

Incoming Student Study Mobilities FACTSHEET Academic Year 2026-2027

Institution Information	
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NOMINATION AND APPLICATION PROCEDURE	
Nomination and Application Deadlines	<p><u>Exchanges starting in September 2026:</u></p> <p>Nominations Open: 1st March 2026 Nomination Deadline: 30th April 2026 Application Deadline: 15th May 2026</p> <p><u>Exchanges starting in January 2027:</u></p> <p>Nominations Open: 1st September 2026 Nomination Deadline: 15th October 2026 Application Deadline: 31st October 2026</p>
Language Requirements	<p>Non-native English speakers must have a minimum IELTS score of 6.0 overall (minimum 5.5 in each sub-skill), or equivalent, to be accepted for Undergraduate-level study at the University of Chester. This equates to a high B2 level of English: https://www.ielts.org/about-ielts/ielts-in-cefr-scale</p> <p>Proof of English language is a condition of the UKVI Student visa – please see:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. https://www.gov.uk/student-visa/knowledge-of-english 2. https://www.chester.ac.uk/international/how-to-apply/entry-requirements/ <p>Please contact the International Centre for further information.</p>
Process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nominations for study mobilities should be made by the sending institution’s International Office / Mobility Coordinator before the nomination deadline detailed above, via our online nomination form. • A link to the online application form will be emailed to students within two weeks of receipt of the nomination being accepted. • Nominated students must submit their online application by the deadline detailed above. • Applications will then be processed, and further information (including the course lists, accommodation information, and pre-enrolment processes) will be emailed to students by the end of May (September start) or mid-November (January start). • Students should confirm their provisional module choices by 30th June (September start), and 1st December (January start). • The Placements Team will liaise with academic divisions and Student Records/Timetabling to register students onto their chosen modules. • Module timetables are published in early September for undergraduate modules (levels 4, 5 and 6). Students will need to check the timetables to confirm that there are no timetable conflicts for their chosen modules, and that they have enrolled on modules that will give the required academic credits. • Once the timetables have been checked, students should confirm their final programme of study and submit their learning agreements for signature. <p><i>Learning Agreements can be signed before the timetable goes live, but please note: learning agreements signed before the publication of timetables may be subject to change, pending any timetable conflicts and changes in module availability.</i></p>
Acceptance Letters	<p>The Placements Team will send acceptance letters to all nominated students by email within three weeks of their application being received.</p>

<p>Application Documents</p>	<p>All nominated students must complete the Incoming Study Exchange application form and provide confirmation of their English language proficiency.</p> <p>Students who require a UKVI Student visa to study in the UK will also require the following additional documents, in order that a CAS (Confirmation of Acceptance of Studies – visa sponsorship) can be issued:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Passport • Academic References • Transcript of Records • Statement of Purpose <p>Details of how to submit these documents online through the Enrolly CAS Shield system will be sent to students by the International Admissions team.</p> <p><i>Please note that students must provide an official English language translation of any documents not written in English.</i></p>
<p>Visa Requirements</p>	<p><i>Students are advised to confirm with the UK embassy in their home country for the most up-to-date advice; for further information, see: https://www.gov.uk/check-uk-visa.</i></p> <p>Students doing a full-year mobility (for 6 months or more) will need a Student visa, and will need to request a CAS from the University of Chester in order to apply for this. Please ensure you choose the “Apply from outside the UK” option when you apply for your visa.</p> <p>Students will need to apply for an electronic travel authorisation (ETA) but do not usually need a visa to study in the UK for less than 6 months; however, the Standard Visitor eligibility requirements must be met.</p> <p><i>[Note: Students are advised to apply for a Standard Visitor visa if they have a criminal record or have previously been refused entry into the UK.]</i></p> <p>Please note that the Standard Visitor Visa only allows you to stay in the UK for a maximum of 6 months. Neither the Standard Visitor Visa nor the Electronic Travel Authorisation permits you to work in paid/unpaid/voluntary employment whilst in the UK – this restriction therefore precludes students from taking our Work Based Learning modules.</p> <p>For any visa queries please email: studyvisa@chester.ac.uk</p>

ACADEMIC INFORMATION									
Our Undergraduate Modules	<p>With effect from Autumn 2025, teaching on our undergraduate-level modules has changed from year-long delivery to termly delivery in 10-week teaching blocks – please see the appended Academic Calendar for the 2026/27 term dates. Typically, the Autumn term will begin in late September and will last until Christmas; the Winter term runs from January to March; and the Spring term runs from April to mid-June.</p> <p>Undergraduate-level students will usually study for 120 UK credits over the course of each academic year, which is considered full-time study. Generally, one UK credit equates to 10 hours of work so, for example, a 20-credit module will be about 200 hours of study on average – made up of timetabled classes/tutor contact time and self-directed independent study.</p> <p>In each term, students study 40 UK credits – 1x 40 credit module, or 2x 20 credit modules. Assessment will take place during or following the end of each teaching block unless otherwise indicated. There is also the opportunity for students to be reassessed for any work that has not achieved a passing grade, should they wish. The reassessment period is in August.</p>								
Single-Semester Mobilities	<p>We recommend that students do year-long exchanges where possible as this allows for a wider choice of modules to create a suitable programme of study. However, we welcome students for single-semester exchanges, with intakes in September and January.</p> <p>Our <i>LD5103: Academic English and British Culture</i> (20 UK credits) and <i>LD5101: Intercultural Experiential Learning</i> (20 UK credits) modules have been specifically developed for incoming exchange students and are offered outside of the standard teaching blocks in September, starting before the Autumn term begins*, therefore enabling September-start students to obtain 60 UK credits for single-semester mobility where required. LD5101 ONLY will also be offered as a Winter term module option for January starters, to be taught during the standard 10-week teaching block in this term.</p> <p><i>*Students doing a mobility beginning in September 2026 should note that they will need to arrive earlier than the published term dates if they intend to take either of these modules.</i></p> <p>PLEASE NOTE: LD5101 is compulsory for all ISEP and non-European exchange students.</p>								
Levels of Study	<table style="border: none;"> <tr> <td style="padding-right: 10px;">Level 4 – 1st Year Bachelors</td> <td rowspan="3" style="font-size: 3em; padding: 0 10px;">}</td> <td rowspan="3" style="vertical-align: middle;">1st Cycle (Undergraduate (UG) study)</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-right: 10px;">Level 5 – 2nd Year Bachelors</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-right: 10px;">Level 6 – 3rd Year Bachelors</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="3" style="padding-top: 10px;"><i>Level 7 – Masters - 2nd Cycle (Postgraduate (PG) study)</i></td> </tr> </table>	Level 4 – 1 st Year Bachelors	}	1 st Cycle (Undergraduate (UG) study)	Level 5 – 2 nd Year Bachelors	Level 6 – 3 rd Year Bachelors	<i>Level 7 – Masters - 2nd Cycle (Postgraduate (PG) study)</i>		
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<p>Course Availability</p>	<p>Further information about module content and assessment can be viewed at https://coursecatalogue.chester.ac.uk/. In the search box, type in the module code to find the curriculum information you require; please ensure you are viewing the correct version of the curriculum information (e.g. 2026/2027 version) by selecting the correct year from the drop-down menu.</p> <p>Please be aware that we cannot confirm module availability or provide course lists until we have received all the relevant information from our academic divisions. The list of modules offered to exchange students is usually published in April and will be emailed to nominated students and Partner institutions once available.</p> <p><i>As module availability may differ from year to year, and be updated throughout the year, please ensure that you select modules from the <u>current version only</u> and not previous lists.</i></p>
<p>Transcripts of Records</p>	<p><i>Sending Universities and students should note that transcripts will <u>not</u> be issued at the end of each term/mobility period as they are not available prior to ratification of grades at the end of the academic year.</i></p> <p>Final module grades are ratified at the Awards Assessment Board (AAB), held at the end of each academic year. Marks for all work assessed throughout the 2026-27 academic year will be ratified at the AAB in July 2027.</p> <p>The University of Chester has partnered with Gradintelligence to provide Digital Academic Transcripts, Award Certificates and Diploma Supplements. All documents issued by Gradintelligence are digitally signed with an electronic seal; an advanced electronic signature (AdES) with a qualified electronic certificate (QES). These digital credentials are compliant with international standards and are legally valid, tamper-proof documents that students can freely share with third parties through the Gradintelligence share process.</p> <p>Transcripts will not be issued directly to students by the University of Chester; students are sent details of how to set up their Gradintelligence account and access their digital academic transcript within two weeks of the ratification of awards at the AAB and publication of results on the University of Chester's eVision system.</p> <p>Students are provided with a mark for each piece of assessed work throughout each teaching block, along with feedback from their tutors, which can be used to calculate a provisional module grade for work completed to date. The Placements Team cannot provide provisional grades as they do not have access to students' results, but students can access and share their marks as required.</p>

Grading System	UoC mark (%)	UK Honours Class	US GPA	ECTS Grade	Credits Awarded
	70+	1 – First Class	4	A	Yes
	65-69	2.1/2i – Upper Second	3.7	B	Yes
	60-64	2.1/2i – Upper Second	3.3	B	Yes
	55-59	2.2/2ii – Lower Second	3	C	Yes
	50-54	2.2/2ii – Lower Second	2.7	C	Yes
	45-49	3 – Third	2.3	D	Yes
	40-44	3 – Third	2	D	Yes
	35-39	<i>Unclassified (Fail)</i>	1	E	<i>No</i>
	0 - 39	<i>Fail</i>	0	F	<i>No</i>

Please refer to our [Credit Equivalence and Grading System notes](#).

Overview of the Academic Calendar	
September 2026 - <i>please see note below</i> [†]	Early Arrival for students doing LD5101 and LD5103
September 2026 - <i>please see note below</i> [*]	Induction Sessions for Incoming Exchange Students
26-27 September 2026	Arrival Weekend for UG students
28 September – 3 October 2026	UG Induction / Welcome Week & Freshers Fair
05 October – 18 December 2026	Autumn Term Teaching Weeks (UG)
21 December 2026 – 10 January 2027	Christmas vacation
09-10 January 2027	Arrival for students doing Semester 2 only exchange
w/c 11 January 2027 [DATES TBC] [*]	Induction Sessions for Incoming Exchange Students
11 January – 19 March 2027	Winter Term Teaching Weeks (UG)
22 March – 04 April 2027	Easter vacation
05 April – 11 June 2027	Spring Term Teaching Weeks (UG)
July 2027 (date TBC)	Main UG Awards Assessment Board held
July 2027 (date TBC)	Assessment Marks / Module Grades released
16-27 August 2027	Reassessment / Resit (where required)
September 2027 (date TBC)	Reassessment / Resit results released

Please see <https://www.chester.ac.uk/study/term-dates/> for further information.

[†] Arrival dates for exchanges starting in September 2026 will be dependent on whether students intend to take one of LD5101 or LD5103, or neither:

- Students who choose **LD5103** should arrive on 5th September 2026
- Students who choose **LD5101** should arrive on 19th September 2026
- All other September-start students should arrive on 26th September 2026

^{*} Induction Sessions and orientation for Incoming Exchange Students will be held in-person for those already in Chester and can be streamed live online for students who have not yet arrived in the UK. The live stream will also be recorded. Dates of sessions will be published closer to the time.

ACCOMMODATION	
Contact Information	<p>Tel: +44 1244 513000 Email: accommodation@chester.ac.uk Website: www.chester.ac.uk/accommodation</p>
Information	<p>We have a range of accommodation for students who are studying at our Chester sites. Further information on the accommodation options available can be found on the above website.</p> <p><i>Note: ISEP students will be placed in self-catered standard accommodation (e.g. Church College Close; Parkgate Road)</i></p>
Deadlines	<p>Students are encouraged to make an online application for accommodation as soon as possible once they have received their UoC student number.</p> <p>There is no 'first come, first served' policy at Chester – as long as applications are submitted before the deadline, each application will be considered fairly. If we receive applications after the deadline, we will endeavour to process them, but applications received before the deadline will take priority.</p>
Full Year Students	<p>University-owned accommodation is guaranteed, but students may wish to consider arranging private accommodation instead. We recommend using Student Stamp.</p> <p>Where online accommodation applications are received by the published deadline, priority will be given to full-year students regarding choice of university-owned accommodation.</p>
Single Semester Students	<p>University-owned accommodation is guaranteed, but students may wish to consider arranging private accommodation instead – particularly if you are arriving earlier than the start of the academic calendar for pre-sessional courses. We recommend using Student Stamp.</p> <p>Priority will be given to full-year exchange students regarding choice of university-owned accommodation, but we will try to meet the preferences of single-semester exchange students where availability permits.</p>
Early Arrival for Students Taking LD5101 or LD5103 in September 2026	<p>We will do our best to house students who are arriving early together in the same accommodation, so that you are not isolated for the few weeks prior to other students arriving for the start of the academic year. However, please be aware that this may limit the accommodation options and services we are able to offer; we will advise further when your accommodation offer is made, where applicable.</p> <p>For logistical and availability reasons, you may be offered a short-term stay in different accommodation before moving to your permanent term-time accommodation for the remainder of your mobility – though we will avoid this where possible.</p>

<p>Arrival in the UK / Transportation to the University</p>	<p>You can view our campus locations and site maps on our website.</p> <p>We recommend that students fly to either Liverpool or Manchester Airports, or travel to Chester by train.</p> <p>Please note that there is no airport/railway pick-up service.</p> <p>If you intend to be issued with a UKVI standard visitor visa at the border, please do not enter the UK from the Republic of Ireland or Channel Islands. You must enter the UK from outside the Common Travel Area in order to receive a visa that will allow you to study in the UK.</p> <p>Manchester International Airport is 35 miles from Chester and can be reached in 40mins by road or 1hr 10mins by rail. Liverpool John Lennon Airport is 25 miles from Chester and can be reached in 35mins by road and in under 1hr 30mins by public transport.</p> <p>Information on travelling by train in the UK can be found at: https://www.thetrainline.com/</p> <p>The University's Exton Park campus is 20 minutes' walk from Chester Railway Station; a taxi will cost approximately £6-7.</p>
<p>Further Questions</p>	<p>For further queries regarding incoming student mobilities / study exchanges, please email ahsplacements@chester.ac.uk</p>

IMPORTANT NOTE:

Students are encouraged to check their emails regularly! Information is sent to students by email from ahsplacements@chester.ac.uk. Nominated students must ensure they regularly check the email account provided to us by their sending university.

Term Dates 2026 - 2027		
University Week No.	Week Commencing	UG courses
1	Mon 31 Aug 26	
2	Mon 07 Sept 26	
3	Mon 14 Sept 26	
4	Mon 21 Sept 26	
5	Mon 28 Sept 26	Induction
6	Mon 05 Oct 26	Week 1
7	Mon 12 Oct 26	Week 2
8	Mon 19 Oct 26	Week 3
9	Mon 26 Oct 26	Week 4
10	Mon 02 Nov 26	Graduation
11	Mon 09 Nov 26	Week 5
12	Mon 16 Nov 26	Week 6
13	Mon 23 Nov 26	Week 7
14	Mon 30 Nov 26	Week 8
15	Mon 07 Dec 26	Week 9
16	Mon 14 Dec 26	Week 10
17	Mon 21 Dec 26	
18	Mon 28 Dec 26	Christmas Vacation
19	Mon 04 Jan 27	
20	Mon 11 Jan 27	Week 1
21	Mon 18 Jan 27	Week 2
22	Mon 25 Jan 27	Week 3
23	Mon 01 Feb 27	Week 4
24	Mon 08 Feb 27	Week 5
25	Mon 15 Feb 27	Week 6
26	Mon 22 Feb 27	Week 7
27	Mon 01 Mar 27	Week 8
28	Mon 08 Mar 27	Week 9
29	Mon 15 Mar 27	Week 10
30	Mon 22 Mar 27	
31	Mon 29 Mar 27	Easter Vacation
32	Mon 05 Apr 27	Week 1
33	Mon 12 Apr 27	Week 2
34	Mon 19 Apr 27	Week 3
35	Mon 26 Apr 27	Week 4
36	Mon 03 May 27	Week 5
37	Mon 10 May 27	Week 6
38	Mon 17 May 27	Week 7
39	Mon 24 May 27	Week 8
40	Mon 31 May 27	Week 9
41	Mon 07 Jun 27	Week 10
42	Mon 14 Jun 27	
43	Mon 21 Jun 27	
44	Mon 28 Jun 27	
45	Mon 05 Jul 27	
46	Mon 12 Jul 27	
47	Mon 19 Jul 27	
48	Mon 26 Jul 27	
49	Mon 02 Aug 27	
50	Mon 09 Aug 27	
51	Mon 16 Aug 27	Reassessment
52	Mon 23 Aug 27	Reassessment

For enquiries about Student Global Mobility, please contact:

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For students starting their studies in September 2026:

- Teaching on **LD5103** will take place in University Weeks 2-5
- Teaching on **LD5101** will take place in University Weeks 4, 5, and 10
- Teaching on all other modules for Semester 1 will take place during the usual Autumn Term block, University Weeks 6-16