



Student Exchange Programme Fact Sheet 2024/25

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.

General information	
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Partnership Development	Cristina Muradore Head of International Experience c.muradore@worc.ac.uk
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International Student Guide	Students can find all relevant information to prepare for their exchange in Worcester in our app: http://guidebook.com/app/worcester/guide/international/ *A new app is currently being developed and will go live in March 2024* A link to the app will be sent to the students via the acceptance letter.

Nomination and Application deadlines		
Nominations should be sent to international-experience@worc.ac.uk and should include the student's name, e-mail address, and course of study at his or her home institution.		
	Nomination Deadline	Student Application Deadline
Autumn 2024	31 March 2024	30 April 2024
Spring 2025	30 September 2024	31 October 2024

Key dates: 2024/25		
Semester 1		
International arrivals	Tuesday 10 September 2024	Airport collection service will be available on this date for arrivals at Birmingham International.
International induction	Wednesday 11 September – Friday 13 September 2024	Mandatory induction days for all international arrivals. Activities include a thorough induction to the University, right to study checks, shopping trips and social events.
UW Induction Week	16 September – 20 September 2024	
Teaching commences	Monday 23 September 2024	
Christmas break	23 December 2024 – 3 January 2025	
Assessment weeks	6 January – 17 January 2025	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.
Semester 1 ends	Friday 17 January 2025	
Semester 2		
International arrivals	Wednesday 15 January 2025	Airport collection service will be available on this date for arrivals at Birmingham International.
International induction	Thursday 16 & Friday 17 January 2025	Mandatory induction days for all international arrivals. Activities include a thorough induction to the University, right to study checks, shopping trips and social events.
Teaching commences	Monday 20 January 2025	
Easter break	14 April – 25 April 2025	
Assessment weeks	5 May 2025 – 16 May 2025	
Semester 2 ends	Friday 23 May 2025	

Academic information	
Full-time study	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)
Credit system	Each Worcester module is 15 credits per semester, which is the equivalent of 7.5 ECTS.
Attendance requirements	All students, including exchange students, are expected to attend all scheduled classes and activities. Absences should be reported to the lecturers by email.
Modules selection	All nominated students will receive a module selection guide by email along with other application materials.

Transcripts	Provisional academic transcripts will be posted for autumn semester students in early March. Official academic transcripts are released in June for first and second semester students. Two copies of each student's transcripts will be posted to the home institution.
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Application procedure	
Academic requirements	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.
English proficiency for non-native English speakers	<p>We recommend that students have a B2 level of English proficiency according to the Common European Framework 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, (including citizens of the EU) need to apply for a Student 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>Other English language qualifications that can be accepted are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - LangCert (we accept Lang Cert Online or Lang Cert Int. ESOL) - Pearson PTE Academic - Cambridge CAE (Certificate in Advanced English) or Cambridge First Certificate - Trinity Integrated Skills in English (ISE)
Application process	<p>Students will receive an application form and application instructions via e-mail. They will need to submit the following documents to admissionsb@worc.ac.uk by the appropriate deadline:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A completed and signed application form 2. An official copy of their transcript 3. A copy of their passport photo page 4. English language test results, if required for a UK visa application <p>All documents should be submitted as pdfs. Documents should <u>not</u> be posted to the university.</p>
Visa information	<p>Full academic year (2 semesters) exchange students, will need to apply for a Student visa.</p> <p>Single semester exchange students may need to apply for a Standard visitor visa (maximum duration of 6 months). This has replaced the short-</p>

	<p>term study visa that was previously applied for. Please visit the following website to clarify whether you are a visa national as if you are, you will need a visa before you can enter the UK. If your country of nationality does not appear on the list, it means you are a non-visa national and can enter the UK without applying for a visa beforehand.</p> <p>Please be advised that if you have ever experienced problems entering the UK in the past then you may still need a visa, even if you are a non-visa national.</p> <p>If there is anything you are unsure of, visa advice can be requested from the International Experience team at isa@worc.ac.uk</p>
Insurance	We recommend that students have arranged suitable health and travel insurance before arriving in the UK.

Accommodation	
University accommodation	<p>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. More information on the variety of options available can be found on the Accommodation webpages: https://www.worc.ac.uk/life/accommodation/</p>
Off-campus accommodation	<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>
Application process	Students should apply for accommodation as soon as their exchange application has been accepted and they have received an offer letter from our Admissions team.

Cost of living	
Accommodation on campus	Rooms in the halls of residence on campus are self-catering and range in price from £131 per week to £210 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.

Accommodation off campus	Prices for university managed off campus accommodation vary from around £80-105 per week. Private landlords can range from around £70-130
Meals	Meals on campus are available from between £4.00-8.00 with most meals being from around £3.50-5.00. Worcester has a wide array of restaurants, cafes, and pubs with various prices.
Living costs	Food and other essentials: Students spend an average of £110 per month Travel: Students spend an average of £50 per month Socialising: Students spend an average of £70 per month
Visa fees	Standard visitor visa and Student visa fees will vary. Please refer to: https://www.gov.uk/visa-fees