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Liverpool Hope University Study Abroad and Exchange Guide 2018/19



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Welcome to Liverpool Hope's Study Abroad and International Exchange Guide. We hope you find this helpful and will be inspired to join us in Liverpool very soon.

Liverpool Hope is a small liberal arts university with a proud tradition of 170 years in higher education. With traditional education values at the core of our community, we offer a variety of one-semester courses from English Literature to Fine Art and Music to Business. We pride ourselves on our academic excellence and small group teaching. Alongside your academic studies we encourage you to do our Study Abroad Certificate in Service and Leadership. Through this you can volunteer in the local community which is a really great way to experience local life and meet local people.

We have a specialist International Hub which will support you through the admissions process, meet and greet you on arrival and provide a wide range of support and social activities for you while you are with us. It arranges trips to Chester, Wales and local places of interest.

Our Students' Union runs lots of different clubs, societies and musical groups, from Athletics, Soccer and Gaelic Football to a Creative Writing society. You can join these on arrival as they are a great way to meet our students and get involved in university life.

If you have any questions or would like further information please email us at studyabroad@hope.ac.uk. I look forward to meeting you on your arrival.

Dr Wendy Bignold
Associate Dean (International)





“ Overall this trip will affect me life-long from the memories, friendship and daring adventures it brought my way. So thank you Liverpool Hope University for this incredible opportunity! The things you showed and taught me about who I am and the all the world holds, forever blessed me and changed my life! ”

Study Abroad student



Why choose Liverpool Hope

We know that our students enjoy studying at Liverpool Hope University – the feedback we receive from them, combined with our outstanding student satisfaction results in national surveys, tell us so.

But what are the reasons you might choose Hope?

Academic and teaching excellence

As all of our academics are involved in research we have high academic standards. The 2017 Sunday Times Best University Guide rates us as 2nd in the UK for teaching quality.

Employment and learning opportunities

We offer a wide range of combined honours degrees so that you can select a course suitable for you and the career you want to pursue.

Student support

We get to know you as individuals so that we can help you to develop skills and interests outside your study area. At Liverpool Hope you will be part of a vibrant community that provides help and support to make sure that you get the best from university life.

Friendly campuses

At Liverpool Hope you live and study on campuses with beautiful grounds and architecture.

Our well-equipped smaller campuses mean that it's easier for you to get to know people, no-one gets lost in the crowd! There are lots of clubs and groups for you to get involved in.

A fabulous city

Being in one of Europe's most exciting cities our students have the best of everything, friendly, fun and safe campuses in a vibrant and exciting city. Liverpool offers students a massive variety of culture, entertainment, music and sport. From its historical waterfront, galleries and museums, to fantastic shopping centres, bars, bistros and cafes, its no wonder that people flock to the City from all over the world.

Our traditions and values

We are proud of our rich heritage but we are not stuck in the past. We combine the best of our history with contemporary and innovative thinking to provide you with a dynamic and caring university that looks to your future.

Living in Liverpool

Liverpool is a city like no other. From world famous architecture and magnificent museums, to music legends revolutionising popular culture, Liverpool has always been a hub of creativity.

Through spectacular festivals, dramatic sporting attractions and unique art, the city continues to be a gateway for UK culture, attracting millions of visitors every year. There is something for everyone in the city voted the friendliest in the UK (YouGov Poll, 2015).

Music

Liverpool is Europe's Capital of Music. It's impossible to imagine Liverpool without music – or music without Liverpool. Birthplace of The Beatles, the world's most famous pop group, the city is home to a host of first-class festivals, including Sound City, Liverpool International Music Festival, Africa Oye and Liverpool Loves. The world-leading dance festival Creamfields is held just outside the city each year and attracts some of the biggest DJs in the industry.

The city's Liverpool Echo Arena hosts everything from big name acts like Rihanna, Lady Gaga, Arctic Monkeys, Justin Bieber and Drake, to major entertainments events, including the MTV Europe Music Awards and the MOBO Awards.

There is also a thriving nightlife with all tastes catered for, from the latest clubs to 70s theme bars and live music venues.

Culture

Liverpool Hope has working relationships with a wide range of cultural venues around the city. Liverpool's many art galleries range from the Walker, which contains one of Europe's outstanding collections of fine and decorative art, to Tate Liverpool, one of the largest galleries of modern and contemporary art outside London.

Liverpool Empire Theatre attracts all the latest touring theatre productions, while the Playhouse, Everyman, Royal Court and Unity theatres offer a rich and varied programme of classic and contemporary productions. The University has its own performance venue, The Capstone Theatre, providing an international music and arts programme throughout the year and hosting the annual Liverpool International Jazz Festival.

The city also boasts an array of world-class museums, including the International Slavery Museum, Merseyside Maritime Museum and the Museum of Liverpool.


Sport

With the Grand National, golf and, of course, football, there are plenty of sporting events to keep even the most avid sports fan entertained. Liverpool is home to two Premier League football teams; what better place to come to watch the match?

Travel

Liverpool is ideally placed for visiting many historical and cultural towns and cities in the UK, such as Chester, York, North Wales, the Peak District and Lake District National Parks, Edinburgh (Scotland) and Dublin (Ireland).

Watch our film to see what our students love about our iconic city.

You  www.youtube.com/watch?v=VthJ_RJQZSE&t=2s



“ Since my arrival here I've had the great opportunity to travel most weekends. I've been to a few places throughout England such as London, Dover, and Chester. I have also been to Ireland, Spain, Scotland, Wales Italy and Germany. Weekend trips are incredible and have by far been my favourite experiences! ”

Study Abroad student



Hope Park

Liverpool Hope's main campus, Hope Park, is an educational village with places to live, work, study, eat and relax. The campus is situated in a pleasant suburb of Liverpool, just four miles from the city centre. Hope Park offers superb facilities in beautiful surroundings and a warm student welcome.

Massive investment of more than £50 million has been made in new buildings at Hope Park, so traditional architecture now sits beside contemporary buildings and facilities.

Facilities

Hope Park is a garden campus where traditional architecture and contemporary buildings and facilities sit within beautiful landscaped gardens.

There are several Catering outlets, with breakfast and lunch available from the main food court, Fresh Hope and several coffee shops selling delicious drinks and snacks across the campus. Students enjoy the laid back atmosphere of Our Place, a multi-functional social space with a pizza oven and bar, which doubles as a restaurant and a chill out space, with pool tables, a DJ podium, big screen and dance floor.

We even have a Convenience Store where you can buy your daily essentials, as well as newspapers, toiletries and pre-packed sandwiches and drinks.

Hope Chapel, the Sheppard-Worlock Library and our excellent Sports facilities complete the picture, including the recently completed Health Sciences Building plus massive investment in the New Sports Building, which is due to be opened in September 2016.

Hope Park Sports

Our brand new Hope Park Sports Complex opened in September 2016.

The £5.5 million investment has a number of features, including:

- Main sports hall with 6 courts and a viewing gallery
- Squash courts
- Gym and fitness rooms
- Strength and conditioning suites
- New cafe



The Creative Campus

The Creative Campus in Liverpool city centre is the home of our creative and performing arts subjects. Here you can learn your craft in the inspirational setting of Grade II listed buildings and state-of-the-art performance spaces. The University has invested £20 million in this campus, which includes two theatres, three dance studios, a music technology laboratory, a recording studio, and studios for painting, sculpture, wood, ceramics, metal and textiles.

The Cornerstone Building

The Cornerstone Building is home to the University's Drama, Dance and Performance Studies and Fine and Applied Art Departments, as well as The Cornerstone Gallery, which regularly holds shows of contemporary art, photography and sculpture. It includes fantastic facilities for the development of students' art work including studios, kilns, workshops and metalwork studios.

The centrepiece of The Cornerstone is The Great Hall, a stunning example of open space suitable for a multitude of events, including student exhibitions and guest lectures.

The Cornerstone Building also includes the Corner Shop and Lounge, as well as a café for students to meet and relax.

The Capstone Building

The Capstone Building is home to the University's Music Department and The Capstone Theatre, Liverpool Hope's dedicated performance venue, which provides an international music and arts programme throughout the year.

The Capstone is one of only six All-Steinway Schools in the UK. The Theatre is an acoustically excellent space housing a Steinway D Grand Piano, often described as the best piano in the world.

Since opening its doors in March 2010, The Capstone Theatre has staged concerts and performances by leading national and international musicians and artists, as well as student performances.

Angel Field

The Creative Campus's buildings are all set within the tranquil Angel Field. The Renaissance-style garden has won six design awards and was described by Country Life Magazine as '...one of the best examples of conceptual landscape design in the country'.



Development Opportunities

Certificate in Volunteering

The University encourages all of its students to seek out opportunities for volunteering. This is a fantastic addition to your CV or résumé and will provide you with a range of skills to prepare you for your future career, as well as giving you an opportunity to serve others.

Study Abroad students are encouraged to pursue the **Study Abroad Certificate in Service and Leadership**. This certificate of attendance recognises 10 hours of volunteering with local charities and other organisations during the semester. You will be invited to attend a range of leadership workshops to help you recognise and develop your leadership potential through the service you give.

Global Hope

Global Hope is the University's international volunteering charity with partner projects in India, Brazil, Peru, South Africa, Sri Lanka and Uganda currently. Teams of students and staff travel to these countries to work on specific projects such as teaching in a school or running a sports camp in an orphanage.

Full Year Study Abroad students are eligible to apply to be considered for a Global Hope project. If you are successful you will be provided with training in areas such as cultural issues and health and safety. You will be required to raise funds to cover your travel and visa expenses and some other costs.

British Life Course

The British Life course gives you an opportunity to develop your understanding of life in the UK. As part of the course you will visit local places of interest, such as the Liverpool Cathedrals.

Plas Caerdeon

The University owns Plas Caerdeon Outdoor Education Centre in Snowdonia. The 80 bed centre offers a wide range of residential courses. As part of your studies you may have the opportunity to visit this beautiful woodland setting on field trips, environment and biological research excursions or art workshops. The Centre also delivers team building courses, often including mountaineering, kayaking and other outdoor activities.





Student Support and Well-being

Starting university is the beginning of a new and exciting phase of your life and we are here to support and guide you from the moment you arrive until after you graduate.

The Gateway Building at Hope Park is the place to go with any questions you may have. It is here that the Student Support and Well-being team is on hand to help you with everything from financial queries to careers advice and health concerns.

Student Support and Well-being provides a one-stop service and addresses all aspects of your pastoral care through the Gateway in an integrated way, without passing you between different departments. This includes everything from support with welfare and benefits queries, access to counselling services or just a listening ear if you need to talk. We also have a dedicated Dean of Students, Dr Penny Haughan. Her responsibility is to oversee the whole student experience, to ensure our students are given a voice and you are supported throughout your time with us. Our priority is to make your time at Liverpool Hope an enjoyable and successful experience and we offer you help in many ways.

Academic Support


In addition to the support you will receive from your Tutors, we have a student-run service called The Peer Academic Writing Mentors.

This is a team of Masters and PhD students who are trained to offer friendly support to help you to develop your own approach to academic writing, guidance in essay planning, help in understanding assignment feedback, plus techniques and useful resources to help you gain confidence as a writer.

The International Hub

The Hub is a support and information base, where a variety of welcome and social events are organised for you. You will be sent information before arrival, helped with selecting your courses, met at the airport, greeted on arrival in your accommodation, shown around the local area and the city centre and offered a comprehensive Orientation Programme. Our staff will guide you through the initial tasks, such as finding your way around campus, opening a bank account or registering for a Doctor and help with any academic issues or course changes.

The Liverpool Hope International Buddies Facebook group acts as a forum for new students to ask questions and meet their peers before they even arrive in the UK. Study Abroad and Exchange



students will be invited to join the International Buddies groups once their application has been approved.

Day Trips

We offer a package of fantastic day trips each semester. For only £99 you will have the opportunity to join the International Hub team on three coach trips, to take place on Saturdays so you do not miss any classes. These are not attached to your course, so are a chance to relax and have fun, but can also be informative and educational in their own way. Join us to see some of the most beautiful and interesting parts of the UK, such as historic castles, beautiful countryside and stately homes. Book via the University's online store at store.hope.ac.uk

Support for Students with a Disability

The University is committed to providing a positive experience to both prospective and current students who may have additional support requirements. Assistance is available to identify what reasonable adjustments can be made to ensure that you get the most from your studies.

Students can access advice and assistance from the University's Learning Support Team, who provide advice and assistance to students with disabilities including, dyslexia, visual or hearing impairments, mental health difficulties, or mobility impairments. The level and type of support provided may differ from what you may be receiving in your home University. For more information ask for a copy of the Leaflet 'Supporting International Students'.

The student counselling service provides assistance to students experiencing personal issues. Support is available in areas including loneliness, feelings of isolation, confidence, self-esteem, relationships and general feelings of well-being.

For more information, please contact Student Development and Well-being at sdw@hope.ac.uk

Chaplaincy

The Chaplaincy is a safe and peaceful space where the staff will support and encourage you during your time at Liverpool Hope. The Chaplaincy is a vibrant place where you can meet new people from throughout the world and where there is a genuine sense of community – check out the £1 Lunch on Mondays where students and staff come together to eat and chat over some delicious organic food.

There are several faith-based societies you can join and the Chaplaincy Team and Societies collaborate on several events and trips throughout the year, including an annual 'pilgrimage' abroad.

Student Union

We are very proud of our partnership with the Students' Union at Liverpool Hope. We work together to ensure that every student is given the chance to share their views and that these opinions are taken into consideration in everything the University does.

For more information about the Students' Union, visit: www.hopesu.com



“ I lived in Aigburth where we had our own rooms, but shared a flat with seven other international students. We cooked together, ate together, hung out, watched movies; it's nice having your own room but nice being in a flat with other people. I've learned a lot about different cultures just by living with people from different countries and I feel a lot more worldly even though I had just been living in Liverpool for three months – I've learned a lot about the world. ”

Study Abroad student



Accommodation

Living in student accommodation at Liverpool Hope is a fantastic way for you to become part of the University's community. You will be expected to take responsibility for your academic engagement and appropriate behaviour during your time in residential accommodation, and in return you will be offered support and guidance. Most importantly of all, you will become part of a welcoming community who live together as part of the Hope 'family'.

All of our accommodation is overseen by Senior Resident Tutors, who live on campus with you and act as mentors during your time in Halls. The SRT's will be available to provide advice and guidance and will organise social events in your common room, such as quizzes, pizza nights, watching football and soccer matches and celebrating Halloween, Christmas, St Patrick's Day and Easter. These events are free to attend and are a great way to meet new people.

Our student rooms are conveniently located at Aigburth Park, which is popular due to its proximity to the city centre plus the excellent local facilities.

Study Abroad students are guaranteed a room in Halls and will be offered a room at Aigburth Park Student Village which is fully owned and staffed by Liverpool Hope. The location is approximately three miles from the main teaching campus, Hope Park and a free shuttle bus is provided to get you to classes.

Study Abroad students studying at the Creative Campus can apply to live at that campus, or live at Aigburth Park and commute - the shuttle bus is available at certain times, but students may sometimes have to use public transport.

Exchange students are not guaranteed accommodation in Halls, but can apply and if successful, will also be accommodated at Aigburth Park, in a flat with shared bathrooms.

Aigburth Park is a suburb of Liverpool, near to schools, churches and parkland. It is only a short bus or train journey to the city centre and is popular with international students who want to explore the numerous museums, galleries and docklands area, not to mention the shops, restaurants, bars and music venues!

All rooms are single occupancy (no sharing) and have a single bed, wardrobe, storage facilities and study area. Students will be given the choice of either a standard room with a shared bathroom or a superior room with an ensuite bathroom (additional charge applicable). Everyone has access to a shared, fully fitted kitchen where you can prepare and cook meals.

At Aigburth Park you will find great communal facilities, including a large common room with pool table, table tennis and vending area, plus a laundry, computer/printing room and Reception services, all set in a lovely garden and overseen by 24 hour security staff.

Please note: all students, even if guaranteed a room, **MUST** make an application for accommodation using the online form at www.hope.ac.uk/halls. The application process opens at the end of April each year. Room offers will be sent by email and offers should be formally accepted which may require paying the deposit of £200 (returnable after departure).



Fees

We offer a great value Study Abroad package. The package fee for semester programme students is a set price and includes the following:

- Advice and guidance on course choices
- 1-to-1 Skype meetings with members of the International Hub to answer any questions you have prior to application
- Support with your application
- Pre-departure briefings and guides
- An orientation programme on arrival
- Airport collection from Manchester International airport
- Academic Tuition, including being taught in a small group of just 10 to 15 students to 1 tutor, normally once a week
- Single room accommodation
- A bedding pack (duvet, sheets, pillow and pillow cases)
- A shared kitchen and a common room
- A meal card to use anywhere on campus pre-loaded, with the equivalent of one main meal a day, Monday to Friday, during term time

How much you will pay

Information on prices for the Study Abroad Package is available on the website at www.hope.ac.uk/international/partnershipsstudyabroadexchange/studyabroad/feesandsemesterdates/

Information about Exchange Packages including Accommodation and catering is available on request from internationalhub@hope.ac.uk



Choosing your courses at Liverpool Hope

We offer an exciting choice of academic courses in our Course Catalogue – you can find a copy at <http://www.hope.ac.uk/international/partnershipsstudyabroadexchange/>.

Courses are available at all three undergraduate study years – for simplicity we will call these Years 1, 2 and 3 – these are similar to the European model.

- **Year 1** is the equivalent of Freshman year in the USA
- **Year 2** is the equivalent of Sophomore or Junior year in the USA
- **Year 3** is the equivalent of Senior year in the USA

You can choose courses at any study level, however to avoid timetable clashes, we advise you to follow the instructions in the Catalogue.

The courses will have a value of 15 or 30 UK credits, so you can choose exactly how to make up your required credits (see below). Its flexible and exciting and you will have plenty of choice. Please check your selections with your University's International Office to make sure that they comply with your University's requirements, before submitting them to us.

Full Year students

If you are studying with us for a full academic year and wish to take a mixture of subjects, you can choose classes from both the Semester One and Semester Two listings in the Course Catalogue, totalling 120 credits across the year.

Alternatively, if you are studying with us for a full academic year in a single subject, you can join the full academic year of one of our three year undergraduate courses – this gives you the opportunity to take the full timetable of classes in either a single or dual honours degree and be assessed by an examination at the end of the year. Remember that undergraduate students in the UK only study one or two subjects over a three-year period, so this gives you the chance to delve deeply into your chosen area of study, in the company of UK students who are passionate about their subject. Details of the undergraduate courses available can be found using the Course Finder on our home page at www.hope.ac.uk

One Semester Students

You will need to choose courses which total 60 credits across the semester.

You can choose courses from the relevant semester in the Course Catalogue. You can either choose a single subject or a range of different subjects.

What to expect from your study program

You will be taught in one of three class settings:

- Lectures – large groups of up to 200 students in a large lecture theatre with a formal presentation by an expert in the area of study
- Seminars – less formal sessions with smaller groups working with a Tutor on a task or activity that links to material from the Lecture series
- Tutorials – small groups which are often student-led sessions, discussing and learning in a supportive environment

Study in the UK is based on a system of teaching and independent research. We do not have daily or weekly quizzes and tests and you can expect fewer classes than you may have experienced at home. This allows time for you to study in the Library or at various study areas around campus, looking deeply into your chosen subjects and drawing your own conclusions and theories, supported by referenced academic texts. Your professors will guide and advise you.

Assessment will normally be by written papers, practical sessions or presentations, where you will be expected to produce a high level of academic writing.

Year 1 courses have more taught classes and will have a slightly easier assessment, whereas Year 2 and 3 courses may have less contact time, more emphasis on personal research and more challenging assessments.

Submitting your course choices

You should complete the Course Selections form and return it to internationalhub@hope.ac.uk within two weeks of receiving your offer of a place on the Study Abroad or Exchange Program.

The Course Selections form has four sections – please complete **only one section** from the first three, plus the fourth section.

If we detect a timetable clash from your first choices, we will make a replacement from your reserve choices.

We will confirm your course choices before you travel, but may not be able to provide your timetable/schedule until after arrival.

Additional Courses

We sometimes have some last-minute additions to the Catalogue, so it's always worth asking if you need a course which is not listed in the Catalogue. We are always happy to check for you and offer suitable alternatives.



Applying for Study Abroad

Entry Requirements

Students should normally be registered undergraduates in a recognised university or college who are in good academic standing and who have:

- A minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 ('B' average) or results of an equivalent standard (please provide your latest official transcript)
- One academic letter of reference from your home institution – this must be from your Professor.

It is expected that you will normally be studying with us in your sophomore, junior or senior year but students in other years will also be considered.

Student Application Deadlines

Applications for September 2018 starts.

1. Nominations by home University by 27th April 2018
2. Applications to be received by the 31st May 2018 - late applications will be considered
3. Offers will be made within two weeks of receiving application
4. Course Choice forms to be submitted within two weeks of Offer

Applications for January 2019 starts.

1. Nominations by home University by 31st October 2018
2. Applications to be received by the 16th November 2018 - late applications will be considered
3. Offers will be made within two weeks of receiving application
4. Course Choice forms to be submitted within two weeks of Offer

Applying

Download the Liverpool Hope Study Abroad Application form from the Study Abroad section of our website and fill it out. Submit your application with a letter of reference from one of your professors. You can email electronic copies to internationalhub@hope.ac.uk. Attach a scanned copy of your passport photo page.

You can apply to Liverpool Hope even if there isn't an existing study abroad agreement with your school. All you need to do is work with your home university to make sure the courses that you take here at Liverpool Hope will transfer back. Just apply as above, and contact us if you have any questions or need any help!

Visa

If you are a EU/EEA national, you do not need a visa to study in the UK.

If you are a non-EU/EEA national, you will need a visa to study in the UK. If you are studying for more than six months, you will require a Tier 4 Student Visa. If you are studying for less than six months, you will require a Short-term Student Visa.

For further information and to check if you are eligible to apply for a Short-term Student Visa at the Port of Entry, please go to the **Home Office Immigration and Visas** website at www.gov.uk/study-visit-visa/overview

Applying for International Exchange

If you are currently studying with one of our Partner Institutions, you may be eligible to apply for the International Exchange Programme at Liverpool Hope for one semester or a full year. Applications are subject to availability of places, which are limited in number.

You will study alongside our Study Abroad students and will benefit from the same course choices, pastoral care and campus facilities.

Please follow the deadline dates for application in the **Student Application Deadlines** section above.

Please note that if you live in Halls of Residence on campus (recommended), you will pay an compulsory International Exchange Package fee – details on request, or on our web pages

For details of how to apply to be an Exchange student at Liverpool Hope, please visit our website at www.hope.ac.uk/international/partnershipstudyabroadexchange/

If you have any questions or need any help, please email the International Hub at internationalhub@hope.ac.uk. We will be happy to email you back or Skype with you if you prefer.



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