

Student Exchange Programme Fact Sheet 2026/27

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 studyabroad@worc.ac.uk.

General information	
Address	International Mobility University of Worcester Henwick Grove Worcester WR2 6AJ
Contact information	Phone: +44 (1905) 855000
	Email: studyabroad@worc.ac.uk
Website	www.worcester.ac.uk
	https://www.worcester.ac.uk/study/International/study-abroad/study-abroad-incoming-students.aspx
Exchange and Study Abroad	Please use studyabroad@worc.ac.uk for enquiries. Leanne Haworth International Mobility Assistant (Main contact for Incoming Exchange) l.haworth@worc.ac.uk Joe Dipple International Mobility Administrator j.dipple@worc.ac.uk
International Student Guide	Once they have completed Online Registration (around 1 month prior to arrival), students can find helpful pre and post arrival information on the International Student section of our online platform: https://worc.myday.cloud/dashboard/international This page will be updated with their international induction timetable closer to the start of term.

Nomination and Application deadlines		
Nomination Form: University of Worcester Incoming Exchange Nominations 2026/27		
Nominations should be sent to us by completing the above form for each student you wish to nominate.		
	Nomination Deadline	Student Application Deadline
Autumn 2026	31 March 2026	30 April 2026
Spring 2027	30 September 2026	31 October 2026

Key Dates: 2026/27

Semester 1

International arrivals	Wednesday 9 September 2026	Airport collection service will be available on this date for arrivals at Birmingham International.
International induction	Thursday 10 September – Friday 11 September 2026	Mandatory induction days for all international arrivals. Activities include a thorough induction to the University, right to study checks, and social events.
UW Induction Week	Monday 14 September – Friday 18 September 2026	
Teaching commences	Monday 21 September 2026	
Christmas break	Monday 21 December 2026 – Friday 1 January 2027	
Assessment weeks	Monday 4 January – Friday 15 January 2027	
Semester 1 ends	Friday 15 January 2027	

Semester 2

International arrivals	Wednesday 13 January 2027	Airport collection service will be available on this date for arrivals at Birmingham International.
International induction	Thursday 14 – Friday 15 January 2027	Mandatory induction days for all international arrivals. Activities include a thorough induction to the University, right to study checks, and social events.
Teaching commences	Monday 18 January 2027	
Easter break	Monday 15 March – Friday 2 April 2027	
Assessment weeks	Monday 3 May – Friday 14 May 2027	
Semester 2 ends	Friday 14 May 2027	

Note Regarding Assessments

Students must attend any in-person assessments for their chosen modules unless remote examination has been agreed **in advance** by the Examinations Team at University of Worcester and the Home University.

Remote examinations can only be arranged in cases where a student has returned to their Home University due to the commencement of teaching. Remote examinations require the Home University to provide and organise an exam venue and invigilation.

Applications for remote examination must be sent in writing by the student or Home Coordinator to studyabroad@worc.ac.uk by the following deadlines:

Semester 1: Friday 23 September 2026

Semester 2: Friday 22 January 2027

Academic Information	
Full-time study	Exchange students will study 4 modules per semester (60 Worcester CATS credits/30 ECTS). It may be possible for a student to study only 3 modules per semester (45 Worcester CATS credits/22.5 ECTS) but this will require written permission from the Home University. • 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	Most Worcester modules are 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	Semester 1 students will receive a provisional transcript in early March, and their final transcript, both via email, in early July. Semester 2 and Year Abroad students will receive their final transcript via email in early July.
Learning Agreements	Learning Agreements should initially be completed by the student and signed by the Home University, before sending to studyabroad@worc.ac.uk to be signed by the University of Worcester.

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	We recommend that students have a B2 level of English proficiency according to the Common European Framework to successfully study at Worcester. Currently, European Union citizens and other students who do <u>not</u> need to apply for a visitor 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.

	Full Academic Year/Calendar 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 of 6.0 (with no less than 5.5 in each component). Alternative English language tests can also be accepted, so please refer to our website for a full list of what we can accept.
Application process	After nomination by the Home University, students will receive a link to an online application form via e-mail alongside further application instructions. They will need to submit the following documents to studyabroad@worc.ac.uk by the appropriate deadline: 1. An official copy of their transcript 2. A copy of their passport photo page 3. English language test results, if required for a UK visa application All documents should be submitted as pdfs. Documents should <u>not</u> be posted to the university.
Visa information	Full Academic Year/Calendar Year (2 semesters) exchange students will need to apply for a Student visa. Single semester exchange students may need to apply for a Standard visitor visa (maximum duration of stay 6 months) prior to travelling to the UK. This has replaced the short-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: https://www.gov.uk/guidance/immigration-rules/immigration-rules-appendix-visitor-visa-national-list 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. BUT you do have to apply for an ETA, which must be approved prior to travelling to the UK. An ETA is not a visa, but authorisation that allows you to travel to the UK to visit for up to 6 months. Please consult this website for more information about ETAs: https://www.gov.uk/eta 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. If there is anything you are unsure of, visa advice can be requested from the International Student Advisers at isa@worc.ac.uk
Insurance	We recommend that students have arranged suitable health and travel insurance before arriving in the UK.

Accommodation

University accommodation	Exchange students can apply for a range of university-managed rooms in our 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/
Off-campus accommodation	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. Once registered, exchange students will have access to the Worcester Student Pad website, which gives full details of all accredited properties, including lots of photographs and much more.
Application process	Once students have received their Admissions Letter, they will be contacted by our Accommodation Team and invited to apply for accommodation.

Cost of Living	
Accommodation on campus	Rooms in the halls of residence on campus are self-catering and range in price from £136 per week to £222 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	Private accommodation can range from around £100 - £175 per week
Meals	Meals on campus are available from between £4 - £9.00 with most meals being from around £5 - £7.00. Worcester has a wide array of restaurants, cafes, and pubs with various prices.
Living costs	Food and other essentials: Students spend an average of £146 per month Travel: Students spend an average of £67 per month Socialising: Students spend an average of £61 per month
Visa fees	Standard visitor visa and Student visa fees will vary. Please refer to: https://www.gov.uk/visa-fees