



**QUEEN'S
UNIVERSITY
BELFAST**

**INTERNATIONAL
EXCHANGE
FACT SHEET
2025-2026**

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University Vision: To be a global research-intensive university, generating internationally leading research coupled with outstanding teaching and learning, focused on the needs of our society, locally and globally.

1. Institutional Information

Institution details

Name of the institution	The Queen's University of Belfast
Previous Erasmus Code	UK BELFAST01
Institution website	www.qub.ac.uk
Address	Queen's University Belfast University Road Belfast BT7 1NN Northern Ireland, UK
Incoming student website	https://go.qub.ac.uk/incoming-exchange
Online course catalogue	https://qsiscat.qub.ac.uk

Main contacts

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2. Nomination Calendar

Nomination process

Incoming students must be nominated by their home university in the first instance. The Global Opportunities Team will share a link to the online nomination form as soon as nominations open. Partners should nominate their students according to the numbers, study level and subject areas established in the agreement.

A link to the online application form will be sent to the student by email once a nomination has been received. Students will be asked to list their provisional module/course selection and submit supporting documents including:

- an official academic transcript of the courses taken, and the grades obtained at the home university
- documentation to prove the student's proficiency in English (if applicable)
- copy of valid passport

Exchange Students may apply to attend Queen's University for either one or two semesters in one academic year only. In some subject areas, students may be required to attend for the full academic year.

Deadlines

Nominations and completed student applications must reach our institution by:

Full Year and Semester One (Autumn)	Nomination: 30 April Application: 14 May
Semester Two (Spring)	Nomination: 30 September Application: 14 October

Application decision response

Following a successful online application and submission of supporting documents, a decision will be sent directly to the student, normally within 4 weeks.

3. Detailed Requirements and Additional Information

Academic requirements

Incoming Exchange students must have completed at least one full academic year (equivalent of 60 ECTS credits at EU institutions) prior to undertaking an exchange at Queen's. Students must be of good academic standing.

Recommended language skills

Type of mobility	Subject area	Language of instruction	Recommended language level of instruction
Student mobility for studies	All	English	B2

The language of instruction at Queen's University Belfast is English. The required level of English language skills for candidates coming to Queen's University Belfast as part of an exchange programme is level B2. Applicants may be required to submit evidence of a formal English language qualification, particularly students attending for the full academic year, to satisfy University course entry and visa requirements. A list of tests accepted by the University and the required scores is available at:

www.qub.ac.uk/International/International-students/Applying/English-language-requirements/

Module Choices

Students may take modules only in the subjects that have been included in the Student Exchange Agreement with the student's home university. Exchange students should normally select modules in their major subject area. Please note that some modules may have prerequisites or limited availability. While we endeavour to accommodate module preferences, we cannot guarantee the availability of a particular module and exchange students may need to have flexibility with their module selection.

Module Levels

Modules in any particular subject are offered at a number of different levels representing different degrees of academic effort and intellectual challenge, and assuming different degrees of prior knowledge of the subject:

- **Level 1** - modules are normally taken in the first year
- **Level 2** - modules are normally taken in the second year and may require a knowledge of material covered in Level 1 modules
- **Level 3** - modules are normally taken in the third year and may require a knowledge of material covered in Level 1 and Level 2 modules
- **Level 4** - modules are offered only in certain cases of degrees lasting four years
- **Level 7** - modules are offered to postgraduate students only

Module Codes

Every module has a unique code which carries a range of information. The following is an example: HIS1008. The subject is History, 1 = Level 1 and 008 is the module identifier. The modules offered in an academic year, and the semester in which they are normally available, are listed in the [Course Catalogue](#).

4. Academic Calendar

Incoming Exchange Students are normally accepted for regular semester periods, ie Semester One, Semester Two or the full academic year.

Semester One (Autumn)	Mid-September to late December
Semester Two (Spring)	Early January to late May/early June

Pre-Arrival Webinar

The Global Opportunities Team will host an online Pre-Arrival Webinar to help students prepare for their semester or year in Belfast and to provide information about arrival, orientation, accommodation and visas/immigration. The webinar is normally held in June for students who will be arriving in September and in November for students who will be arriving in January.

Welcome Programme

Students must arrive at Queen's in time for the welcome events and activities. The Welcome Programme includes sessions on a range of important topics including enrolment and registration, Queen's academic processes, learning development and library resources. Information on University support services such as student wellbeing and accessible learning support, and on student clubs and societies will also be available.

In addition, students will have scheduled appointments to meet with their academic adviser to finalise their module choice, to present their identity and visa documentation and to complete registration. Students who, due to exceptional circumstances, are unable to arrive in time for the welcome programme or start of teaching, must seek permission from the Global Opportunities Team **in advance** by emailing incoming-exchange@qub.ac.uk and attaching a statement of support from their home university.

The provisional dates for the welcome programme in 2025-26 are as follows:

Semester One: 8 to 12 September 2025
Semester Two: 6 to 9 January 2026*

*Some Queen's Schools may commence teaching on Monday 5 January 2026

5. Assessment and Grading System

Incoming Exchange students are expected to enrol for a full-time workload and undertake assessments. A full workload for one semester is three modules, totalling 60 Units (also known as CATS points). 60 Queen's Units or CATS points are equivalent to 30 ECTS points. Most modules have a weighting of 20 Units (equivalent to 10 ECTS credits). One Queen's module worth 20 Units could be considered equivalent to approximately 5 US credits. Some subject areas also offer half modules and double modules. Further information on assessment and the University's grading system is available at: <https://go.qub.ac.uk/incoming-exchange-courses>

6. Transcript of Records

Following the completion of examinations, an official Transcript of Records will be issued to the student's home university within 4 weeks of the publication of results. Students can also view and download their academic record through their Queen's online student account. Results for Semester One are normally published in early February. Results for Semester Two are normally published in mid-June.

7. Visa

Students must ensure that they obtain the required immigration permission for study in the UK. Queen's University Belfast will provide general guidance on the visa options for incoming exchange students. Information and assistance is available from:

Contact	Immigration Support Services
Contact details	Phone: +44-28-9097 3820 Email: immigration@qub.ac.uk
Website	www.qub.ac.uk/sites/iss/AdditionalSupport/IncomingExchangeStudyAbroadStudents/

8. Insurance

Information about the University's insurance cover and policies is available from the following contact point:

Contact	Insurance Section, Finance Directorate
Contact details	Phone: +44-28-9097 1484 Email: insurance@qub.ac.uk
Website	www.qub.ac.uk/directorates/FinanceDirectorate/visitors/insurance/

Guidance about Contents Insurance for students living in Queen's Accommodation is available by emailing accommodation@qub.ac.uk

9. Healthcare

Students attending Queen's for the full academic year may be required to pay an Immigration Health Surcharge as part of the UK visa application process. Students attending Queen's for one semester should purchase appropriate health insurance in their home country before travelling.

Information on healthcare is available at www.qub.ac.uk/sites/my-queens/support/health-medical/.

10. Housing

Queen's University will provide guidance to incoming exchange students on University accommodation and the application process. A limited number of rooms in University accommodation are available to students who apply by the following deadlines:

Semester One	Applications for Exchange Students open July (exact date TBC) and close 1 August
Semester Two	Applications for Exchange Students open 1 November and close 30 November

Information and assistance is available from:

Contact	Queen's Accommodation
Contact details	Phone: +44-28-9097 4525 Email: accommodation@qub.ac.uk
Website	www.qub.ac.uk/accommodation

11. Students with Disabilities or Long-Term Conditions

The University is committed to creating an inclusive environment and seeks to ensure that students with a disability or long-term condition have equitable access as far as reasonably possible to all aspects of University life. Students should ensure that they disclose on their application any disability, medical condition, mental health condition or learning difficulty. Support is provided by the Accessible Learning Support team – see www.qub.ac.uk/directorates/sgc/accessible-learning-support/.

The University has a Student Wellbeing Service, which provides a range of support to students, including a drop-in service and one-to-one consultations. Further information is available at: www.qub.ac.uk/directorates/sgc/wellbeing/.

12. Other useful links and resources

Queen's University Belfast: www.qub.ac.uk

Incoming Exchange Students: <https://go.qub.ac.uk/incoming-exchange>

Our Campus and Facilities: www.qub.ac.uk/about/Campus-and-facilities/

Information on Studying and Life at Queen's: www.qub.ac.uk/sites/my-queens/