



NOTES OF GUIDANCE FOR YOUR EXCHANGE DESTINATION

Georgetown University, USA

Fast Facts:

Website:	Georgetown University website Exchange website
Language of instruction:	English
Semester dates:	Semester 1 (Fall): August to December Semester 2 (Spring): January to May
Number of students currently enrolled	19,000+
Academic restrictions at a glance <i>Please note: These are guidelines. It is your responsibility to research whether the partner provides appropriate courses for your degree programme.</i>	Restrictions on taking classes in the school of business. Only undergraduate students are eligible for this exchange.
General Costs	Estimated total cost for a year: \$23,500. This includes visa costs and Georgetown's mandatory health insurance . Important information: You will be asked to provide proof of sufficient finances in order to receive your visa. Your host will provide more information on this if you are allocated an exchange place.
About the University	Founded in 1789, Georgetown is one of the oldest and most prestigious universities in the USA. Compared with Edinburgh, Georgetown is relatively small – it has 19,000 students, whereas Edinburgh now has more than 40,000 – but it has an outstanding academic reputation. President Bill Clinton figures amongst notable alumni. Situated in the US capital city, Georgetown is a particularly appropriate destination for students of Politics and related disciplines.

What to expect

Application process

You apply for study exchanges through SWAY. You can find out more about our [study exchange routes](#) here, and more about the [application process here](#).

After applying, if you are allocated an exchange place at Georgetown University, you will be officially nominated by the International Programmes Team. We will then provide you with your detailed application instructions. **You can ONLY apply to any exchange destination if you have been allocated a place there, and if you are officially nominated by us.**

Academics

For support with the academic side of your exchange, your best point of contact is your Exchange Coordinator, [found here](#). The Exchange Coordinator is a member of academic staff who will be a key contact throughout your exchange.

Academics	
Course Load and Credit Load	<p>You are normally required to take whatever constitutes a full academic credit or course load at your host university.</p> <p>The page linked below contains a copy of the International Exchange Credit Requirements. This outlines the number of credits you are required to take at your host institution. There are also more answers to frequently asked questions about the academic side of your exchange.</p> <p>Academic matters The University of Edinburgh</p>
Courses	<p>General information about courses can be found here.</p> <p>A list of available courses and descriptions can be found here.</p> <p>You should have identified the courses you wish to undertake on your application to study at Georgetown. You may, however, want to change your course selection on arrival. As an exchange student you may select any undergraduate courses (number 100-400). Edinburgh students normally take courses numbered 300 or above, but some 200 level courses may also be considered as equivalent to honours</p> <p>**Please be aware, there may not be an up-to-date course catalogue available at this exchange destination. Please use the information available to get an idea about what you can study while on exchange**</p>

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Academic Restrictions	<p>Students are not allowed to take graduate classes (courses numbered 500 and above), classes through the School of Continuing Studies (liberal studies), and any classes in the McDonough School of Business (Business, Marketing, Management, Finance, Accounting, Strategy, etc). For courses requiring pre-requisites, students must provide evidence they have met the prerequisite. This exchange is available for undergraduates only.</p> <p>Please note: These are guidelines. It is your responsibility to research whether the partner provides appropriate courses for your degree programme. Even if there are not restrictions on your degree subject, it does not mean that there are appropriate courses for you. Please check.</p>
Orientation	<p>Mandatory International New Student Orientation for all international students beginning studies at Georgetown, including exchange students. The various orientation sessions provide valuable information regarding housing, registration, academics (both at Georgetown and in the United States in general), health care, and campus life. Orientation also provides you with a great opportunity to meet fellow students, faculty, and administrators through social gatherings and helpful sessions. See: Prepare for arrival webpage</p>

Accommodation

Finding accommodation that you are happy with on your year abroad is very important and there are often many aspects to consider when looking for somewhere to live.

Many host institutions do offer university accommodation but please do note, **this is not always guaranteed**. You may also need to pay for things like agent or administrative fees that is not always the case here in Edinburgh. It is a good idea to do your research so you do not have any surprises!

University Accommodation	<p>On-campus housing availability is limited, however the Office of Residential Living will try their best to accommodate all students who wish to live on campus. Please be aware that single rooms in on-campus housing are only available for students with documented medical reasons.</p>
Private Accommodation	<p>The Office of Neighborhood Life has many resources for students looking for off-campus housing. These include search engines for finding rental units in the area, finding potential roommates, and other resources</p>

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Costs

It is important to budget for different expenses while on exchange. Your exchange destination may be more expensive than Edinburgh, and different expenses may be required. For example, rent may be higher; you might need to take public transport more; essentials may be more expensive or different, like sun cream in warmer climates or woolly socks in colder climates! These costs will add up so it is good to have an estimate of how much money you might need.

Tuition Fees	<p>While on exchange, you will continue to pay fees to the University of Edinburgh, as appropriate, and your fee status will determine how much you pay.</p> <p>Consult our webpage here and follow the link to consult the university's information on tuition fees for students studying abroad.</p>
Estimated Cost of Living	<p>Housing: Varies, but on-campus cost is around \$12,000 a year Meal Plan: Many meal plan options, estimated cost \$4,000 a year Books: \$1,200 Personal expenses: \$2,000 Health Insurance: \$3,000 Flights: \$600-\$1000 J-1 Visa: \$340 Total estimate: \$23,500 for full academic year</p> <p>You may need to provide proof of adequate funds to cover your time abroad as part of the visa application.</p> <p>You may also be required to pay for administrative fees at your host institution. This can include paying for your transcript to be sent to us at the end of your exchange.</p>
Insurance	<p>Students will be automatically enrolled in Georgetown's health insurance.</p>
Student Loans and Grants	<p>Consult our funding webpages for more information about the Funding available to you through SWAY while on your year abroad.</p> <p>If you receive a student loan or grant, you may still be eligible to receive them during your exchange. Contact your funding providers for more information on the availability and eligibility of funding during your exchange, as well as any additional support</p>

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	they may offer. For example: some loan providers offer travel grants to students.
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Other

Passports	<p>Make sure that your passport will be in date for the entirety of your stay, and for any additional required time after the end of your exchange for entry requirements and visa purposes.</p> <p>If you need to apply for a new passport during the application process to your host institution, this may delay the application and visa processes.</p>
Visas	<p>The visa process will vary from country to country, and your own citizenship will influence the visa process you need to undertake. You must make sure to enter your host country on the appropriate visa.</p> <p>Georgetown visa advice</p> <p>Website for the US embassy in the UK to view visa information</p> <p>Important information: You will be asked to provide proof of your finances in order to receive your visa.</p> <p>Here in SWAY we cannot give specific visa advice. Please research using the relevant embassy and government websites for more information.</p> <p>Once you have received an offer from a host institution, you will be given more advice from them about the visa processes.</p>
Disability Statement and Accessibility	<p>Some destinations may be more accessible than others for disabled students. If you require any adjustments due to disability or specific learning difficulties or disabilities and you wish to study abroad please contact The International Programmes Team via email: international.outgoing@ed.ac.uk.</p> <p>We will work together with you to explore the help available at your host institution. It may also be helpful if you discuss this with your Personal Tutor and the Disability and Learning Support Service as well.</p>

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