



# UNDERGRADUATE EXCHANGE (Non-Graduating) FACTSHEET AY 2024-25

# **UNIVERSITY OF STRATHCLYDE**

Founded in 1796 as Anderson's Institution, today the University of Strathclyde is a leading international technological university based in the centre of Glasgow. Inspired by our founding principle as 'the place of useful learning', Strathclyde is a socially progressive institution committed to bringing people of all backgrounds together to make an impact on our students, our city and our global community.

Strathclyde is a multi-award-winning, 5-Star QS rated university. Our awards include *Scottish University of the Year* and *Entrepreneurial University of the Year*, and we are proud to be the only institution to have won the prized Times Higher Education *University of the Year* twice (in 2012 and 2019). We have also been awarded the *Queen's Anniversary Prize* four times in recognition of world-class excellence and achievement in academic institutions in the UK.

#### STRATHCLYDE BUSINESS SCHOOL

Strathclyde Business School is one of four Faculties at the University of Strathclyde. Founded in 1948, SBS is an enterprising, pioneering institution of global standing; it is a triple-accredited business school, holding accreditation from the international bodies *AACSB*, *EQUIS* and *AMBA* and is proud to be among only 1% of business schools in the world to have achieved this recognition. SBS is the largest business school in Scotland and was the first to hold triple accreditation in Scotland, and we are also delighted to have been a recipient of the THE *Business School of the Year*.

We are located in the heart of Glasgow, one of the UK's largest and most vibrant cities. Voted the "friendliest city in the world" by *Timeout* and *Rough Guide*, Glasgow has a reputation as a must-visit destination and one of the world's top cities. We welcome students from over 100 exchange and study abroad partners around the world every year, and with something for everyone within easy reach of the city centre campus, it makes SBS a dynamic and cosmopolitan place to study.

#### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

Name of Institution: University of Strathclyde (Strathclyde Business School)

Address: Strathclyde Business School, 199 Cathedral Street, Glasgow G4 0QU, United Kingdom

Website: <u>www.strath.ac.uk</u> and <u>www.strath.ac.uk/business</u>

**Erasmus KA1 Code:** UK GLASGOW02

#### **SBS EXCHANGE TEAM**

Strathclyde Business School has its own dedicated exchange team – SBS Exchange:

**Helen Templar** Head of International Partnerships

Lorna Bennet Senior Adviser – incoming exchange, outgoing BA Business exchange, summer programmes

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# KEY DATES (dates are provisional as at 6 March 2024 and may be subject to change)

	Semester 1 (Fall)	Semester 2 (Spring)
Semester dates (inc revision and exams)	16 September – 20 December 2024	13 January – 23 May 2025
<b>Exchange Orientation &amp; Induction Week</b>	16 – 22 September 2024	13 – 19 January 2025
Exchange Welcome Meetings	17 September 2024 (tbc)	14 January 2025 (tbc)
Teaching Period (11 weeks)	23 September – 8 December 2024	20 January – 6 April 2025
Christmas/Spring Vacation	23 December 2024 – 10 January 2025	7 – 17 April 2025
Exam Period	9 – 20 December 2024	22 April – 23 May 2025
Resit Exam Period	July – August 2025	July – August 2025
Final day of Semester	20 December 2024	23 May 2025

We would recommend that students arrive at the start of Orientation week in order to attend essential information sessions and welcome events and allow sufficient time to finalise their curriculum before teaching starts the following week.

Early/alternative assessment is <u>not</u> offered at SBS, exchange students are expected to remain at the University until the end of their examinations. We advise students not to book their flight home until they know the date of their final exam.

#### **APPLICATION PROCEDURE**

#### **Nomination**

Nominations and applications are made online via the University's central application portal, Mobility Online. Partners should nominate their students online using the login instructions provided by the University's Recruitment & International Office. Assistance with Mobility Online, including login details, can be obtained by emailing <a href="mailto:incoming.exchanges@strath.ac.uk">incoming.exchanges@strath.ac.uk</a>.

# Language Proficiency

Non-native English speakers attending University of Strathclyde for **less than 6 months** will not normally require to provide evidence of English language proficiency unless they require a Student Visa. Partner universities are relied upon to select students with a good level of English equivalent to B2 and above (CEFR) or IELTS 6.0 or 6.5 (with no individual test score below 5.5), and should confirm this when nominating each student.

Students planning to attend for **more than 6 months** must provide evidence of English language proficiency as part of the application process to obtain a UK visa. Our current standard requirements are IELTS 6.0 or 6.5 overall (no individual band less than 5.5). IELTS certificates must be valid at the time of the visa application. Further information including details of accepted tests can be found at Study With Us | English Language Requirements

### **Application**

Students should first be nominated online by the exchange coordinator at their home institution. Once a nomination is approved, the student will receive an automated email directing them to the application process. Applicants will have two weeks to complete their Exchange Application from the date their nomination is approved.

For full details of the application process, timeline and FAQ, visit <a href="Coming to Strathclyde">Coming to Strathclyde</a> | Studying with us at Strathclyde.

#### **Deadlines**

	Nominations Open	Nominations Close	Applications Close
Semester 1 (Fall)	1 March	1 May	15 May
Semester 2 (Spring)	1 September	1 October	15 October

# Curriculum Guidance

#### **Workload**

A regular full-time workload at Strathclyde University is 60 credits (30 ECTS) per semester, in the Business School this typically equates to 3 classes per semester. Students attending for a full academic year normally register for 120 credits (60 ECTS). Most exchange students take a full workload, but the recommended minimum workload is 40 credits (20 ECTs).

Note: the SBS Exchange Team can provide advice on workload and the content of classes taught in the Business School, but it is the student's responsibility to ensure they are taking the appropriate number of credits to meet the requirements of their home institution.

# Classes available to exchange students

Classes at Levels 1, 2 and 3 are open to exchange students. Level 1 classes are generally at an introductory level. Level 2 classes are likely to require some previous background in the subject.

Level 3 classes typically will require intermediate knowledge of the subject. Students and partners are encouraged to check course descriptions for details of prerequisite knowledge.

**Level 4** classes at SBS are final year (Honours) classes and are not generally open to exchange students unless substantial background in the subject can be demonstrated and all prerequisites for the class can be met. Academic approval at departmental level is required. Note, most Level 4 classes which are taught in Semester 1 (fall) are not examined until the end of Semester 2 (Spring). Resits are not offered at Level 4.

Enrolment in **Accounting** classes at all levels will require approval by the Department of Accounting & Finance.

#### **Class Selection**

Students registered in the Business faculty must take a minimum of 60% of their credits within this faculty. It may be possible for students to take one class (up to 20 credits) in another faculty, subject to approval by the relevant academic department. Students registered in other faculties may take one class (up to 20 credits) in the Business School, subject to academic approval.

Classes offered in the Business School are subject to change, details of our current offering can be found in the SBS Class Catalogue at <u>Strathclyde Business School</u> | <u>Selecting Your Curriculum</u>. Information about classes offered in other Faculties can be found at <u>Coming to Strathclyde</u> | Academic Information.

Students should list their classes in order of preference (no more than 6 per semester) as part of their online application and these will be assessed to ensure students meet the relevant prerequisites. Students will receive provisional approval for the classes listed in their application, however curriculum amendment may be necessary on arrival to take account of timetable clashes, changes in scheduling or high demand for popular subjects. Students should be flexible and are encouraged to identify some reserve classes which can be substituted as necessary. Students can request curriculum changes during the first two weeks of teaching.

#### **Acceptance**

Students will receive an email via Mobility Online once classes have been approved and they should accept this as confirmation that their exchange has obtained final approval. Students attending for **one semester** will receive an official acceptance email from the University's central Admissions Office which can be used for immigration purposes as required. Students attending for **two semesters** will receive an offer of study which they will need to accept to secure their place. The offer will list any outstanding actions which may still be required in order to receive a CAS (Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies). See Visa Requirements for further information about obtaining a CAS.

### Academic Transcripts

On completion of studies and validation of results by the Board of Examiners, **students** will be able to download their transcript directly from Mobility Online. Students attending for Semester 1 will normally be able to download a transcript by the end of February. Students attending for Semester 2 or for the Full Year will normally be able to download a transcript by the end of July. Interim transcripts are not usually provided for full year exchange students.

**Partners** will be able to view and download a PDF copy of their student's transcript directly from Mobility Online (via My Mobility Online/My Applications).

Note, students must ensure that all outstanding charges are cleared before leaving the University otherwise their academic transcript may be withheld until their account is cleared.

## **UG Grading Scale**

<u>Mark</u>	General Comment	Equivalent Grade
70+	Excellent or Outstanding	Α
60-69	Comprehensively Good	В
50-59	Generally Good	C
45-49	Satisfactory	D
40-44	Satisfactory	E
<40	Weak - Fail	FX/F

#### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

#### **Visa Requirements**

The UK Student Visa is applicable to all students planning to attend University of Strathclyde for **more than 6 months**, including nationals from the EU, Switzerland, Norway, Iceland and Liechtenstein. Further information is available at Visas & immigration | University of Strathclyde.

Students will require to obtain a CAS from University of Strathclyde before they can arrange their Student Visa, and they will need to submit the following supporting documents:

- Evidence of acceptable English Language Proficiency (see Language Proficiency section above)
- Official academic transcript (original and 2<sup>nd</sup> version translated into English)
- Confirmation that no previous UK study has taken place on a Student Visa
- Valid passport

Students planning to come to the UK for **less than 6 months** may not require a visa and should use the **Check if I Need a Visa** tool at <u>Check if you need a UK visa - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)</u>

#### **Student Housing**

University of Strathclyde has limited campus housing. Exchange students can apply for campus accommodation during the online application process but due to extreme pressure on our housing stock, a place cannot be guaranteed. Full instruction on how to apply will be provided by the University's central exchange team as part of the Mobility Online application, normally after students receive their Acceptance letter.

If you intend applying for campus accommodation, be aware that you may not find out if your application is successful until as late as mid-August (for applicants commencing studies in January) or mid-December (for applicants commencing studies in January), and we would therefore strongly recommend that students research alternative private accommodation options in Glasgow as soon as possible. You can find advice about searching for private housing and download a <a href="House Hunting Starter Guide">House Hunting Starter Guide</a> on our Students Union website (Strath Union), and students can also make an appointment with one of our advisers in the Advice Hub. Advice is also offered on our <a href="Accommodation Services">Accommodation Services</a> website.

# Preparing to come to Strathclyde

For more information on coming to the University of Strathclyde and the city of Glasgow, details of our Welcome arrangements, cost of living, health matters and pre-arrival advice please visit <u>International Students | Before you arrive</u> and <u>International Students | While you're here</u>. This information will be updated on an ongoing basis prior to your arrival.

For further advice, please visit International Student Support Team | University of Strathclyde.

# Disability and Wellbeing

The University's Disability & Wellbeing Service offers support to students with a range of disabilities. This can include specific learning difficulties, sensory and physical impairments, mental health difficulties and other medical conditions. We would encourage students to let us know about any special needs as soon as possible so that support can be arranged for your exchange semester. Information for students about the support available can be found at <a href="Disability & Wellbeing Service">Disability & Wellbeing Service</a> | How we Support Students.

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https://www.strath.ac.uk/business/accreditations/





