

### Student Exchange Programme Fact Sheet 2020/21

The University of Worcester welcomes approximately 100 exchange students each year, from over 35 countries, enjoying both single semester and year-long exchanges at our friendly, student experience focused university situated in the heart of the beautiful English countryside.

We hope you find the information below useful. Please contact us with any further questions at [international-experience@worc.ac.uk](mailto:international-experience@worc.ac.uk).

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Key dates: 2020/21		
Semester 1		
<b>International arrivals</b>	Tuesday 8 September 2020	Airport collection service will be available on this date for arrivals at Birmingham International and Heathrow Airports.
<b>International induction</b>	Wednesday 9 September 2020 – Friday 11 September 2020	Mandatory induction days for all international arrivals. Activities include a thorough induction to the University, international student fair, shopping trips and social events.
<b>UW Induction Week</b>	14 September 2020 – 18 September 2020	
<b>Teaching commences</b>	Monday 21 September 2020	
<b>Christmas break</b>	21 December 2020 – 1 January 2021	

<b>Assessment week</b>	11 January 2021 – 15 January 2021	Please note that it may be possible for students to take UW exams at their home university if they are unable to stay in the UK until assessment week as a result of academic requirements at their home university.
<b>Semester 1 ends</b>	Friday 15 January 2021	
<b>Semester 2</b>		
<b>International arrivals</b>	Wednesday 13 January 2021	For semester 2 arrivals the airport collection service will be available for arrivals at Birmingham International Airport only.
<b>International induction</b>	Thursday 14 & Friday 15 January 2021	Mandatory induction days for all international arrivals. Activities include a thorough induction to the University, international student fair, shopping trips and social events.
<b>Teaching commences</b>	Monday 18 January 2021	
<b>Easter break</b>	29 March 2021 – 9 April 2021	
<b>Assessment weeks</b>	3 May 2021 – 14 May 2021	

<b>Academic information</b>	
<b>Full-time study</b>	Minimum study load per semester: 45 Worcester CATS credits/22.5 ECTS (3 modules) Maximum study load per semester: 60 Worcester credits/30 ECTS (4 modules)
<b>Credit system</b>	Each Worcester module is 15 credits per semester, which is the equivalent of 7.5 ECTS.
<b>Attendance requirements</b>	All students, including exchange students, are expected to attend all scheduled classes and activities.
<b>Modules selection</b>	All nominated students will receive a module selection guide by email along with other application materials.
<b>Transcripts</b>	Provisional academic transcripts will be posted for autumn semester students in early March. Official academic transcripts are released in June 2021 for first and second semester students. Two copies of each student's transcripts will be posted to the home institution.

<b>Nominations</b>		
Nominations should be sent to <a href="mailto:international-experience@worc.ac.uk">international-experience@worc.ac.uk</a> and should include the student's name, e-mail address, and course of study at his or her home institution.		
	<b>Nomination Deadline</b>	<b>Student Application Deadline</b>
<b>Autumn 2020</b>	31 March 2020	30 April 2020
<b>Spring 2021</b>	30 September 2020	31 October 2020

Application procedure	
<b>Academic requirements</b>	Students should normally be in at least their second year of academic study when they arrive to the University of Worcester and should have at least a C average or equivalent.
<b>English proficiency for non-native English speakers</b>	<p>We recommend that students have a B2 level of English proficiency according to the <a href="#">Common European Framework</a> in order to successfully study at Worcester.</p> <p>Currently European Union citizens and other students who do <u>not</u> need to apply for a short-term study visa before arrival are not required to have an IELTS test for a one-semester exchange. Where a visa application is not required prior to arriving in the UK, our partner universities are trusted to nominate students who have a sufficient level of English language proficiency. If no previous evidence or assurances are available, an Erasmus Online Language Support placement test or similar will be suitable.</p> <p>Full academic year exchange (2 semesters) students need to apply for a Tier 4 visa. This will require evidence of English language proficiency in the form of an IELTS test score with a minimum of B2 in all four components of the test. Please note that students should take UKVI Academic IELTS test, and not a TOEFL.</p> <p>Citizens of the European Union do not currently need a Tier 4 visa for full year exchanges. If there are any changes in visa and entry requirements for European Union citizens to the UK as a result of Brexit negotiations we will inform our partners and students as soon as possible.</p>
<b>Application process</b>	<p>Students will receive an application form and application instructions via e-mail. They will need to submit the following documents to <a href="mailto:admissionsb@worc.ac.uk">admissionsb@worc.ac.uk</a> by the appropriate deadline:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A completed and signed application form</li> <li>2. An official copy of their transcript</li> <li>3. A copy of their passport photo page</li> <li>4. IELTS test results, if required for a UK visa application</li> </ol> <p>All documents should be submitted as pdfs. Documents should <u>not</u> be posted to the university.</p>
<b>Visa information</b>	<p>Single semester exchange students may need to apply for a short term study visa (maximum duration of 6 months).</p> <p>Full academic year (2 semesters) exchange students, may need to apply for a Tier 4 visa.</p> <p>Visa advice can be requested from the International Experience team.</p>
<b>Insurance</b>	We recommend that students have arranged suitable health and travel insurance before arriving in the UK.

Accommodation	
<b>University accommodation</b>	Exchange students can apply for a range of university managed accommodation including a room in a university managed shared house off campus to a single en-suite room in on campus halls of residence.

	<p>More information on the variety of options available can be found on the Accommodation webpages:  <a href="https://www.worc.ac.uk/life/accommodation/">https://www.worc.ac.uk/life/accommodation/</a></p>
<b>Off-campus accommodation</b>	<p>There are many student rooms available in Worcester and exchange students can choose to rent from a private landlord. The University works closely with private landlords and Worcester City Council to ensure all student shared houses are accredited and meet current legislation. We also offer advice on housing matters such as tenancy agreements and questions to ask landlords with regard to safety and fire precautions, so you are supported at every step of the way.</p> <p>Exchange students have access to the Worcester Student Pad website, which gives full details of all accredited properties, including lots of photographs and much more.</p> <p>Worcester students leaving for exchange in semester two (spring semester) also offer sublet opportunities on our Facebook page. Students are invited to join this page after they have been nominated.</p>
<b>Application process</b>	<p>Students should apply for accommodation as soon as their application has been accepted and they have received an offer letter from our Admissions team.</p>

<b>Cost of living</b>	
<b>Accommodation on campus</b>	<p>Rooms in the halls of residence on campus are self-catering and range in price from £102 per week to £165 per week. The price includes gas, electricity, water, broadband internet access, contents insurance and gym membership. There is also 24-hour security; welfare support; 24-hour emergency maintenance.</p>
<b>Accommodation off campus</b>	<p>Prices for university managed off campus accommodation vary from around £75-95 per week.  Private landlords can range from around £70-130</p>
<b>Meals</b>	<p>Meals on campus are available from between £2.00-8.00 with most meals being from around £3.50-5.00. Worcester has a wide array of restaurants, cafes, and pubs with various prices.</p>
<b>Living costs</b>	<p>Food and other essentials: Students spend an average of £108 per month  Travel: Students spend an average of £47 per month  Socialising: Students spend an average of £64 per month</p>
<b>Visa fees</b>	<p>Short term study visa and Tier 4 visa fees will vary. Please refer to:  <a href="https://www.gov.uk/visa-fees">https://www.gov.uk/visa-fees</a></p>