

## Student Exchange Fact Sheet for Kingston Business School

**Note:** please check the information below with that on the university website - <https://www.kingston.ac.uk/visitingstudents/>

### Key Dates & Deadlines

Please note that we now only have one exam period during the academic year. Please see our module directory (<https://www.kingston.ac.uk/visitingstudents/studyabroad/directory/>) for information about fall (Study Option 2) and spring (Study Option 3) semester assessments.

The timetable for the exam period for full-year (i.e. Study Option 1) students is normally published in March.

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#### Autumn Semester 2022

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Application deadline for September 2022 entry	Monday 6 June 2022
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Welcome Week	Monday 19 to Friday 23 September 2022
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Teaching begins	Monday 26 September 2022
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Enrichment/Reading Week	Monday 31 October to Friday 4 November 2022
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Teaching finishes	Friday 16 December 2022
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#### Spring Semester / Summer period 2023

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Application deadline for January 2023 entry	Monday 31 October 2022
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Orientation	TBC
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Teaching begins	Monday 9 January 2023
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Enrichment/Reading Week	Monday 13 to Friday 17 February 2023
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Teaching finishes	Friday 31 March 2023
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Summer Period (including exam period for students here for Study Option 1)	Monday 1 May to Friday 23 June 2023
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Exam period (for students here for Study Option 1)	Monday 1 May to Friday 26 May 2023
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### Application Procedure

Student should seek nomination from their home university and then apply via the on-line application facility on Kingston University's website.

## Contact Persons

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## Visa / Immigration details

Since the UK has left the EU, Erasmus students from countries within the European Economic Area (EEA)/Switzerland will be required to have a visa.

There are two options, as explained below.

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Type of visa	Study period
<b>Student Route visa applicants</b>	More than six months
<b>Standard Visitor Visa applicants</b>	Less than six months

You can choose whether to come to the UK via a Standard Visitor Visa or a Student Route visa.

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For further advice visit:

- <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/uk-visas-and-immigration>
- Or [UK Council for International Student Affairs \(UKCISA\) website;](https://www.ukcisa.org.uk/) <https://www.ukcisa.org.uk/> or
- contact the British Embassy in your country.

### **Student Route visa applicants**

If you are coming to study for more than six months you are required to come to the UK via the student route visa.

The immigration rules require you to prove that you can financially support yourself while studying in the UK; the required amount is £1,334 per month and an academic year is of nine months.

Note: Kingston University is considered INNER LONDON.

### **Visa process for Student Route visas**

Once you have been offered and have accepted your place on the Erasmus programme you will receive confirmation of a CAS statement. This process can take up to a month due to the

volume of applications. You will need to request this through the OSIS website. The CAS number will be confirmed in an email from the CAS team.

Students applying for entry clearance from outside of the UK should apply no earlier than three months of the course start date (end of June). If you use your CAS earlier than this, your visa application may be refused.

Find out about more about applying for entry clearance via the student route via - <https://www.kingston.ac.uk/international/visas-immigration-and-cas/>

*See also language requirements below*

### **Immigration Health Surcharge**

In addition to the Student Visa application fee, you will have to pay the **Immigration Health Surcharge (HIS)** as part of your application. This entitles you to use the National Health Service (NHS) if you become unwell or have an accident while studying in the UK. The HIS amount is generally £470 per year but you can double-check how much HIS you would need to pay before you apply by using the [immigration health surcharge tool](#).

### **Standard Visitor Visa applicants**

If you will be studying for less than six months you need to choose whether to come to the UK via a Standard Visitor Visa or the Student Route visa. You must check whether you are considered a visa national or not as this will affect what is mandatory and what is optional for you. Standard visitors are not permitted to work (whether paid, unpaid or an internship) and cannot extend their stay in the UK.

### **Visa process**

Once you have been offered and have accepted your place on the Erasmus programme, your faculty will provide you with a letter to bring with you to Customs upon your arrival, confirming your place on the programme.

### **Language Requirements**

It is assumed that when Erasmus students are nominated by their home university, this is on the basis of being sufficiently competent in English at level B1 of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages.

Since January 2021, if a Student Visa is required to enter the UK, formal proof of English language is required:

- *Undergraduate study* (Academic IELTS/Academic IELTS for UKVI): overall score of 6.0 with score of 5.5 in all elements.
- *Postgraduate study* (Academic IELTS/Academic IELTS for UKVI): overall score of 6.5 with score of 5.5 in all elements.

### **Module Directory**

See the information on this at:

<https://www.kingston.ac.uk/visitingstudents/erasmus/directory/>

## **Accommodation**

Students studying at Kingston for a complete academic year can apply for a room in our halls of residence. Alternatively they can ask for lodgings instead. Once accepted to study, we will send you application information by email.

In halls students share a flat with between two and nine other students, dependent upon which hall you choose. Flats are normally composed of both male and female students from a range of different backgrounds and courses.

Those studying at Kingston for a semester only are not eligible to apply for hall rooms, however can apply for lodgings.

This involves living with the owner in their house in a single room. You have:

a furnished bedroom, including a desk, chair and storage;  
access to the kitchen to prepare your meals;  
access to the bathroom; and  
bedding and cooking utensils/equipment.

Please remember that this is not the same as being placed with a host family, as students live separately from the householder.

All lodgings are advertised on [the KU Student Homes website](#).