search tool will let you view the full details and eligibility criteria of all scholarships available.

www.dundee.ac.uk/scholarships
Employment and careers

The University of Dundee is proud of its graduate employment record and offers many opportunities throughout their course for students to plan for their career after graduation.

Careers Service
The Careers Service offers a variety of services including careers guidance, job-seeking strategies, guidance for applications and interviews, careers information and the opportunity to take part in a programme of events and presentations. We have a team of discipline-specific qualified careers advisors who can advise on career options and help you reach your career goals.

→ The JobShop is an online vacancy database which lists part-time, vacation, graduate, work experience and legal vacancies and is available to all Dundee students. The JobShop can also help with finding internships, volunteering and work experience placements for students.

→ We offer undergraduate modules in career planning and internship. The career planning module involves the development of presentation skills and CV, application and interview techniques.

→ The internship module allows you to gain some real experience in the workplace undertaking a 30 hour placement in a business, teaching centre or media organisation and combine this with classes covering career planning issues.

→ Throughout the year the Careers Service also holds recruitment fairs where employers visit the campus. Many of our graduates also act as workplace mentors for our current and recently graduated students.

www.dundee.ac.uk/careers

The Centre of Entrepreneurship
The Centre of Entrepreneurship is dedicated to supporting entrepreneurs with everything that they will need on their business journey. It allows students to access expert support and advice to explore a new business idea or to learn the latest enterprising skills. The Centre forms a beacon of entrepreneurship for the city of Dundee, regularly hosting public events with high-profile speakers and partners.

www.dundee.ac.uk/entrepreneurship

Dundee Plus
Dundee Plus is a personal skills development programme which recognises and adds value to the activities you engage with outside your degree. The programme helps you to reflect upon the skills you are developing, communicate your achievements, and look into your future career options.

uod.ac.uk/dundeeplus

An amazing 96% of our latest graduates were employed or in further study when surveyed six months after graduation.

Destinations of Leavers from Higher Education (DLHE) survey, July 2016
How to apply

Undergraduate
Applications for all our undergraduate courses are made online through UCAS (Universities and Colleges Application Service) at ucas.com. To use UCAS you register for a username, complete your personal details online, together with educational qualifications, experience and personal statement, and once you have submitted your application, it is sent directly to the University.

The closing date for applications to Medicine and Dentistry is 15 October. The closing date for all other subjects is normally 15 January; however we accept applications from international students after this date. Please allow time to apply for your visa, if required.

The UCAS website (ucas.com) gives full information about completing your application. You can find more information about our application processes at uod.ac.uk/intapply.

Taught postgraduate
Applications for all our full-time, taught postgraduate courses are made using the free online system UKPASS. To use UKPASS you register for a username, complete your personal details online, together with educational qualifications, experience and personal statement, and once you have submitted your application, it is transmitted directly to the University of Dundee.

You can find out more information about our application processes at uod.ac.uk/intapply.

Our overseas representatives
We work with a range of approved representatives in different countries and they will be able to give international students help and support with your application.

For details on how to contact these representatives, please see the relevant country page on our website: uod.ac.uk/yourcountry.

Applying for your student visa
Before you make firm arrangements to travel to the UK, you must meet the UK’s immigration requirements.

Depending upon where you live, the application process can take several months, so you should begin the process as early as possible. Please check our website for the most up to date information, including advice.

uod.ac.uk/visas

Meet us in your country
Our international team are regular visitors to many countries across the world, and the team often attend British Council fairs and events in individual schools, colleges and universities.

To find out if we’ll be visiting your country sometime soon please visit uod.ac.uk/meetus. You can find out more details by clicking the link to each country page, and if you would like to arrange to meet one of our international officers, please click on their name to get in touch. They would love to hear from you.
In their own words...

Simran Chopra
from Oman

Why did you choose to study at Dundee?
One of the main reasons I ended up choosing Dundee is because of its highly-reputed life sciences department. However, another factor I considered is the size of the city. I prefer to study in a compact campus and Dundee gave me that exactly. Dundee is also the sunniest city in Scotland, and having grown up in the Middle East I need my source of vitamin D!

What's your best university experience and why?
I have been fortunate enough to have quite a few, including when our whole block in Seabraes went on a trip to St Andrews. Another memory that I really cherish is the first time I saw snow and the feeling of excitement that I had still sticks to me to this day. BBQs on Magdalen Green during the pleasant summers are also some of the best moments I have experienced in this beautiful city.

How easy did you find it to settle into the UK?
I was extremely fortunate to have met a genuinely awesome group of people by living in student accommodation. Before coming to Dundee I didn't know if there were going to be many Indians. However, to my surprise there were so many here. In fact, the University has a very active Indian Society, which made settling in easier. The University also helped me with things like setting up a bank account and registering with a GP.

Do you have any advice for potential students?
My time at the university has been an absolute delight! I have made great friends who are like family to me. The only advice I would give is to take advantage of all the opportunities that the University gives you may it be in the academic or social field as this can enhance your overall experience.

Read more from Simran on her blog at uod.ac.uk/simran
**Navin Subramanian from Singapore**

**Why did you choose to study at Dundee?**
Of the many medical universities in the UK recognized by the Singaporean government, Dundee is one of the most highly-ranked ones and is one of the fastest growing universities in the country. Also the fact there were also a lot of Singaporeans who I could rely on.

**What's your best university experience and why?**
My best university experience was when a group of us participated in the Venture competition organised by the Centre of Entrepreneurship. It might seem weird for a medical student to participate in a business competition but that's exactly what made this even more memorable. We won the competition and were elated to present our idea to a room full of potential investors. We made contacts with possible clients and it laid the groundwork for our business. For a medical student to be able to do this is the perfect example of the University allowing students to do it all!

**How easy did you find it to settle into the UK?**
Well, to be completely honest, settling into the UK was not an easy task. But it was an experience which I would not trade for another. Adapting to the new culture, making new friends, trying new foods and doing new things are all part of the experience and given the chance I would recommend all to try it.

**Do you have any advice for potential students?**
Something I would have liked to know before I came to Dundee was how to manage finances. Most important is to learn how to save your money, this is something that some of my friends faced. It might seem a bit of a hassle to do this but it is better to start right then to face the consequences.

Read more from Navin on his blog at uod.ac.uk/navin

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**Catherine Truskolawski from the USA**

**Why did you choose to study at Dundee?**
Dundee has a high student population and is a city with a small community, which is what I was looking for because it is completely opposite of where I am from [a big city]. The Master's program I am enrolled in is unique to the UK and includes two high-ranked programs, anatomy and design. It's exciting to experience Scottish culture and education.

**What's your best university experience and why?**
An unforgettable opportunity was offered through the International Student Society - a chance to experience a three-day adventure to the Highlands. We travelled with a local family tour business in a small private tour bus (named Hamish) and stayed in a beautiful cottage on a loch. The excursion consisted of visiting absolutely picturesque and whimsical scenery, including several locations used for “Hogwarts”. We also had fresh Scottish seafood from the loch!

**How easy did you find it to settle into the UK?**
It was not too difficult because everyone is welcoming and eager to help out in any way needed. I’d recommend exploring all options for accommodation because once you find something that suits you best, it’s easy to make yourself at home. As far as social life, during the day there are plenty of cultural events and shopping and in the evening there are many places to go with friends.

**Do you have any advice for potential students?**
Here’s some advice for potential new students: If you are thinking about applying for a Master's degree, definitely go for it and don't hesitate. Send in your application as soon as possible because it will be the best year of your life. Once you apply, there will be loads of help with everything else (loans, visa, etc.).

Read more from Catherine on her blog at uod.ac.uk/catherine
1. RRS Discovery
Often seen as the symbol of Dundee, the RRS Discovery is the ship that carried Captain Scott on his first successful journey to the Antarctic. It’s now home to a world-class museum and you can even look around the ship itself.

2. Dundee Rep
The Rep is home to Scotland’s only full-time company of actors who produce their own shows. The theatre also plays host to visiting companies from across the UK and covers everything from drama and musicals to jazz and opera.

3. Dundee Science Centre
Like a lot of the University’s scientific research, the Science Centre focuses heavily on the life sciences, with other exhibits on the senses, robotics and science learning. It’s great fun, and has been used by some of our societies to host events.

4. DCA
How many cities can say they have a world-class cinema, art gallery and print studio all rolled into one? With interesting exhibitions and the latest cinema releases alongside older classics, check out the DCA as soon as you can.
5. V&A Museum of Design, Dundee
Opening in 2018, this is seen by many as the highlight of the city’s Waterfront Development. It will be the first design museum to be built in the UK outside of London, importing the best of international design to Scotland.

6. The McManus
One of the most memorable buildings in the city, The McManus is a must-see. An art gallery and a museum rolled into one, it features art from some of the country’s finest painters and hundreds of artefacts tracing the history of the city of Dundee.

7. Bus Station
Our bus station is twenty minutes from campus, providing low cost travel for students. You can visit the spectacular Scottish Highlands, rustic English towns, or even take a trip to cities across Europe.

8. Train Station
Dundee’s train station is a short five minute walk from campus. Connecting the city to the East Coast Mainline, there are trains throughout the day to cities around Scotland as well as London, Newcastle and York.
Our location

Being at the heart of Scotland’s road and rail network puts spectacular scenery, skiing, championship golf, mountain climbing and sailing within easy reach as well as the major cities of Edinburgh and Glasgow.

Scotland’s four main international airports all operate both national airlines such as British Airways and low cost airlines. This makes it easy to get to all the major centres of the UK and Europe.

www.dundee.ac.uk/travel

Dundee to...

- Edinburgh airport - 1 hour 15 mins
- Glasgow airport - 1 hour 30 mins
- Manchester airport - 5 hours
- Birmingham - 5 hours 20 mins
- London - 6 hours

Scottish Airport flights to:

- London Airports - 1 hour
- Amsterdam Schiphol Airport - 1 hour 25 minutes
- Paris CDG Airport - 1 hour 45 minutes
- Istanbul Atatürk Airport - 4 hours 20 minutes
- Doha Hamad International Airport - 7 hours
- New York JFK Airport - 7 hours
- Bradley International Airport - 6 hours 15 minutes
- Chicago O’Hare International Airport - 8 hours
- Toronto Pearson International Airport - 8 hours
- Vancouver International Airport - 9 hours 10 mins
Notes
“I love the friendly people here. I love the quirky cafes. I love the view of the Tay at night. I like the size of the city - small enough to feel homey (you can never go out for an errand and not run into a few familiar faces), yet still offer something new every once in a while. I like the location. Edinburgh and St Andrews are just a short drive away, yet you don’t have to break the bank on rent. I love the creativity.”

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