

INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE



ROBERT GORDON
UNIVERSITY ABERDEEN



A Guide for
Parents and Guardians

Top 5 reasons to study at ICRGU



Number 1 place to live in the UK
www.homeviews.com 2024



1st in the UK for Affordability
[The StuRents Platform](http://TheStuRentsPlatform.com) 2024



2nd safest city in Scotland
[The Complete University Guide](http://TheCompleteUniversityGuide.com) 2023



3rd in Scotland for Graduate Prospects
[The Complete University Guide](http://TheCompleteUniversityGuide.com) 2025



3rd in Scotland and UK for student experience
[The Times and Sunday Times](http://TheTimesandSundayTimes.com)
[Good University Guide](http://GoodUniversityGuide.com) 2023

CAS and VISA

Congratulations! Your child has issued an Offer to study at the International College Robert Gordon University (ICRGU).

We understand that moving to a new country can be daunting, so we've put together a useful guide to help parents and guardians through the process.

Any questions? Please contact us at <https://icrgu.navitas.com/about/contact>

1. Receive CAS

The CAS is a document required for the UK Student Visa process. This is provided to our students after they have officially accepted their place with us on completion of the deposit payment and signing our acceptance form documents. Evidence of financial documentation will also be requested prior to the issue of CAS. The CAS means that RGU will sponsor their right to study in the UK. The student has officially been accepted onto their course! This means they have the right to study in the UK.

2. Apply for VISA

Full details regarding the visa application process is accessible via the UK Government website. www.gov.uk/student-visa

3. Book accommodation

Before booking travel, ICRGU recommend that students book accommodation to ensure a smooth arrival to Aberdeen. We advise students to find accommodation close to campus. A copy of the tenancy agreement will need to be shown to the Student Services team during Enrolment Week.

4. Receive VISA

It is essential that all students notify ICRGU via email as soon as the visa has been received: student.services@ic.rgu.ac.uk

5. Travel arrangements

The team at ICRGU will be happy to arrange transport from the airport to the student's accommodation. Simply contact us in advance.



What to bring

When the student arrives at the College, they will need to bring the following documents in order to successfully enrol:

- BRP
- Copy of passport
- Tenancy agreement



What to pack

International students will be starting their academic journey in a brand-new country! It may take some time to acclimatise to the weather in Scotland. We are located in the north of the UK, close to the beautiful Highlands. For this reason, we advise students to bring appropriate clothing for the variable weather here in the UK. Of course, we can recommend plenty of shops in Aberdeen to accommodate this.

- September intake: Autumn ► light-medium jacket, scarf, trainers
- January intake: Winter ► warm coat, hat, gloves, boots
- June intake: Spring/Summer ► light jacket, sandals, sunscreen



Travel options

The best way for students to travel to their new home will be via the Airport Pick-up service. ICRGU, as well as our accommodation, is just a short taxi-ride away from Aberdeen International Airport. We are pleased to confirm that we have an airport pick-up service which costs only £25! Students with valid leave to enter/leave to remain status (i.e. student route visa), can organise this by completing the form online: <https://icrgu.navitas.com/life/new/airport-pickup>



Student Services

Our friendly Student Services Team are here to support the ICRGU community. We have a great deal of experience in helping students settle into their new environment and guiding them towards academic success!



Top 5 expectations for our students

1. Book accommodation close to campus

ICRGU is part of a beautiful campus with lots of green areas. When students are ready to book accommodation, the best option will be to choose a living space close to campus. Our bus links to town are frequent and FREE for students under the age of 21.

2. Attend class regularly

Our classes are designed to help international students learn new skills and fully understand the course material. Students who attend every lesson will have the highest chance of success! Attendance is a key part of the UKVI Visa requirements, so any student with poor attendance may risk their UK visa status.

3. Pay tuition fees on time

Students are required to pay their tuition fees on time. Any late payments may result in additional fees and it could prevent students from attending class. For undergraduates starting in September, their payment for the second semester will be due at the end of November. For undergraduates starting in January, payment for the second semester will be due at the start of March.

4. Understand the UK Higher Education system

Our tutors will prepare all international students for success at Robert Gordon University. A key part of academic success centres is to understanding the UK grading system. Student must achieve at least 50% the required pass mark in all modules in order to pass. Of course, ICRGU staff are here to support any students who need extra guidance.

5. Get ready to progress to the University

All students will be eligible to study at Robert Gordon University (RGU) when they have successfully completed the programme at ICRGU. The fees payable to RGU are subject to change and may vary from those stated on the ICRGU offer. The ICRGU offer outlines that students are required to pay the fees published by RGU at the time of progression and these can be found here www.rgu.ac.uk

Did you know?

Robert Gordon University has achieved 96.5% graduate employability in the latest National Graduate Outcomes Survey. It is also ranked:

- 1st in the UK for Physiotherapy (The Guardian 2024)
- 6th in the UK for Radiography (The Times 2024)
- 10th in the UK for Food Science (Complete University Guide 2024)
- 12th in the UK for Counselling, Psychotherapy & Occupational Therapy (Complete University Guide 2024)



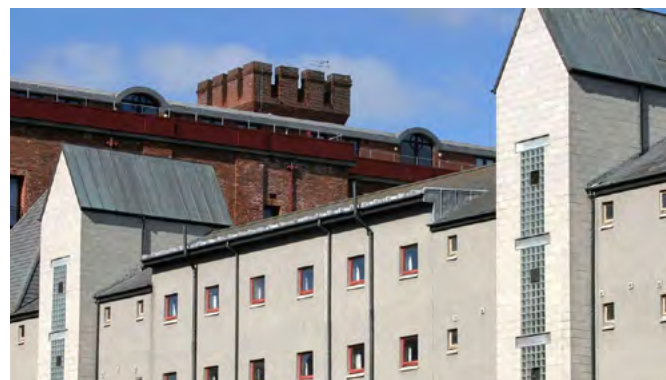
Accommodation

Moving to a new country Moving to a new country will be a great opportunity for your child to live independently.

We ensure all ICRGU students are referred to the RGU Accommodation Team when they are provided a CAS to make a student visa application. Each ICRGU student will receive their own booking ID to connect with RGU Accommodation and start the booking online.

Woolmanhill

Find out more [Click Here](#)



Crathie Student Village

Find out more [Click Here](#)



Ramsay Accommodation

Find out more [Click Here](#)



Garthdee Towers

Find out more [Click Here](#)



Scholarships

We are proud to support our students with a range of discounts and scholarships. You can view our range of scholarships available for selected Foundation, First Year and Pre-Masters courses programmes:

<https://icrgu.navitas.com/admission/scholarships>

Other discounts

The Family Bursary applies where two or more students from the same family study at a Navitas institution. This bursary is equivalent to 10% of the tuition fee for one programme courses for the second family member. You can find out more by scanning the QR code. Alternatively, please email us at info@ic.rgu.ac.uk if you would like some more information.

Important dates

A full academic year is split into three semesters.

Our undergraduate programmes consist of two semesters, and our postgraduate programmes are completed within one semester.

You can download the full Academic Calendar [Here](#)

Key Dates

September - October

This is the time for international students to enrol and settle into the first few weeks of teaching.

November

We will remind our students in advance when the fees for the second semester are due.

December

Exam week for postgraduates! Then all students will finish their studies for the Christmas break.

January

Undergraduates will return for the second semester. Postgraduates who have successfully completed their course will progress to the University. There will be the opportunity for postgraduates to retake their exams during this time if they failed any modules before the Christmas break.

April

Exam week for undergraduates and then students have reached the end of the academic programme.

May

There will be the opportunity for undergraduates to retake any examinations or submissions as required.

August

The end of our summer semester and progression to RGU.



Contact Us

We hope you found this edition of the Parent and Guardian Guide helpful!

Our beautiful riverside campus is the ideal place for your child to relax and focus on their studies. If you would like to discover more, you can take a campus tour to view our state-of-art facilities [Click Here](#)

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