

# **European Partner Fact Sheet**

## **General Information**

Name of institution	Queen Mary Ur	iversity of London (Queen Mary)
Contact details	Global Partnerships and Opportunities Team, Mile End Road, London, E1 4NS, United Kingdom	
	Contact:	
	study-abroad@qmul.ac.uk	
	Finding us on campus: <a href="https://www.qmul.ac.uk/international/global-opportunities/incoming-students/contact-us/">https://www.qmul.ac.uk/international/global-opportunities/incoming-students/contact-us/</a>	
Directory of modules	http://www.qmul.ac.uk/modules	
	The directory is usually updated around mid-May for the following year.	
Website and	http://www.qmul.ac.uk	
social media	https://www.qmul.ac.uk/international/global-opportunities/incoming-students/study-abroad-	
	<u>programme/</u>	
	Facebook	https://www.facebook.com/QMULStudyAbroad
	Х	https://x.com/qmulstudyabroad
	YouTube	https://www.youtube.com/QMULOfficial
	Bloggers	QMUL Global Bloggers
	Instagram	<u>qmulgo</u>

# **Immigration**

In the same way as students from the rest of the world, students from the EEA and Switzerland (with the exception of Irish citizens) need to have immigration permission coming to the UK.

Because students from the EEA and Switzerland are <u>non-visa nationals</u>, if their course at Queen Mary is 6 months or less, they can enter the UK as a Visitor. They need to apply for an <u>Electronic Travel Authorisation (ETA)</u> before they can travel. An ETA is a permission to travel, meaning students will not be able to travel (e.g. to board a plane / train) without one. Upon arriving in the UK, students will "apply" for permission to enter the UK as a Visitor, normally simply by passing the border through eGates.

Students must apply for a Student visa if either of the following is true:

Their course at Queen Mary is **longer than 6 months** (e.g. students coming for a full year); OR Their course contains an **internship / work placement** element (regardless of the course length).

Students coming for one semester (6 months or less) can choose which immigration permission to apply for – Visitor or Student.

Students whose nationality is not EEA / Swiss but who are a <u>visa national</u> will require a visa (be it a <u>Visitor visa</u> or <u>Student visa</u>) prior coming to the UK.

The Global Opportunities Team cannot advise on or answer any immigration queries. Please contact:

Advice and Counselling Service: <a href="http://www.welfare.qmul.ac.uk/contact">http://www.welfare.qmul.ac.uk/contact</a>

Website for information: <a href="https://www.welfare.qmul.ac.uk/international">https://www.welfare.qmul.ac.uk/international</a>



## **Calendar & Orientation**

The Queen Mary academic year is divided into two twelve-week semesters: autumn and spring.

Students coming to study with us for the autumn only are generally able to finish all assessments before Christmas. Students coming for the full year will have their autumn module exams in January and their spring and full-year module exams in May/June. Students coming for the spring only will also have their exams taking place throughout May/June.

The academic calendar is available here: http://www.gmul.ac.uk/about/calendar.

**Key dates are available here:** <a href="https://www.qmul.ac.uk/international/global-opportunities/incoming-students/study-abroad-programme/key-dates/">https://www.qmul.ac.uk/international/global-opportunities/incoming-students/study-abroad-programme/key-dates/</a>

**Orientation** takes place the week before teaching starts.

Full arrival details and the Orientation schedule are available on our incoming student pages under <u>Pre-arrival information</u>, during the weeks before the semester starts at. Our pre-departure Countdown Newsletter provides all incoming associate students with useful information about module selection, arrival, orientation and your time with us in London.

# **Module Selection & Learning Agreements**

Students will be asked to pre-register for modules (late-May/mid-June). Students at Queen Mary will be expected to take at least half of their modules within the School/Department owning the inter-institutional agreement. The other modules may be taken from within the wider Faculty.

Note: The School of English and Drama and The School of Languages, Linguistics and Film have merged to The School of the Arts.

If your school specific exchange is with one of those two schools and falls under the subject areas of Drama, Film, English, Comparative Literature, Linguistics or Languages, you can now take half of your modules from across the School of the Arts, previously known as the two separate schools, above.

Undergraduate level students cannot take postgraduate level modules and vice versa (due to different marking schemes). Students can only take modules from the level they have been nominated for (Bachelor or Master).

Finalising module selection: students will be able to add/drop modules in the first two weeks of the start of each semester.

Module registration FAQs can be found at: <a href="https://www.qmul.ac.uk/international/global-opportunities/incoming-students/study-abroad-programme/modules-transcripts--other-academic-information/module-registration/">https://www.qmul.ac.uk/international/global-opportunities/incoming-students/study-abroad-programme/modules-transcripts--other-academic-information/module-registration/</a>

#### **Credit load**

Students are required to take a total of 60 Queen Mary credits (=30 ECTS) during a semester. A typical Queen Mary module is worth 15 credits, although some may be worth 30 credits. Please check the module directory to see how many credits a module is worth.

One 15 credit module is equal to 7.5 ECTS credits.

### Learning Agreement (LA)

Students can only send their LA after their module pre-selection has been confirmed. The completed LA should be sent to <a href="mailto:study-abroad@qmul.ac.uk">study-abroad@qmul.ac.uk</a>. During busy periods please allow up to 14 days to receive a signed copy back.



# **Grading System & Credits**

Information on the Queen Mary **undergraduate** and **postgraduate** grading system are available here: https://www.qmul.ac.uk/registry-services/student-information/my-studies-/my-documents/gradintelligence-/available-documents/hear---your-digital-transcript/hear---understanding-your-transcript/

Queen Mary does not award ECTS credits. In our credit system, 15 Queen Mary credits are equal to 7.5 ECTS. Students would be requested to register for 60 Queen Mary credits (30 ECTS) per semester. A module is typically worth 15 credits, however there are some 30 credits modules. All modules are assessed.

# **English Language Requirements**

All students must meet the English language requirement for the Study Abroad Programmes.

Band 5: IELTS (Academic) minimum score of 7.0 overall with 6.0 in each of Writing, Listening, Reading, and Speaking

We also accept a range of accepted English tests and qualifications to demonstrate your level of English Language proficiency. Approved English language tests must have been taken within the validity date stated, which are measured against the proposed course start date.

Kindly note that we cannot accept anything that is not listed on the website as viable proof of English language ability.

# **Application**

Students should only submit an application to Queen Mary University of London after their home university has confirmed that they have been nominated to study at Queen Mary for an exchange. Students who apply for the programme with no nomination record will automatically be classed as fee-paying Study Abroad students and will be billed for their period of study.

The Undergraduate/Bachelor level exchange application forms are available on our 'Apply' webpage.

Students should click on 'Undergraduate programmes' and then: 'Undergraduate Associate (Autumn/ Spring Semester Only)' or 'Undergraduate Associate (Full Year)' depending on if you will be studying with us for one semester or one academic year. Students should click "Register" in the New Applicant window on the right to start their application.

Students who are coming to Queen Mary as Postgraduate/Master level exchange students will receive the application links direct from the Global Partnerships Opportunities team.

All applicants will have to fill out an online application form and upload the following supporting documents:

- Official transcript(s) in English (or official transcript[s] + certified English translation[s])
  Applicants must upload their up-to-date, official academic transcript(s) of records in English) for all years of higher education, completed and current. As all transcripts must be in English, applicants must provide both official transcript[s] and certified English translation[s] if the relevant institution/s of higher education do/ does not deliver in English.
- o Proof of English language qualifications.
- o Valid passport (photo page) (required validity: at least 6 months after the end of the exchange)

**Note**: you do not need to upload a letter of academic reference. Please upload a document that says, "Not needed for European exchange students."



### **Deadlines**

September start	31 May
January start	24 October

The Global Partnerships and Opportunities team processes complete applications within 1-2 weeks' time (sometimes longer) and students will receive an offer letter if accepted as an associate student at Queen Mary.

A Transcript of Records will be issued after exam boards have met. Transcripts will be issued around the end of February for autumn students and around mid-July for full year/spring students.

### **Health Care and Insurance**

Website for information	https://www.studenthealth.qmul.ac.uk/	
	https://www.qmul.ac.uk/newstudents/faqs/health	
	https://www.qmul.ac.uk/international/global-opportunities/incoming-students/study-	
	<u>abroad-programme/health-and-safety</u>	

#### **Medical treatment**

The National Health Service (NHS) is the UK's state healthcare system providing a wide range of health care services including appointments with a doctor, hospital treatment and dental care.

**Students coming for less than 6 months** (either as Visitor or with Student Immigration Permission) are advised to take out medical insurance and will be liable for NHS charges for the treatment they receive in the UK (except for in a medical emergency). Some countries have a reciprocal agreement with the UK which may entitle students to some free healthcare on the NHS, but students should seek advice from the health authorities in their home country about what treatment will be covered. EEA nationals should obtain a European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) and seek advice from the health authorities in their home country.

**Students coming for the full year** will be required to pay an immigration health surcharge (IHS) as part of their Student Immigration Permission application fee. This will entitle students to access NHS care in the UK at no additional cost. You may need to pay for dental and optical treatment as well as medicine prescribed by the doctor and collected from a pharmacy.

### **University Public Liability**

Incoming exchange students are covered by Queen Mary's Public Liability Policy after their arrival and <u>only while on Queen Mary campuses</u> or whilst engaged in Queen Mary business/activities and only for the duration of the exchange.

### Travel insurance

It is the responsibility of each student to arrange for insurance that covers return travel (the return journey to and from Queen Mary from the home country), repatriation, any additional activities, non-UK travel or leisure pursuits to be undertaken.

## Housing

Students from European partners are not **eligible** for Queen Mary campus accommodation. Queen Mary's Residential Services and Support Team will provide guidance to participants in finding alternative accommodation. Information and assistance can be provided by the following persons and information sources:

https://www.gmul.ac.uk/residences/alternative/privaterenting/



## **Additional Information**

Incoming students will be treated as full members of Queen Mary and will be granted the same access as home students to Queen Mary facilities. Queen Mary will make every effort to integrate incoming students into British student life by placing them in classes and small group tutorials with home students.

Students have access to the **Disability and Dyslexia Service** (DDS) (<a href="http://www.dds.qmul.ac.uk">http://www.dds.qmul.ac.uk</a>), which offers support for all students at Queen Mary with disabilities, specific learning difficulties and mental health issues. Queen Mary is committed to ensuring that all its facilities are fully accessible. (<a href="http://www.disabledgo.com/organisations/queen-mary-university-of-london">http://www.disabledgo.com/organisations/queen-mary-university-of-london</a>).

Queen Mary is committed to **equality and diversity** in its student and staff bodies and welcomes participants without discrimination to ethnic background, religious affiliation or lack thereof, sexual orientation, gender, or disadvantage (<a href="http://www.hr.qmul.ac.uk/equality">http://www.hr.qmul.ac.uk/equality</a>).

The **Advice and Counselling Service** at Queen Mary provides specialist, professional and confidential services to support students with financial, welfare, legal, emotional, and psychological issues. All their services are open to incoming students and more information can be found on their website: <a href="https://www.welfare.gmul.ac.uk">https://www.welfare.gmul.ac.uk</a>.

We offer a range of **QmElevate modules** which can help students to maximise their performance at Queen Mary and improve the quality of their academic assignments: English language and Study Skills modules. Find out more here: <a href="https://www.qmul.ac.uk/sllf/language-centre/qm-elevate/">https://www.qmul.ac.uk/sllf/language-centre/qm-elevate/</a>

Students also have access to **QMentoring**. QMentoring will pair you with a mentor with whom you can explore your career ideas, or if you are looking to acquire experience can help you gain a deeper understanding of a particular career or industry: <a href="https://www.qmul.ac.uk/careers/gain-experience/qmentoring/">https://www.qmul.ac.uk/careers/gain-experience/qmentoring/</a>

All associate students will be invited to become a Queen Mary Alumni: https://www.gmul.ac.uk/alumni/