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Thank you for your interest in Abertay University, in Dundee, Scotland. With around 4500 students representing 60+ nationalities, we're one of Scotland's smallest university communities. The tightknit nature of the university has seen us ranked top 20 in the UK for student experience (Times/Sunday Times 2020).

Abertay's teaching focuses on STEM subjects, business and social sciences, and has a world class reputation for videogames programmes. The prestigious Princeton Review has ranked Abertay top in Europe for games degrees for six years running, and top 20 in the world. We were the first university in the world to offer degrees in Computer Games and Ethical Hacking.

The campus is situated right in the heart of the city of Dundee, meaning you'll be a short walk from everything you'd expect from a modern city. Dundee is on Scotland's beautiful east coast – around one hour north of the capital, Edinburgh.

In fact, Dundee is the perfect place to base yourself if you want to explore the country. The world famous Highlands are around half an hour away and the farthest you'll have to travel to any other major cities is just over an hour.

The Times, a national UK newspaper, has hailed Dundee the best place to live in Scotland. It's a hub for the digital and creative industries, bubbling with arts, culture, bars and restaurants. It's vibrant and edgy, but also friendly, compact and affordable.

We also offer personalised support throughout your time at Abertay, with peer mentoring, counselling and academic support throughout your studies. Of course, university involves much more than studying. Our range of sports clubs and societies provide the perfect way to engage your brain and body in other ways.

This booklet is designed to give you a taste of what life at Abertay is like. For full details on everything mentioned within these pages, visit our website, abertay.ac.uk. If you have any questions about your Study Abroad options, please email international@abertay.ac.uk.

Full contact details can be found on the back page of this booklet. We look forward to seeing you on campus soon.

SUBJECT AREAS

Abertay's undergraduate degrees are divided into three Academic Schools:

SCHOOL OF DESIGN AND INFORMATICS

The School is home to the National Centre of Excellence for Computer Games Education, and degrees on offer have been ranked the best in Europe for an incredible six years in a row.

Students are taught to be tomorrow's innovators and ground-breakers of the computing and digital-based media industries.

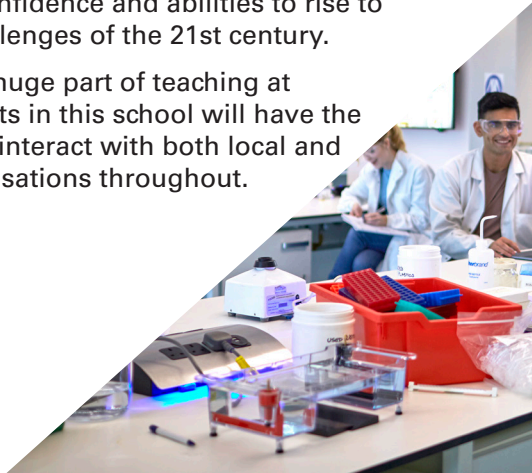
Degrees are backed by a wide range of industry accreditation, and have strong links with a range of indie and AAA games studios.

SCHOOL OF BUSINESS, LAW AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Degrees in this school range from Accounting to Human Resources, from Sociology to Marketing.

Course material constantly evolves in line with current and emerging trends, allowing you to leave us with the confidence and abilities to rise to the global work challenges of the 21st century.

Industry links are a huge part of teaching at Abertay, and students in this school will have the chance to work and interact with both local and multinational organisations throughout.



SCHOOL OF APPLIED SCIENCES

Students in this School are prepared for work through practical, skills-based learning experience.

Degree subjects include engineering, food science, psychology, mental health nursing, forensic sciences, sport science and much more.

Abertay's principle of being 'rooted in the community' is reflected here, which again means close links with industry, the professions, local schools and colleges. Our accredited degrees are co-designed with industry, making them relevant to employers.

It's strong reputation for innovative teaching reflects today's employment needs.



SCHOOL OF DESIGN AND INFORMATICS

BA (Hons) Computer Arts

**BSc (Hons) Computer Game Applications
Development**

BSc (Hons) Computer Games Technology

BSc (Hons) Computing

BSc (Hons) Cybersecurity

BSc (Hons) Ethical Hacking

BA (Hons) Game Design and Production

SCHOOL OF BUSINESS, LAW AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

BA (Hons) Accounting & Finance

BA (Hons) Accounting & Finance with Law

**BA (Hons) Accounting & Finance with People
Management**

**BA (Hons) Accounting & Finance with Business
Analytics**

BA (Hons) Business Management

**BA (Hons) Business Management with People
Management**

BA (Hons) Business Management with Law

BA (Hons) Business with Digital Events Management

BA (Hons) Business Management and Analytics

BA (Hons) Marketing and Business Management

**BA (Hons) Digital Marketing with Events
Management**

BA (Hons) Digital Marketing with Business Analytics

BA (Hons) Criminology

BA (Hons) Social Science

BA (Hons) Sociology

LLB (Hons) Law

SCHOOL OF APPLIED SCIENCES

BSc (Hons) Biomedical Science

MEng/BEng (Hons) Civil and Environmental Engineering

BSc (Hons) Fitness, Nutrition and Health

BSc (Hons) Food and Consumer Science

BSc (Hons) Food, Nutrition and Health

BSc (Hons) Forensic Sciences

BSc (Hons) Mental Health Nursing

BSc (Hons) Psychology

BSc (Hons) Psychology and Counselling

BSc (Hons) Physical Activity and Health

BSc (Hons) Sport and Exercise

BSc (Hons) Sport and Exercise Science

BA (Hons) Sport and Management

BSc (Hons) Sports Development and Coaching

BSc (Hons) Strength and Conditioning

All subject pathways for incoming semester/full year students can be found at: abertay.ac.uk/course-offer

ACCOMMODATION

When students join us, many choose to stay in university accommodation. It is a great way to meet new people and stay somewhere safe, clean and close to campus.

We have accommodation across four locations, all of which are a short walk from campus and the city centre. There are a range of room types - including bedsits, shared and single rooms and multi-occupancy flats. They are great value, and utility bills, internet access and contents insurance are all included in the bill.

Our accommodation is self-catered and provides a mix of en-suite and shared bathroom facilities, with each of our residences having on-site launderette facilities.

The self-catered nature of our accommodation means that meal plans aren't offered. However, there are food shops, cafes and restaurants catering for all diets across the city and within the university, so finding your favourite food won't be hard.

Wherever you stay, you will have access to support 24 hours a day, and a team of cleaners ensure the shared spaces and bathrooms - en-suite or otherwise - are cleaned regularly.

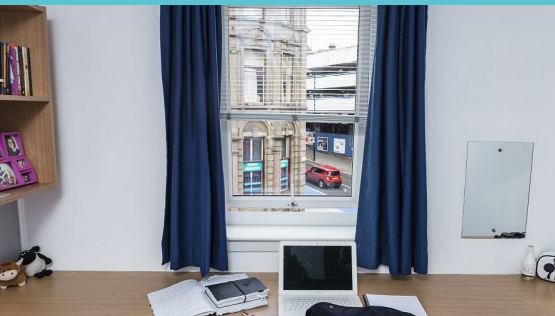
Full details of our accommodation options, including prices, can be found at [abertay.ac.uk/accommodation](https://www.abertay.ac.uk/accommodation)

LYON STREET

Our Lyon Street residences have approximately 125 bedrooms, divided into one, two, or three bed flats.

Spread across two buildings, these former private flats have been converted by Abertay - retaining the feel of privately rented accommodation but with the benefits of university services.

Light, airy bedrooms have been made up as singles, twins or doubles, and all contain storage and study areas. Each flat has shared kitchen and shower room facilities.



MEADOWSIDE

Meadowside is the closest residence we have to campus. It is literally at the end of the road and is no more than two minutes away from class.

It is also right in the centre of the city, meaning you'd be struggling to find a better location to base yourself whilst studying at Abertay.

Purpose built for student accommodation, Meadowside has 69 bedrooms divided into six- or nine-bedroom flats. Every bedroom is en-suite (with shower/toilet), and every flat has a large kitchen/living area. Meadowside also has a 'barrier free' flat, specifically designed for students with specific physical needs.

PARKER HOUSE

Although Parker House is owned and managed by a private company, the University has an agreement where a number of rooms are held specifically for Abertay students with the remaining rooms made available to students of all local universities and colleges.

The modern, purpose built building offers en-suite facilities (with shower) in every bedroom and is a five-minute walk from campus.



KEILLER COURT

Keiller Court is a traditional Dundee mill building which has been renovated into student accommodation, consisting of double bedrooms, shared shower/toilet rooms and large kitchen living areas. Again, this is only a five minute walk from the University.

Keiller Court is owned and managed by a private company, but the University has an agreement where a number of rooms are held specifically for Abertay students, with the remaining rooms made available to students studying with other local universities and colleges.

PRIVATE RENTALS

Outwith the University's own accommodation, Dundee has private accommodation options to suit a range of budgets.

With two universities and one college in the city, a healthy proportion of the population are students during term time, and as such private landlords ensure there is no shortage of options for those who wish to live away from university accommodation.

Please note, there are limited spaces for single semester students in the University's own accommodation, but we have links with several private student accommodation providers in Dundee and can provide more information on these where necessary for both individual and group bookings.

HOW TO APPLY

If you've chosen Abertay to study for a semester or academic year, the first thing you'll need to do is get nominated by the international office at your home university. This essentially means they will confirm that you have approval to study with us. You can ask them to contact us at: **international@abertay.ac.uk**

You'll also hopefully have already looked at our subject pathways, as you'll need to select one pathway to follow. These are split by subject and semester, and you can find all details at: **abertay.ac.uk/course-offer**. Make sure to discuss with your study advisor or international office to ensure you choose an appropriate pathway.

Once you've been nominated, we will send you our online application form. You will need to complete the form with your personal details, your university transcript of studies to date and details of your current studies, a photo or scanned copy of your passport (if you have one), and we'll ask for your chosen subject pathway along with any optional or elective modules. When you've submitted the form, we'll check that the modules you have chosen are suitable for your academic background and you'll receive email confirmation of your place to study, as well as details for creating your Abertay log in.

The Erasmus/Study Abroad team will be in contact during the lead up to the start of your study period at Abertay, and you can always ask if you have any questions.

Below shows an approximate timeline of when this all happens (exact dates will be confirmed on our website):

	Semester 1 / Full Year (September start)	Semester 2 (January start)
Nomination Period	1 March – 1 April	1 September – 1 October
Applications Open	1 April	1 October
Application Deadline	15 May	30 October
Offer Confirmation	Early June	Mid November
Module/ Timetable Confirmation	Mid August	Mid December
International Welcome	Last weekend of August	Second weekend of January
Induction Week	Start of September	Early/Mid January
Teaching Starts	Start of September	Early/Mid January
Exams End	Mid-December	Early May



Cultural comeback kid (CNN, 2018)



One hour direct flight
from London





Worldwide Hot Destination

(Wall Street Journal, 2018)

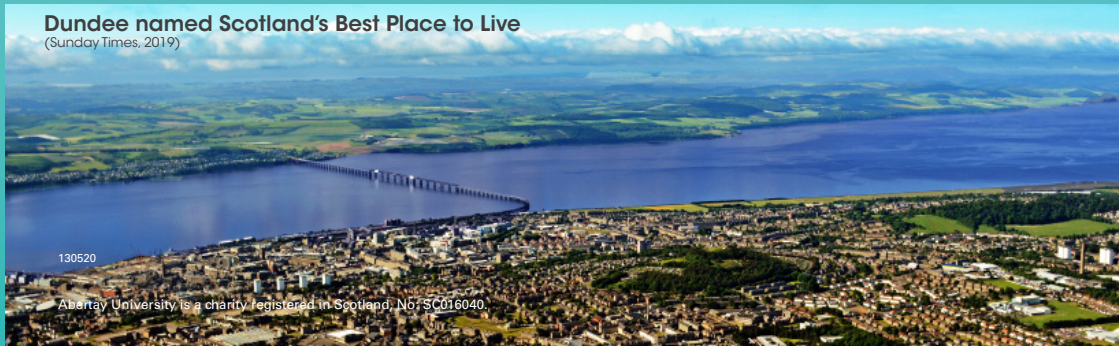


Sunniest city in Scotland (it's true!)



Dundee named Scotland's Best Place to Live

(Sunday Times, 2019)



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At Abertay, we want to make sure every aspect of your time here runs as smoothly as it can. We have exceptional teams who are here to support you every step of the way.

To access this support, we have our award-winning Support Enquiry Zone, or SEZ for short. SEZ is your 'one stop shop' for students who require help and advice about any aspect of University life. It can be especially useful if you are not sure where to go or who to ask when you require information of any type.

SEZ will help with most requests immediately. If they can't do that, they will put you in direct contact with someone who can.

In addition to SEZ, there are a number of specialist teams providing confidential counselling and advice on issues relating to money, wellbeing, disability, careers and welfare.

SEZ is located in our fantastic Bernard King library (also award-winning), which has been recently revamped to provide four floors of open plan study space, making the library a popular place for independent learning.

FAITH AND BELIEF

Abertay is a proudly multi-faith and multi-cultural institution. Our Chaplaincy seeks to serve the whole University in a spirit of openness, friendship and mutual respect. We have a directory of Dundee's places of worship and offer confidential and non-judgemental consultation.

SPORT AND SOCIETIES

At Abertay, sport and physical activity is as much a part of university life as going to lectures and tutorials.

We have a fantastic range of clubs to join – from traditional UK team sports like rugby, soccer and netball, to more niche sports, like judo and dance.

If competitive sport is not your thing, Abertay also offers a free sports and physical activity programme aimed at getting students active and meeting new people. Last year we held 25 sessions, providing physical activity for over 250 students with activities including disability sport, table tennis and touch rugby.

The on-campus gym facilities were upgraded in summer 2019, with a brand new range of Matrix cardio and weight machines.

Aside from the University's sports clubs, the Abertay Students' Association (SA) facilitates over 30 student-run societies. These range from academic societies like Games Development and Law, to leisure societies including Drama and Renaissance Martial Arts.






“Few other cities roll out their
welcome mats quite as
extravagantly as Dundee.
(The Guardian, Oct 2019)”

LIFE IN DUNDEE

Dundee is a beautiful, thriving city located on the north bank of the stunning River Tay.

Its reputation as a culturally rich, welcoming and exciting part of Scotland is quickly spreading across the world.




The Wall Street Journal named Dundee as one of their top 10 places in the world to visit and lifestyle magazine, GQ, called it “Britain’s coolest little city”. National Geographic has listed the city as one of their must-see places of 2019.

It’s the only UK city with UNESCO City of Design status – one of just 31 cities worldwide with this title - thanks to its varied contribution to video games, biomedical research and comics. It is the home of marmalade and even Aspirin.

The last few years has seen a major cultural renaissance in Dundee. It has become a hub for art and design, computer game development and biosciences. The V&A Museum of Design, opened in August 2018, is the jewel in a £1bn waterfront development which has brought new life to the water’s edge. American broadcaster, CNN has affectionately dubbed it a “cultural comeback kid”.

All this media attention is great, but comes as no real surprise to us. New restaurants, independent shops and high street giants are opening up all the time, so no matter your tastes and desires, there is something for you.

To make matters even better, it’s regularly reported as the sunniest city in Scotland, so don’t forget to pack your sunglasses. This is probably why Dundonians are famed for their hospitality, positivity and sense of humour.





EXPLORING SCOTLAND



The beauty and history of Scotland attracts millions of visitors every year.

Living in Dundee, one of four major cities in Scotland, puts you in the perfect location to enjoy everything this great nation has to offer. Spectacular scenery, fresh air, all the culture you can soak up and fabulous food are all on your doorstep.

You're only an hour from Edinburgh – home of the world's biggest arts festival - to the south, Aberdeen to the north, and Glasgow is just over an hour away to the southwest. Each has its own identity, arts and culture, history, and shopping, and are well worth a visit.

The historic golf town of St Andrews is just 25 minutes away. In fact, you're close to some of the best golf courses in Scotland, whatever direction you travel.

You're also a short journey from Perth - gateway to one of the most picturesque regions on earth, the Highlands. Stunning landscapes will take your breath away – the ideal setting for those who enjoy the great outdoors. Indeed, much of Scotland is unspoilt countryside, so finding a quiet, tranquil spot to spend the day isn't difficult.

Scotland is a small country, but is full to the brim with things to see and do. Choosing to study at Abertay means you will be in the ideal spot to dive right in and make the most of it.

DID YOU KNOW?

Studying at Abertay could very well be the first time you have been to Scotland, so we thought we'd put together a fun little help sheet to make sure you know the basics.

- In Scotland, and the rest of the UK for that matter, we drive on the left hand side of the road.
- We love queueing (lining up) for things. To be honest, love is a strong word, but queuing happens...a lot. So expect polite orderly queues at bus stops and even, to a certain extent, at bars.
- Sticking with manners, the words 'please', 'thank you' and 'sorry' are all frequently used during conversations.
- Other words we Scots use, which you may not, include 'aye', which means yes, 'wee', which means small, and 'uni', which is short for university. There are loads more Scottish colloquialisms, but we'd need another booklet for them all. Plus, it's more fun discovering them organically!
- A ceilidh (pronounced 'kay-lee') is a traditional Scottish party with Scottish folk music and dancing. They are particularly prominent at Hogmanay, which is what we call New Year's Eve. In Scotland, New Year's Eve is celebrated in a BIG way.
- Haggis, neeps and tatties is probably our most famous dish. Haggis is a food unique to Scotland, and goes perfectly with neeps (turnip) and tatties (potato).
- A kilt is the typical Scottish traditional dress for men and

boys in the Scottish highlands. These are usually worn at weddings and formal occasions, but don't feel pressured to get your own!

ABOUT SCOTLAND

- Abertay is located in Dundee in Scotland which is a country north of England within the United Kingdom.
- Scotland has its own devolved parliament, which is part of the larger UK government based in London.
- Scottish people speak English, but you will often see the Scottish Gaelic language on official signs and documents in Scotland. Very few people, (only around 1%) can actually speak it fluently.
- Scotland has a long and impressive history, which is distinct from the rest of the UK. Scottish people are very proud of their heritage, culture and customs.
- In Scotland, the currency is the pound (GBP), the same as the rest of the United Kingdom.



GETTING HERE

BY AIR

Edinburgh Airport is the most accessible international airport from Dundee, with a direct non-stop coach service connecting the airport to Dundee city centre, taking approx. 1 hour 20 minutes. Glasgow and Aberdeen airports are also international airports with bus and train connections to Dundee.

Dundee Airport is the closest to Abertay (approx. 10 min taxi journey), though only operates up to 2 flights a day to/ from London and Belfast. Visit hial.co.uk/dundee-airport for more information. Scotland's international airports all operate bus transfer services to Dundee. For details on international flights to and from Scotland, please visit edinburghairport.com, glasgowairport.com and aberdeenairport.com.

BY RAIL

Dundee train station is less than 10-minutes' walk from Abertay and provides regular, direct services to and from Edinburgh, Glasgow and Aberdeen. It takes just over an hour to get to each city from Dundee.

It takes six hours to reach Dundee from London Kings Cross station. This service stops at various locations on the way, including Peterborough, Doncaster, York and Newcastle.

BY BUS/COACH

Dundee's bus station is just five minutes from our campus. Scottish Citylink, National Express, Stagecoach Group and Megabus services regularly arrive in Dundee from major cities across the UK, including London.

GETTING AROUND

You'll quickly find that you can get most places on foot, but for journeys a bit further, there is a great network of local bus services covering the whole city and its surrounding area.

For up-to-date bus and train information, please visit dundeetravelinfo.com

Approximate journey times to nearby places of interest:

- St Andrews – 30 mins
- Perth – 30 mins
- Edinburgh – 1 hour
- Glasgow – 1.5 hours
- Aberdeen – 1 hour
- Broughty Ferry – 10 mins

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Take a look at our webpages for more information:

General information on coming to Abertay for a semester or year: abertay.ac.uk/incoming-students

What you can study while here: abertay.ac.uk/course-offer