

Abertay University

PG Information Session September 2024

Hosted by:
The International Team

What we will cover today

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Academic Structure for PGT Masters

For full time study on campus, all of our Masters are 1 full year. The typical structure across all Masters as follows:

Term 1: August to December – 3 modules covered

Term 2: December to May – 3 modules covered

Term 3: June to August - Masters Project

Graduation is November 2025!

Accommodation

It is recommended that you start thinking about where you will live while you study at Abertay. Accommodation options can be a little more harder to find when joining in September due to the volume of students, so it is best to start your search early.

Accommodation Webpage

- Parker House – Booking code: AUPARK2425
- Lyon Street Terrace – Booking Code: ABERTAY51
- Private Accommodation available across Dundee and wider area
- 4 other Halls available, shared with University of Dundee students

Booking requires a deposit of 1 month of rent upfront. This is refundable should something happen that prevents you from joining in September.

Upcoming Deadlines

Deadline	Date
Applications close	Wednesday 31 st July
Deposit payment	Monday 19 th August
Fulfil all conditions and complete CAS Shield application	Monday 26 th August

If you are ever unsure of the deadlines, please go to our [Key Dates and Deadlines](#) webpage.

CAS Shield

CAS Shield is the platform we use to help you prepare for receiving your CAS (Confirmation of Acceptance of Study). You need the CAS for your VISA application. Without it, your visa application will not be complete.

You must complete all aspects of the CAS Shield application, including uploading any required documents or evidence, your bank statement showing that you can afford to study in the UK and the Pre-CAS Questionnaire being filled in by you, the applicant.

If you have the assistance of an agent, please ensure you (the applicant) are fulfilling all of the conditions yourself, and not your agent.

Financial Requirements

Deposit

- The deposit is required before we can issue the CAS.
- The amount of 50% of your total tuition fee.
- Payment to be made via FlyWire

Example:

Tuition Fee = £17,000

Deposit of 50% = £8,500

Bank Statement

- The bank statement is required to show you can afford to pay your remaining fees and live as a student in the UK for the length of your degree.
- The bank statement must show the remaining tuition fee amount plus £9207 (UKVI recommended living cost for 9 months) for 28 consecutive days before submitting

Hints and Tips

There are a few things to bear in mind and to consider throughout this process:

1. Use the Help function (lower left corner of the CAS Shield screen) to ask questions and get help with using the platform.
2. Speak to our Admissions Team directly from CAS Shield (lower right corner of the CAS Shield screen) for any support you need from them.
3. Keep an eye on the upcoming deadlines. We will not be able to extend the deadlines so it is important you complete each task beforehand.
4. The sooner you complete CAS Shield and receive your CAS Letter, the sooner you can submit your visa application.

Hints and Tips

5. If you are still waiting for your final grades or a transcript or certificate being issued, please don't worry. Ensure that you send these to Admissions as soon as you have them – admissions@abertay.ac.uk
6. Ensure any scanned documents are of clear quality and not blurry, this can delay the process if we need to request new versions.
7. If you are having any issues at all, please get in touch at the earliest so that we can help you – the help and chat function on CAS Shield are there for instant help or email the International Team and we can assist too.

PG Scholarships

International Postgraduate Abertay Scholarship

- A £3,000 award open to all prospective new international taught postgraduate (MSc/MProf) students
- No application needed. Scholarship email will be sent 1 week after student receives offer.

Other Scholarships are available on our website [here](#).

Important Dates

	Date
Arrival to Dundee	Saturday 7 th and Sunday 8 th September
Freshers' Week	Monday 9 th September to Friday 13 th September
Freshers' Fair	Wednesday 11 th September
International Welcome event	Sunday 15 th September
<u>Classes Start</u>	<u>Monday 16th September</u>

Please note, you must be in Dundee and on campus for the week beginning Monday 16th September. You will need to complete your registration, collect your BRP card and create your Student ID. This is all done in person.

Upcoming Events and Webinars

Webinar	Date
PG Offer Holder Information Session	Friday 21 st June
Information Session for All	Monday 24 th June
Spotlight Sessions – Abertay Sport, Careers, Mental Health and Wellbeing and Abertay Students' Association	Mondays/Tuesdays throughout July

To check out all of our upcoming events, head to our [International Events](#) webpage.

Additional Help and Support

Abertay Contact

If you have any questions or queries, our team are here to help.

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Please keep an eye out for the newsletters from Abertay. The next UG and PG newsletters will be issued on Friday 21st June.

Thank You

We now have time for questions