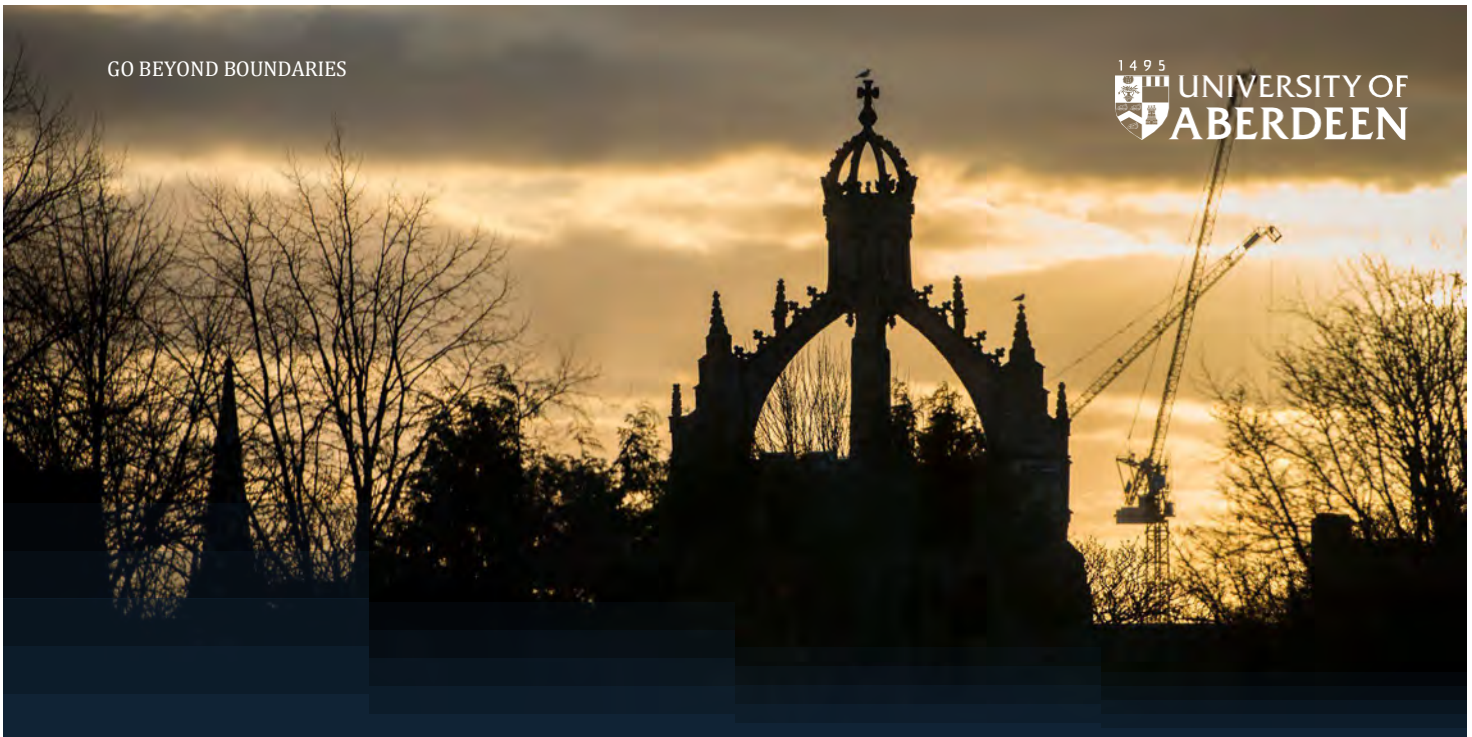

North2North Exchange

Information Sheet 2026/2027

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Nomination and Application Information

Nomination
Partners should nominate their student via our online form. Information required includes student name, email address, degree/major, current level of study, and the time period they will be applying for.

Application
Nominated students will be sent a link to our online application, uploading the following supporting documents:

- Official academic transcript in English
- Evidence of English Language proficiency (see Language Requirements)
- Photo/scan of a valid passport

If the passport is unavailable at time of application, it can be emailed to us later.

Deadlines

Term 1/Fall Term/Full Year (September entry)

- *Nomination 15 April* *Application 15 May*

Term 2/Spring Term/Calendar Year (January entry)

- *Nomination 15 September* *Application 15 October*

Entry Requirements

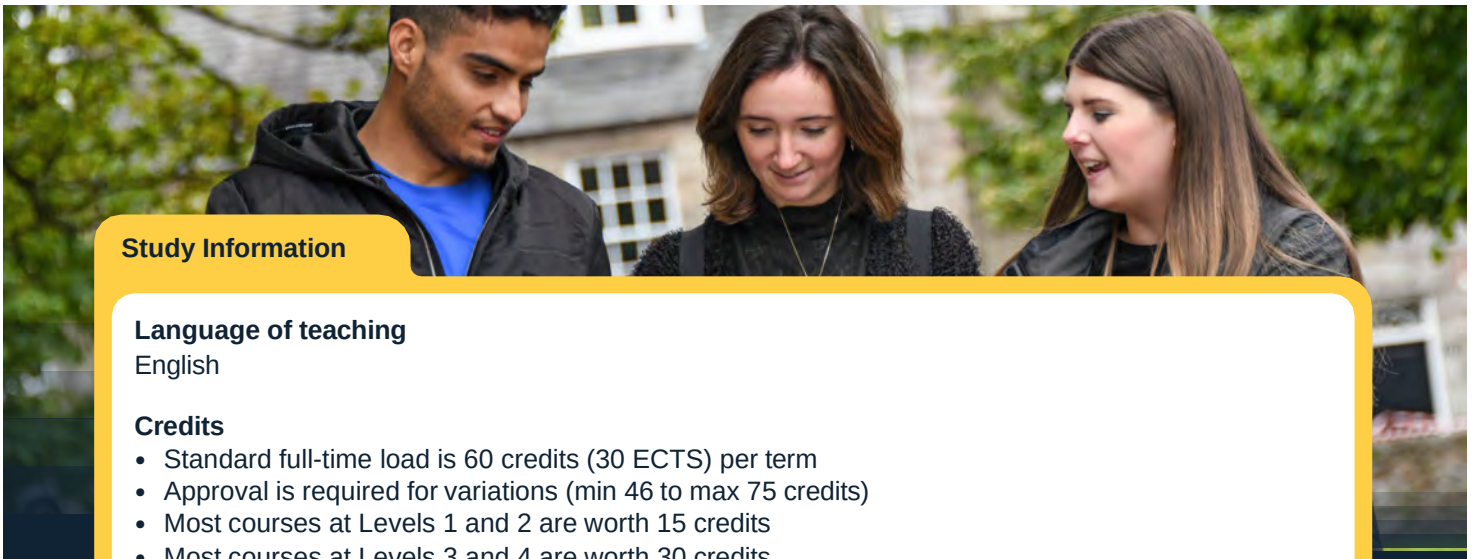
Academic Requirements
Nominated students should have a GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale or a C on the ECTS Grading Scale, or equivalent. Applicants with lower scores may be considered on a case-by-case basis, with endorsement from the home university.

Language Requirements
Single-term students

- Home institution to provide a signed Statement of Language Level, confirming English is B2 or above on CEFR scale

Full-year students

- We accept a range of official certificates, issued no later than two years prior to planned commencement at University of Aberdeen, and high school qualifications, issued within ten years prior to planned commencement at University of Aberdeen, to evidence English language level.



Study Information

Language of teaching
English

Credits
- Standard full-time load is 60 credits (30 ECTS) per term
- Approval is required for variations (min 46 to max 75 credits)
- Most courses at Levels 1 and 2 are worth 15 credits
- Most courses at Levels 3 and 4 are worth 30 credits

Course catalogue
Our course catalogue lists our available courses, grouped by subject discipline.

Course restrictions
- Students from a partner with which we have a subject-specific agreement must select at least 50% of their courses from the hosting School.
- Courses at Level 1 and 2 tend to be open to incoming students without prior study of the subject. Courses at Level 3 and 4 require evidence of prior study at the home university, as noted in the course catalogue.

Limited Availability
Some courses have a limited number of places. Students will be entered into an electronic randomizer, along with Aberdeen degree students, to determine enrolment.

- Level 3 and 4 courses
- Ethnology and Folklore (EF) courses
- Field courses (these will only be available to students, space permitting, where the course is mandatory for their degree)
- Level 3 English courses
- Sixth Century (SX) courses

No Availability
- Level 5 (postgraduate) courses
- Level 4 English and Linguistics courses
- Clinical Medicine and Dentistry courses
- Diploma in Legal Practice (CLP) courses, as identified by a ‘D’ in the second-to-last digit of the course code (e.g., LS55DA)
- Dissertation, Project or Professional Practice courses (unless these are specifically listed as open to non-graduating students, e.g., HI304J / CM4032)
- Education courses with in-school placements
- JB, JC, QB, QC, QI and QL-coded courses

Grading
We use the Common Grading Scale, a 22-point grading scale.

Support Services
We have a wide range of support services, including support for disabled students.

Transcripts
At the end of the period of study, an academic transcript will be emailed to each student and copied to their home institution, where the home institution is a partner.

Academic Calendar

Academic Year
The academic year runs from mid-September until mid-May. It is divided into Term 1 (Fall Term) and Term 2 (Spring Term).

Arrival/Orientation
The arrival period runs from the Wednesday immediately prior to the start of term. The first week of term is Welcome Week, with a mandatory Orientation for incoming students on the Monday. During Welcome Week, students are also expected to meet with their Go Abroad Tutor (academic advisor), finalise their registration, and have the opportunity to attend social events for new students and acquaint themselves with campus/city.

Term Dates
Term 1: Monday 14 September to Friday 18 December 2026
Term 2: Monday 18 January to Friday 14 May 2027

Full term dates information

Practical Information

Accommodation
University accommodation is guaranteed to all incoming students, provided they apply by the deadline. Students will be emailed information on how to apply and updated costs once they are accepted into the programme.

Most incoming students opt to live in Hillhead Student Village, which is self-catered accommodation.

Queries about accommodation must be sent directly to our accommodation team on studentaccomm@abdn.ac.uk

Cost of Living
UK Visas & Immigration indicate that, from 2 January 2026, those entering the UK on a student visa should have £1,171 for each month that they will spend in the United Kingdom. Although no official advice is given for standard visitor visa students, we suggest they budget the same – see breakdown of associated costs.

Insurance
The University of Aberdeen does not require students to purchase coverage through our institution.

Travel Insurance
- Students are encouraged to purchase travel insurance that will cover their personal belongings.

Health/Medical Insurance
- Depends on immigration status so is covered in Visas section.

Visas

Single-term students

Students coming for one term (six months or less) with a non-UK/non-Irish passport will come to the UK as a Standard Visitor. Students from Electronic Travel Authorisation countries are required to apply for an ETA (see below for more information). The cost and process depend on where the student is applying/country of domicile and nationality.

- Students are not permitted to work in the UK while studying on these types of entry clearance and must leave the UK within six months of the date of arrival.
- Students can access some free medical services via the National Health Service (NHS) in Scotland. However, there is often a long wait for NHS treatment, sometimes several months. Purchasing a health/medical insurance policy which gives you access to private medical services could give you much quicker access to the treatment you need and is therefore recommended.

Electronic Travel Authorisation

- An Electronic Travel Authorisation (ETA) has been introduced for nationals of certain countries who wish to come to the UK for up to 6 months for tourism, visiting family and friends, business or short-term study.
- You must apply for an ETA before you travel to the UK.
- As an ETA only provides permission to travel to the UK, students may have to answer further questions, on arrival in the UK, to be given Standard Visitor permission (see below).

Standard Visitor Visa

- Students of a nationality which does not appear on the Visa National list apply for the ETA (see above) but do not need to apply for a Standard Visitor visa. Instead, the Standard Visitor visa will either be granted automatically on arrival in the UK, or after discussion with a UK Border Force Officer on arrival. More information is available at What is an Electronic Travel Authorisation? What is an eVisa? Your questions – answered.
- Students of a nationality which appear on the Visa National list should seek entry clearance by applying for the Standard Visitor Visa in advance of departure.

Full-year students

Students coming for longer than six months on a non-UK/non-Irish passport must apply for a Student Visa. This visa has a strict application process.

- Students are generally allowed to work up to 20 hours per week on this type of visa.
- Those coming on a Student Visa to study in the UK must pay the Immigration Health Surcharge and associated additional costs when applying for a visa. Students can thereby access free medical services via the National Health Service (NHS). However, there is often a long wait for NHS treatment, sometimes several months. Purchasing a health/medical insurance policy which gives you access to private medical services could give you much quicker access to the treatment you need and is therefore recommended.

UK/Irish Passport Holders

Students coming on a UK/Irish passport do not require a visa to study in the UK.

- Students who have a UK passport can access free medical services via the National Health Service (NHS). However, there is often a long wait for NHS treatment, sometimes several months. Purchasing a health/medical insurance policy which gives you access to private medical services could give you much quicker access to the treatment you need and is therefore recommended.

Get inspired

Social Media Channels

Facebook
- University of Aberdeen

Instagram
- University of Aberdeen
- Abroad at Aberdeen (channel for incoming students)

LinkedIn
- University of Aberdeen

TikTok
- University of Aberdeen

YouTube
- University of Aberdeen

Our Location

Our Campus
- Student Tour – Simba
- Student Tour – Theo

Our Accommodation
- Student Tour – Rebecca

Our Local Area
- Visit Aberdeen
- Visit Scotland

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