

Edinburgh College

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# WELCOME

## We are here to support all of our International Students at Edinburgh College

Edinburgh, Scotland's beautiful capital, is a great city for students. With its international population, famous architecture, and year-round festivals and events you will soon feel right at home. In fact, Edinburgh was voted the best student city in the UK in 2018 and the second best city in the world for quality of life.

Edinburgh College has a great reputation with students because of the range of courses you can study here, the excellent support services available to you, and the welcoming environment of the College. Our four campuses have some great facilities including gyms, a pool, libraries and restaurants, and are located within easy reach of the city centre. So, whether you are on or off-campus, there is always plenty to do.

By studying with us, you can reach your academic goals and gain new experiences at one of the UK's leading colleges. You can choose from a wide range of subjects and achieve qualifications that will help improve your future

job opportunities. You will also gain practical life skills and have a fun and memorable experience. Whatever you wish to study – from English language, business, engineering or design - our International Team will be there to support you. Whether you need help with your course application, finding accommodation, visa advice or even a restaurant recommendation, our friendly team are available to assist.

This prospectus is designed to help you understand the courses we offer and to give you more information about studying with us. Once you have read this, please get in touch by phone, email or Skype to talk to us about how we can help you achieve your goals and build the future you want.

We look forward to welcoming you to Edinburgh College and helping you to make the most of the excellent opportunities that are available to you here.

**Sarah Gore**

**International Business Manager**



# ABOUT EDINBURGH

Welcome to Edinburgh, Scotland's capital city and one of the world's top student destinations.

## What makes Edinburgh such a great place to study?

In 2018, Edinburgh was ranked "the best place to live and study in the UK", and was rated the second best city in the world for excellent quality of life.<sup>1,2</sup>



### Historic Capital

You can visit the world famous Edinburgh Castle, or take a walk down the historic cobbled streets of the Old Town. Throughout the city you can also discover fascinating museums and galleries.



### Student City

Edinburgh has a large student population as it is home to Edinburgh College and also four universities. It is a fantastic place to study with lively bars, clubs and restaurants across the city centre.



### Culture

The city has an amazing variety of visitor activities including historic sites, landmarks and statues, nature and parks, cultural tours, religious sites and places of worship, and many more points of interest for you to explore.



### Festivals

Edinburgh hosts 12 major festivals every year with over 25,000 performers and 4.2 million visitors from over 70 countries. Our top picks are the summer's International Fringe Festival and Edinburgh's Hogmanay celebrations at New Year. These were both voted Event and Final Destination of the year.<sup>3</sup>



# COLLEGE CAMPUSES



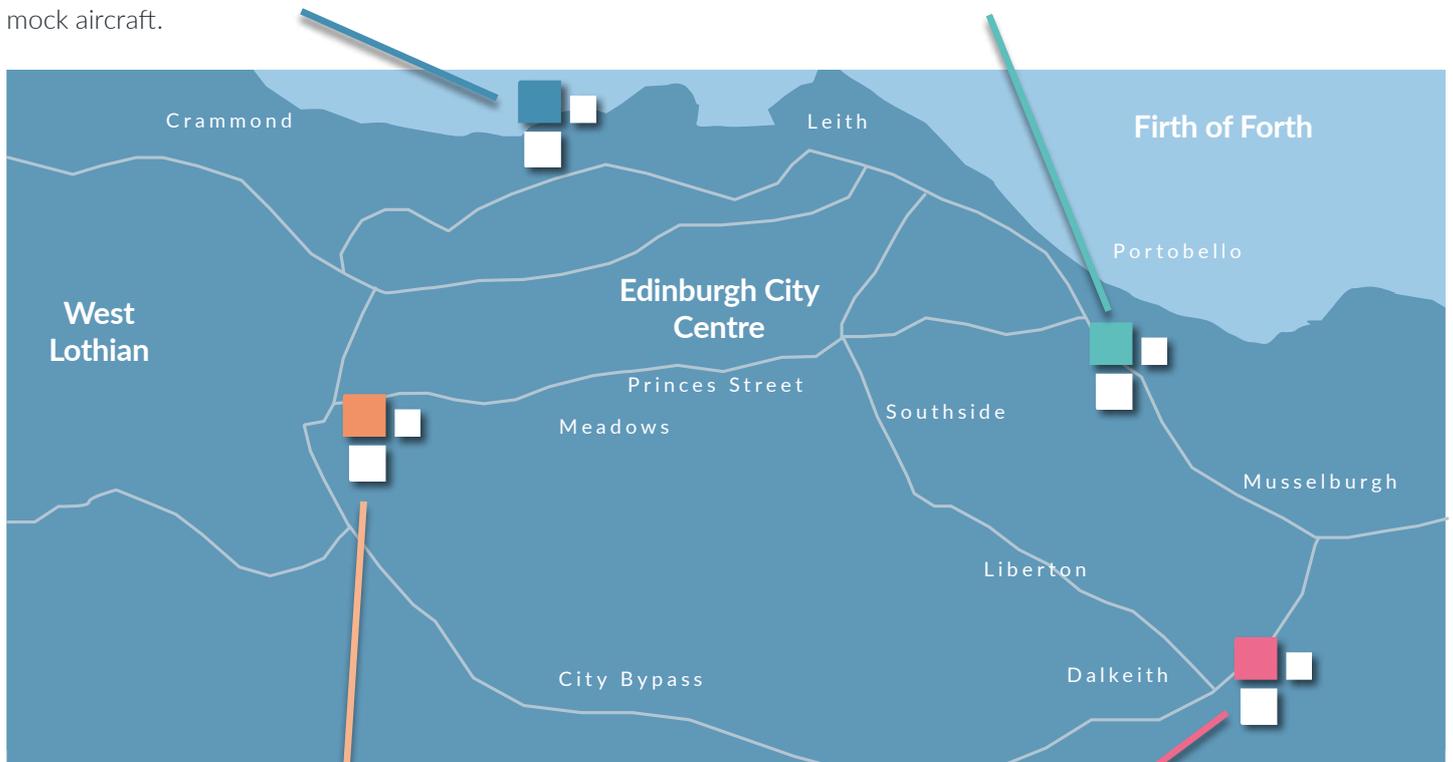
## Granton Campus

Based in the North of Edinburgh, our Granton Campus is a modern, accessible building, packed with state of the art facilities. Granton Campus is home to one of the biggest departments for art and design in Scotland, and our very own Performing Arts Studio Scotland (PASS) theatre and mock aircraft.



## Milton Road Campus

The Milton Road Campus is based in the East of Edinburgh close to the City Bypass. At Milton Road you will find our CRE:8 centre for musicians and sound engineers, as well as a 96 seat auditorium, health and fitness centre, swimming pool, training salon and training restaurant.



## Sighthill Campus

Along the tram route in the West of Edinburgh, Sighthill Campus is home to the Music Box for budding musicians and sound producers and our Centre for Sport and Exercise. This is where most of our international students study English.



## Midlothian Campus

Our Midlothian Campus in Dalkeith has state of the art facilities such as an Oil Production Platform Simulator, a solar meadow teaching centre and specialist engineering and construction workshops.





# DISCOVER SCOTLAND

Edinburgh is the perfect base to explore Scotland, a country famous for its beautiful scenery, history and culture. From Edinburgh you can visit other major Scottish cities such as Glasgow and Aberdeen, take a trip to see the stunning mountains and lochs (lakes) in the Highlands or visit one of Scotland's beaches along the coastline or one of our 790 islands.



## Getting around

Edinburgh is also an ideal base to explore the UK and beyond. From Edinburgh International Airport you can fly to London in just an hour and a half, visit some of Europe's most popular cities including Paris and Barcelona and fly to many international destinations including Beijing, Abu Dhabi and New York. With excellent rail and bus links throughout the UK, Edinburgh is the perfect place to begin your journey.

## Edinburgh is only ...

**1.5 hours** from London

**1.5 hours** from Amsterdam

**2 hours** from Paris

**8 hours** from Dubai

**11 hours** from Beijing



## Stirling Castle

Just 50 minutes from Edinburgh



## Scotland's Highland Games

Dancers, traditional games and food.



## The Jacobite Steam Train

Used in many Hollywood movies including Harry Potter.



## Ben Nevis

The UK's highest mountain.



Eilean Donan Castle  
Dornie, Kyle of Lochalsh



# STUDENT SUPPORT

We know that studying abroad is a big step and at Edinburgh College we pride ourselves on our support for international students. With years of experience welcoming international students and professionals to Edinburgh College, our team understand your needs and we are here to help. From your initial enquiry to the day you graduate we will be happy to help.

## Application and Admission Support

Not sure what course to study or level to apply for? We can help. Our support team are able to offer guidance on courses available to make sure you make the right decision for your future.

## Help with Visa Applications

Our support team can assist you in applying for your visa. From advising on the correct visa to apply for, to ensuring everything is in place before you apply.

## Airport Pick-ups

We offer a pick-up service where our friendly staff will welcome you when you first arrive in Edinburgh and help you settle in to the city.

## Induction Programme

We run comprehensive induction events prior to you beginning your studies. Involving trips in Edinburgh and around Scotland, this is the perfect way for you to make the city your home and to meet other students.

## Social Programme

We organise regular trips and social events throughout the year, to help you see more of Scotland and get to know other students at the College.

## Volunteering Opportunities

The International Team run a Volunteer for Success programme, connecting international students with local community volunteering opportunities. Volunteering with a local charity or public sector organisation is a great opportunity to develop your skills, enhance your CV, meet new people, practise your English and help those in need.

## Accommodation Advice

Our dedicated accommodation staff will assist you in finding the right accommodation for you from our student residences, homestay and private accommodation in Edinburgh.

## Academic Guidance

Throughout your time at the College you will receive support to make sure you get the most out of your studies and achieve your ambitions.

## University Application

If you wish to continue your studies at university we will be happy to support you with your university application.

Our dedicated team is available to support you and ensure that you have a great experience at Edinburgh College.

Please contact us with your support queries:



[international@edinburghcollege.ac.uk](mailto:international@edinburghcollege.ac.uk)



(+44) 131 297 9995



# STUDENT VISAS

Many international students need a visa to study in the UK and our International Team will assist you in your visa application to study at Edinburgh College. There are 3 main visa types for students applying for a visa outside of the UK.

## Student Route (formerly known as Tier 4 General Student Visa)

For students 16 years old or over. Study for up to 2 years below degree level (SCQF levels 6, 7 and 8). You must have sufficient funds in your bank account and meet the minimum English language requirements by taking a Secure English Language Test (SELT) with a UKVI approved provider.

You are permitted to work up to 10 hours per week during term-time and full-time during College holidays. In most cases, you must apply for your visa in your home country or in a country where you have permanent residence. You can extend your visa from within the UK if you are continuing your studies at a Higher Education provider. The International Team can provide advice and assistance on applications and extensions.

## Visitor Visa

For students 16 years old and over. Study for up to 6 months on any type of short course (full-time or part-time). No minimum English language requirements.

You are not permitted to work whilst in the UK. If you are 16-17 years old you will need to provide additional information including a letter from your parent/guardian confirming details of your care and accommodation arrangements in the UK. Nationals of certain countries can apply on arrival in the UK, others must apply online and attend an appointment at a visa application centre in advance. Please contact the International Team for advice and assistance.

## Short-Term Study Visa

For students 16 years old and over. Study an English Language course only for between 6-11 months. No minimum English language requirements.

You are not permitted to work whilst in the UK. You must leave the UK within 30 days after the end of your course, or on or before the date your visa ends, whichever is the earliest – you cannot extend your visa in the UK for more studies. You must apply online and attend an appointment at a visa application centre before you arrive in the UK.

### IMPORTANT

There may be sudden changes to visa rules. Always check the official UK Government website before you submit your visa application:



The College may ask to inspect your visa application documents, including bank statements, to ensure you are making the application correctly and have provided all the necessary information.

## For more information



Contact our team  
[international@edinburghcollege.ac.uk](mailto:international@edinburghcollege.ac.uk)



# ACCOMODATION

At Edinburgh College we have several accommodation options. So whether you would like to stay with other students from the UK and across the world in our student residences, or enjoy the home comforts of staying with a family in Edinburgh, at Edinburgh College we have the home for you.



Living on campus is the ideal way to make new friends and get the full student experience. Edinburgh College offers student accommodation at two campuses:

## Milton Road Campus

The college has a purpose-built residential complex at our Milton Road Campus.



You can download an application form from:  
[edinburghcollege.ac.uk/accommodation](https://edinburghcollege.ac.uk/accommodation)

## Granton Campus

Students can also apply for accommodation at our Granton Campus, provided through CRM Students.



Please fill out the online application form at  
[crm-students.com](https://crm-students.com)

## Homestay

Homestay is a great way of experiencing the culture and language and is ideal for international students staying in Edinburgh. We have rooms in flats and homes that are available all over Edinburgh. Costs can vary depending on self-catering or half board (dinner & breakfast provided) options and all utility bills are included in the cost.

## Private Student Residences

Private student halls of residence in Edinburgh are run by private companies and may be more expensive than accommodation provided by the College. However, the location may be more suitable for some students. Please make sure you read through your tenancy agreements and contracts that you are signing.



## Students' Association

Edinburgh College

At Edinburgh College we put our students at the heart of everything we do. It's your voice we listen to, it's your choices we act on, and we are here to represent you.

As soon as you enrol at Edinburgh College, you become a member of Edinburgh College Students' Association (ECSA) – awarded the College Students' Association of the Year 2017 by the National Union of Students (NUS).

We make sure your voice is heard through the class rep system, allowing you to put your ideas across to the college at all levels. This means you can make a real difference as a student.

If you have an issue with any aspect of your college life such as funding, bursaries or academic problems, we're here to help.

We have offices at each campus, so we're available wherever you study. The team is made up of three full-time officers – students who have been elected to work full-time representing you for one year. The full-time officers are supported by a team of four staff who keep things running.



For more information visit  
**[ecsa.scot](http://ecsa.scot)**



## Training Salons

Students can book into our modern on-campus hair, beauty and barbering salons at Milton Road and Granton campuses which offer treatments using well-known brands including Elemis, Wella and Dermalogica. Our training salons allow students to practice and gain the valuable skills needed for working in the industry.



[edinburghcollege.ac.uk/Salons](https://edinburghcollege.ac.uk/Salons)



[edinburghcollegehairbeautybarber](https://edinburghcollegehairbeautybarber)



## Training Restaurants

Dine in one of our training restaurants - The Apprentice (Granton) or eh15 (Milton Road). Try top quality dishes prepared by our trainee chefs before they start working in some of the best restaurants in the country. Support our students with great value meals on campus.



For information visit

[edinburghcollege.ac.uk/Restaurants](https://edinburghcollege.ac.uk/Restaurants)



## Waterfront Nursery

The Waterfront Nursery at our Granton Campus provides quality childcare for children from birth to 5 years.



For more information visit

[waterfrontnursery.co.uk](https://waterfrontnursery.co.uk)



## Gyms

Milton Road, Sighthill and Granton campuses have fully equipped gyms that can be used by students. Take advantage of qualified personal trainers, fitness classes and spa facilities at the Club, at Milton Road.



the Club  
[theclubedinburgh.com](https://theclubedinburgh.com)



Sighthill & Granton Gyms  
[edinburghcollege.ac.uk/sighthillandgrantongym](https://edinburghcollege.ac.uk/sighthillandgrantongym)



## Food & Drink

Coffee shops and canteens are located on every campus. You can grab a quick coffee before class or hang out with friends during lunchtimes and have a bite to eat.



## Libraries

There are libraries and resource centres on all campuses, which provide you with the use of PCs and a place to study when at college. Moodle, our virtual learning environment, can be accessed anywhere with internet access.

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## More info

College facilities can also be hired for events, meetings and conferences.

[edinburghcollege.ac.uk/venuehire](https://edinburghcollege.ac.uk/venuehire)



# OUR SUBJECT AREAS



## Creative Industries

- Art & Design
- Broadcast Media & Photography
- Computing
- Music & Sound Production
- Performing Arts



## Health, Wellbeing & Social Science

- Access & Continuing Education (ACE)
- Childhood Practice
- Health Professions & Social Services
- Advanced Higher, Higher & National 5
- Social Science
- Sport & Fitness



## Engineering & Built Environment

- Automotive Engineering
- Built Environment
- Construction Trades
- Electrical Engineering
- Engineering
- Science



## Tourism, Hospitality & Business

- Enterprise and Commerce
- ESOL
- ESOL (Community Based)
- Hair & Beauty
- Modern Languages
- Professional Cookery & Hospitality
- Retail & Events
- Travel & Tourism





# ENGLISH LANGUAGE COURSES

Edinburgh College provides international students with a flexible English language learning programme, from beginner to advanced level.



## General English

This course is designed to increase your confidence with English language, to improve your grammar and pronunciation, and to help you practise your language skills in a range of everyday situations. Suitable for beginner to higher intermediate level, there is a focus on developing your spoken English, as well as building your vocabulary. Students will receive an Edinburgh College certificate on completion.

Depending on your level, you may be able to enter for SQA National Qualification English for speakers of other languages (ESOL). Units at Access 2, Access 3 and Intermediate 1, or a Cambridge English examination such as First Certificate in English (FCE). The cost of Cambridge exams is not included in the course fees.

**Courses start:** January & August

**Duration:** Between 18 weeks and 1 year

## Academic English

This course is appropriate for you if you want to improve your use of English for entry to university or further study. The course aims to help you improve by one IELTS band level over an academic year.

The course will develop your reading, writing, listening, speaking and independent study skills in an academic context. You will complete the SQA Higher ESOL qualification and prepare for the IELTS test as part of your course. The IELTS exam fee is not included in the cost of the course.

**Courses start:** January & August

**Duration:** Between 18 weeks and 1 year



## English Language Summer School

Our Summer School offers varied, interesting and challenging English programmes in a friendly environment. Classes are suitable for students of all levels from Elementary to Advanced. Students can join our popular social programme which includes exciting social activities and visits to places of cultural and historical interest around Scotland.

All students follow the core programme of General English and are taught in classes with other students with a similar level of English ability. Students can also study additional English Plus or IELTS Preparation classes.

**Courses start:** July–August

**Duration:** Between 2 weeks and 8 weeks

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There are several benefits to studying English at Edinburgh College. I think that the most important is the high quality of the teachers and the methods used to teach English are the best. Edinburgh College has the best environment and facilities to achieve your goal to learn English"

**DANNY GUILLERMO  
CANAS ROJAS  
ACADEMIC ENGLISH STUDENT**



# ACADEMIC COURSES

Edinburgh College has a lot of learning options within different industry sectors, these can be studied at access level with progression to higher educational programmes.



## Access Courses

We offer a range of access courses for students who are planning to study on one of our HNC courses, or go on to university, but who do not currently meet the academic entry requirements. All introductory access courses are Level 6 on the Scottish Credit & Qualifications Authority (SCQF) framework, and lead to Level 7 (HNC).

**Courses start:** August & January

**Duration:** 6 months or 1 year

## Higher Education Programmes (HNC/HND)

The Higher National Certificate (HNC) and Higher National Diploma (HND) are advanced qualifications equivalent to the 1st or 2nd year of undergraduate study at university. Edinburgh College has partnerships with many UK universities which allow you to progress to the 2nd or 3rd year of a degree course on successful completion of an HNC/HND.

Our students have successfully gone on to complete degrees at universities including Heriot-Watt University, University of Aberdeen, University of Stirling, Edinburgh Napier University, Queen Margaret University and Glasgow Caledonian University.

**Courses start:** August & January (for fast-track HNCs)

**Duration:** HNC: 1 year & HND: 2 years



## Progression from English Language Courses to Academic Courses

You may be able to progress onto our Academic courses once you have successfully completed either:

- General English\*
- Academic English

Please be aware you must have the correct visa status in order to attend further study and you must meet the following entry requirements:

- International English Language Testing System (IELTS) at 5.5 (in all areas) or equivalent
- **OR** First Certificate in English (FCE) at Grade B or equivalent
- **OR** English SQA National 5 at Grade B or equivalent

\*An in-college English assessment will need to be taken in order to assess your level of English.

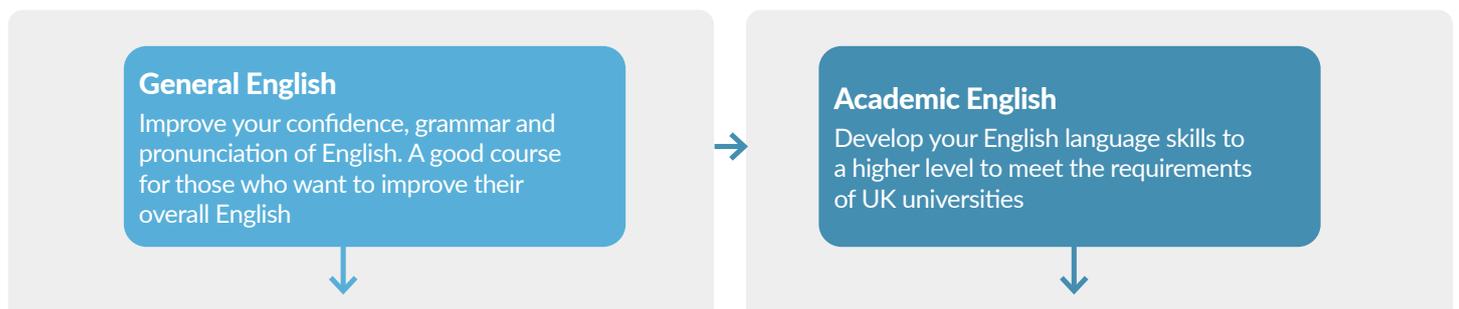


# PROGRESSION ROUTES

As an international student Edinburgh College is a great place to begin the journey to reach your goals. Whether you want to gain a qualification to get your dream job or to earn your degree at university, our International Team are here to help find the right course for you.

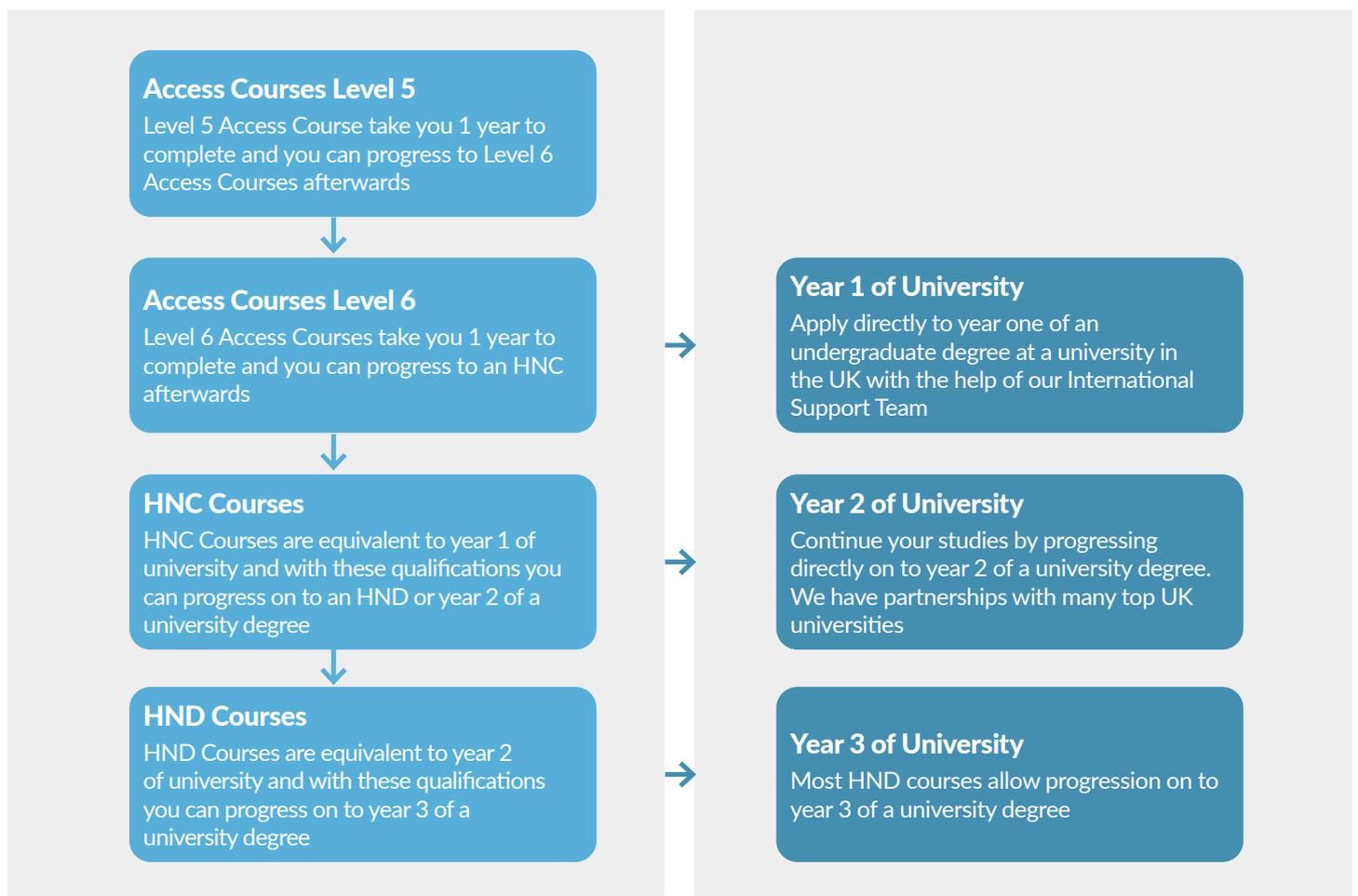
## English Language Courses

Please note this is dependant on your entry requirements and visa status.



## Academic Courses → University

All UK universities have slightly different entry requirements. If you require a visa to study in the UK, some progression routes may not be available to you. Please speak to the International Team for more information.





# HOW DO I APPLY?

Here is a guide to how you can apply to study at Edinburgh College.

## Browse our courses online

View our courses online. Our International Team are here to help you find the right course.



For more information visit [edinburghcollege.ac.uk/international](https://edinburghcollege.ac.uk/international)

## Complete Application Form

Fill out your application form at [edinburghcollege.ac.uk/international/apply](https://edinburghcollege.ac.uk/international/apply). Attach copies of your supporting documents including your educational certificates and IELTS results.

Send to: [international@edinburghcollege.ac.uk](mailto:international@edinburghcollege.ac.uk)

## Interview

All applicants will be asked to participate in a Skype interview with College staff.

## Conditional Offer

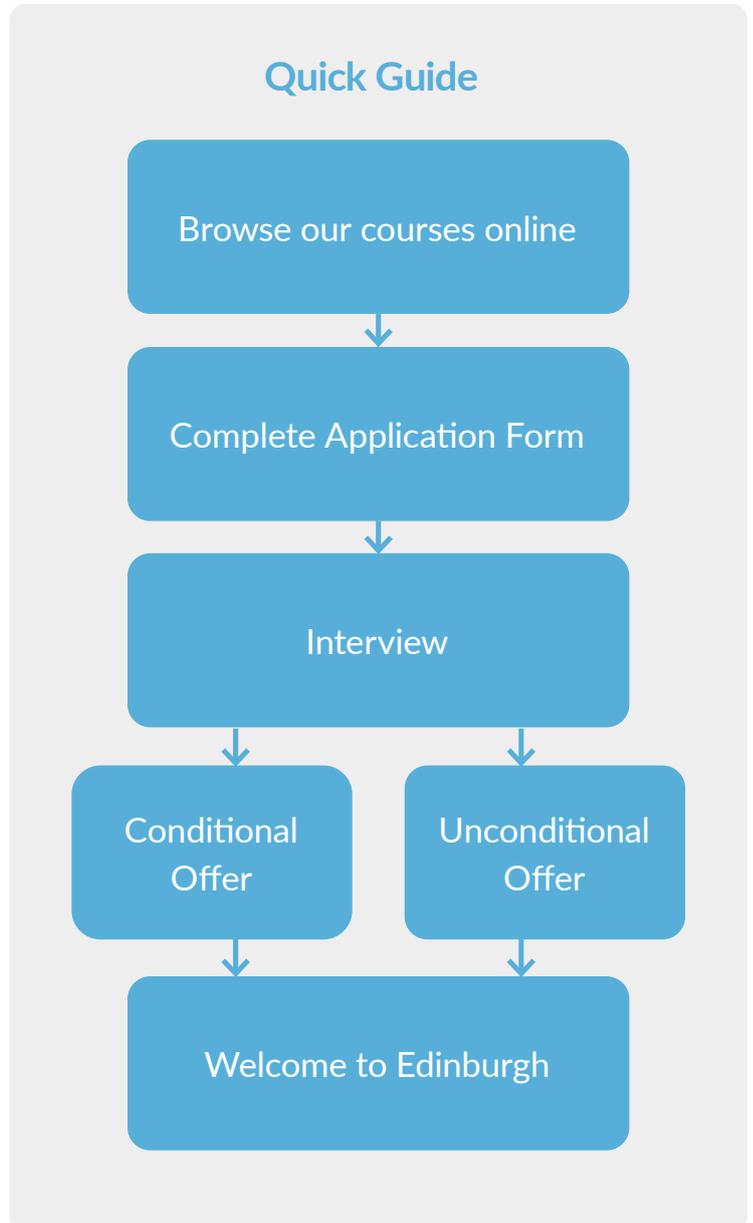
If you are accepted on to a course, you will be sent a Conditional Offer letter. This letter will include the visa and academic conditions you must meet to enrol at Edinburgh College. Please return the course acceptance form and the requested deposit (100% of tuition fees in all cases) to secure your place.

## Unconditional Offer

You will be sent a receipt and an Unconditional Offer letter (or a CAS number for Tier 4 visa applicants). You will also be sent information on accommodation, including an accommodation application form. You should now apply for your visa to study in the UK.

## Welcome to Edinburgh

Arrive at the College for your induction and welcome programme.





# PROFESSIONAL TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT

At Edinburgh College we work with international partners and organisations to develop and update the skills of their workforce.

We use our experience and expertise to develop tailor-made professional training programmes to meet your specific needs, and can deliver courses in Edinburgh, in your country, or online. Your customised training programme can also include accommodation, airport pickup, a social programme and local travel arrangements.

Our industry experience and well qualified lecturing staff will ensure you receive the most relevant and up to date training.

We have expertise in a wide range of areas including the following:

- Business
- Childhood Practice
- Computing
- Creative Industries
- Engineering
- English Language
- Executive Management
- Finance and Accounting
- Health and Safety
- Hospitality
- Human Resources
- Management
- Leadership
- Professional Qualifications
- Quality Assurance
- Sports
- Travel and Tourism
- Teacher Training in ESOL and for teachers of other subjects

## Teacher Training

Edinburgh College is a long established provider of Teacher Development Programmes for groups of teaching professionals from across the world.

Teaching programmes can focus on English Language and UK teaching practices, we can also create a bespoke course to meet your needs.

Classes are available for teachers of English and teachers of other subjects across a range of levels.



## Student Groups

Edinburgh College provides tailor-made courses for students throughout the year. We can develop custom made programmes in English Language or vocational subjects, or a combination of the two.

Our bespoke group study programmes can also include social programme, accommodation, airport transfers and local travel arrangements.





# LEARNING SUPPORT

At Edinburgh College we welcome students of all ages, backgrounds and abilities. We understand that some students may require additional support with their learning to get the best out of their time at college.

## Learning Support Process

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| 1 |    | <p>Include your disability or additional support need on your course application. Examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Dyslexia</li><li>■ Ill mental health</li></ul> |
| 2 |   | <p>Learning Support will contact you to arrange a meeting using your preferred communication method.</p>   |
| 3 |  | <p>You will need to bring any learning support evidence you have. Examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Letters</li><li>■ Certificates</li></ul>                       |
| 4 |  | <p>Learning Support will help you throughout your time at college.</p>   |
| 5 |  | <p>Your Learning Support Adviser will advise you on any additional evidence required.</p> <p>They will create a personal learning support plan with you.</p>                           |

## For more information on learning support

Call our Learning Support team on  
**0131 669 4400**

or email  
[learning.support@edinburghcollege.ac.uk](mailto:learning.support@edinburghcollege.ac.uk)



# FURTHER SUPPORT

## Learning Development Tutor (LDT)

Your LDT will act as the main point of contact for most full-time students. LDTs meet with students regularly and play a key supporting role, guiding students through their studies and advising on any issues you may have.

## Guidance

We have guidance staff at each campus who are dedicated to helping you throughout your time at Edinburgh College. You can get help with:

- Budgeting
- Accommodation
- CV preparation or interview skills
- UCAS applications

## Wellbeing (inc. Student Counselling)

The Wellbeing team are here to ensure you have the best experience you can and enjoy positive mental health. The team's services include:

- Counselling
- Study skills
- Mentoring
- Mental health workshops



Wellbeing & Mental Health Support  
[wellbeing@edinburghcollege.ac.uk](mailto:wellbeing@edinburghcollege.ac.uk)



Student Counselling  
[wellbeing@edinburghcollege.ac.uk](mailto:wellbeing@edinburghcollege.ac.uk)



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## English Language Support

If English is not your first language, you may want some extra support. The English Language Support team will:

- Assess your language level before you start your course.
- Help you plan and prepare for oral and written assignments.
- Offer ways of improving your English, for example, spelling, pronunciation, grammar, using specialist vocabulary.
- Improve your English through use of Computer Assisted Language Learning (CALL) facilities.
- Help with any special examination arrangements which may be available to you.

For more information on English Language Support contact



Amy Champion  
[amy.champion@edinburghcollege.ac.uk](mailto:amy.champion@edinburghcollege.ac.uk)



0131 535 4729



# ABOUT OUR COURSES

## Understanding SCQF Levels

Edinburgh College offers a range of nationally and internationally recognised courses across a wide variety of subjects. The course you choose will depend on your current qualifications, experience and career aspirations.

These courses will show you the path you can take through the Scottish Qualifications Framework (SCQF). SCQF levels for all courses can be found on the courses pages in this prospectus and on our website.



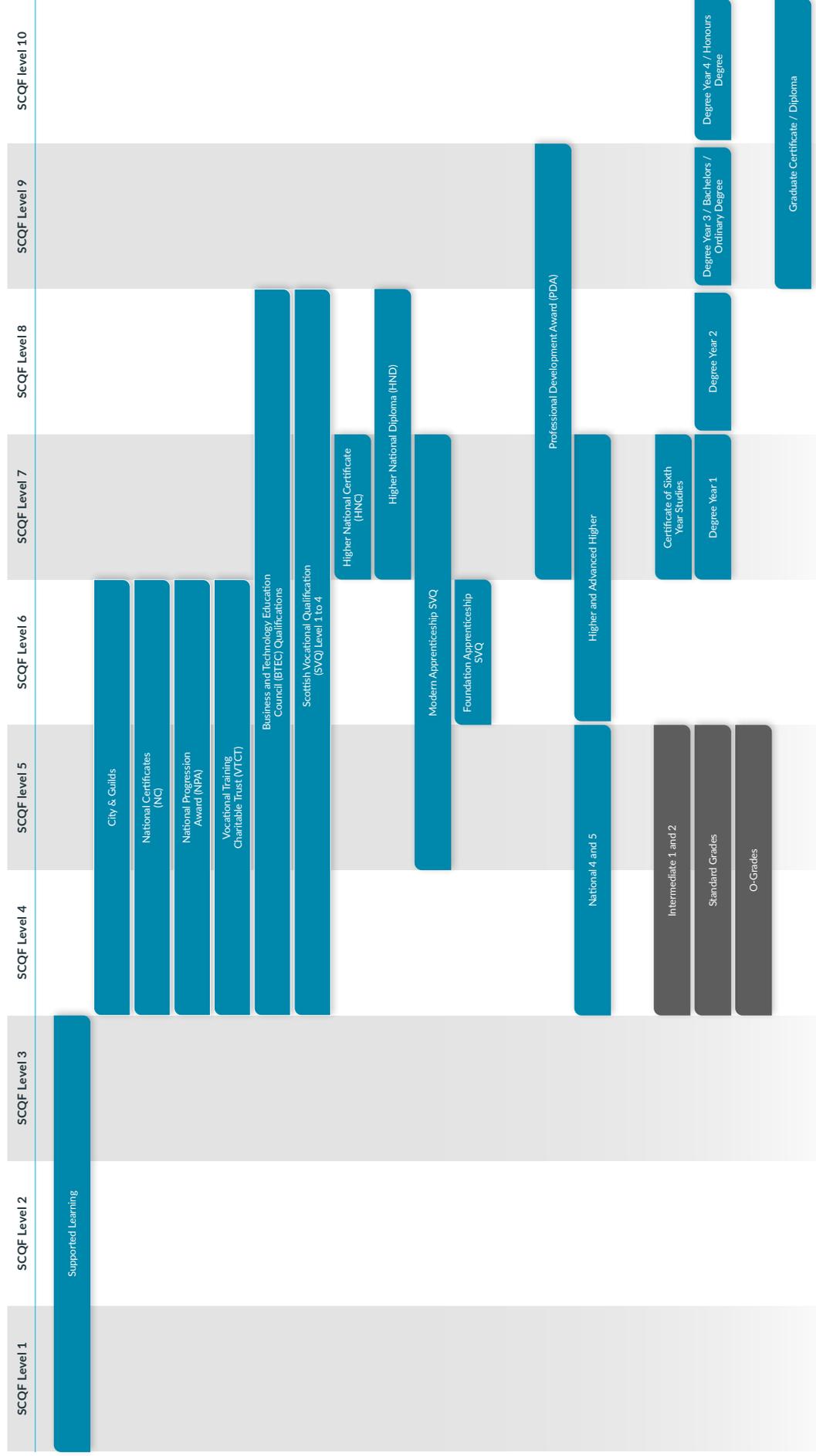
For more information on SCQF, please visit [scqf.org.uk](https://scqf.org.uk)





# QUALIFICATIONS

This map will show you the path you can take through the Scottish Qualifications Framework (SCQF). SCQF levels for all courses can be found in this prospectus and on our website.



For more information please visit:



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## For the future you want

Edinburgh College is a registered charity in Scotland.  
Charity number SCO21213

Our course portfolio and campus allocation may be  
subject to alteration.