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# Liverpool Hope University

## **Study Abroad and Exchange Guide**



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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 over 175 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 Global Student and Partnership Centre 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 offers a variety of clubs and societies, including music, sports and history and the University has a number of choirs and orchestras, plus a busy social program, so you will have lots of opportunity to meet other students and get involved in University life.

If you have any questions or would like further information please email us at [globalcentre@hope.ac.uk](mailto:globalcentre@hope.ac.uk). I look forward to meeting you on your arrival.

**Dr Wendy Bignold**

Associate Dean (International)







*“This experience will have lasting impact on my life, on both a personal and on a professional level. Some of the more general things I’ve learned are to place greater significance on experiences and relationships than on possessions.”*

Taylor Anderson, USA

# 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 Sunday Times Good University Guide 2019* rated Liverpool Hope as one of the UK's top 50 universities.

## Employment and learning opportunities

We offer a wide range of academic subjects 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, it's no wonder that people flock to the City from all over the world.

## Our traditions and values

We are proud of our rich Christian 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 that has been voted one of Britain's best travel destinations (Telegraph, 2018).

## 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 Oyé 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 M&S Bank Arena Liverpool hosts everything, from big name acts like Rihanna, Lady Gaga, Arctic Monkeys, Justin Bieber and Drake, to major entertainment 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-themed bars and live music venues.

## Culture

We have 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 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?

## Shopping

Liverpool city centre is full of shops, with all the high street names available. The 42-acre Liverpool One development provides a stunning shopping complex in the heart of the city, with 40 individually designed buildings and over 150,000 square metres of shopping. Liverpool also has a range of vibrant independent retailers, and student-friendly shops offering one-of-a-kind pieces and vintage finds.

**Watch our film, Liverpool - A Students' View, to see what our students love about our iconic city.**  
[www.hope.ac.uk/livinginliverpool](http://www.hope.ac.uk/livinginliverpool)



*“In the past few months I have learned an enormous amount about myself as a person and the world around me. I have seen the lush green of Ireland, the castles of Scotland, the canals of Amsterdam, and even called England my home for four months. Studying abroad at Liverpool Hope has given me friendships, memories, and adventures that I will hold with me forever.”*

**Sierra Tade-Moss, USA**







# 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 excellent indoor and outdoor sports facilities.



## Hope Park Sports

The sports facilities at Hope Park were vastly upgraded in 2016 and further developed in 2018. The multi-million pound investment has resulted in a range of professional gym and recreational facilities which are free to all students (induction fee applies on registration). These include:

- Six court indoor multi-sports hall
- Two squash courts
- Fantastic strength and conditioning suite
- Fitness studio
- Dance studio
- Outdoor tennis courts
- All-weather Astro pitch
- 3G pitches



# Creative Campus

Our Creative Campus is close to Liverpool city centre and is the home of our School of Creative and Performing Arts. It's set within the tranquil Angel Field – a Renaissance-style garden that has won six design awards. Here you can learn your craft in the inspirational setting of Grade-II listed buildings and state-of-the-art performance spaces.

## The Cornerstone Building

The Cornerstone Building has undergone an extensive renovation, transforming the ground floor into an impressive social space, complete with a food court and breakout areas. 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 building is home to fantastic facilities for the development of students' artwork, including studios, kilns, workshops and metalwork studios. It also houses The Cornerstone Gallery, which supplements the student experience via a series of contemporary art exhibitions, student-led seminars and some of the best examples of current professional practice.



## 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'.

## Investing in creative talent

The University has invested heavily in this campus, unveiling a new Arts Centre, Graphic Design Studio, Fabrication Lab and extensive student space in summer 2018. The transformed spaces include:

- Two theatres
- Two dance studios
- Studios for painting, sculpture wood, ceramics, metal and textiles
- Two black box performance spaces
- A music technology laboratory and a recording studio









# 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 and Exchange students are encouraged to pursue the Study Abroad Certificate in Service and Leadership. This certificate of attendance recognises 12 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.



## 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.

The course is incorporated into your timetable and is taught by the School of Humanities on a weekly basis. There is a wide range of interesting classes, such as 'Liverpool's Geo-political History', 'UK Democracy' and 'Pop Music and Social Change'.

The course carries an assessment worth 15 UK credits and will show on your transcript as part of your overall results.



## 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 Development and Well-being

Studying abroad is an exciting phase of your life and we are here to support and guide you from the moment you apply until you return home.



Student Development and Well-being provides a one-stop service and addresses all aspects of your pastoral care in an integrated way, without passing you between different departments. Through the Gateway Service Desk, students can access help with Learning Support (see below), careers, HopeWorks, counselling and general health advice.

Dr Penny Haughan, the Deputy Vice Chancellor and Provost, ensures that students are given a voice and are supported throughout their course or study programme. Our priority is to make your time at Liverpool Hope is an enjoyable and successful experience.

## Global Student and Partnership Centre

The Global Centre 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 staff at the Global Centre are there to guide and support you throughout your UK experience. The Centre is on the first floor of the Gateway Building at Hope Park and staff are available from Monday to Friday without an appointment.

## Off-campus Trips

The Global Centre will arrange several off-campus trips for you – some of these will be in Liverpool and will enhance and support the British Life Course, others may be purely for relaxation and fun. As part of your programme, you will have the opportunity to visit the University's Outdoor Centre at Plas Caerdeon in Wales for a two night residential vacation, where you will experience UK countryside at its best and will take part in a choice of exciting outdoor activities and challenges. We may also offer an optional trip at additional cost to a place of cultural interest or outstanding natural beauty, such as the Lake District or the Roman city of York.

## 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](mailto:sdw@hope.ac.uk)

## 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.



## 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](http://www.hopesu.com)



*“I realize now that Liverpool has pushed me to discover myself and find that home is where my heart is. Home is not a place, it’s a state achieved by the satisfaction in life with yourself and those around you. I have found a home inside myself that I did not know existed.”*

Lindsey Keith



# 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.

Rooms are allocated according to availability on your date of arrival and can be located at any of our three accommodation campuses, however, the most likely campus will be Aigburth Park, which is popular due to its proximity to the city centre plus the excellent local facilities.

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.

Exchange students are not guaranteed accommodation in Halls, but can apply and if successful, may 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 en-suite 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](http://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 great value Study Abroad and Exchange Packages. 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 case)
- 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

You will pay an inclusive fee package to include accommodation and some catering. Information about the prices and what is included in the fee package is available on the website at:

Study Abroad:

[www.hope.ac.uk/international/studyabroadandexchange/studyabroad/studyabroad-feesandpayments/](http://www.hope.ac.uk/international/studyabroadandexchange/studyabroad/studyabroad-feesandpayments/)

Exchange:

[www.hope.ac.uk/international/studyabroadandexchange/incomingexchange/exchange-feesandpayments/](http://www.hope.ac.uk/international/studyabroadandexchange/incomingexchange/exchange-feesandpayments/)







# Choosing your courses at Liverpool Hope



We offer a wide choice of academic courses for both the Fall and Spring programmes – please see the listings on the website at **[www.hope.ac.uk/international/studyabroadandexchange/incomingexchange/howtocreateyourstudyplan/](http://www.hope.ac.uk/international/studyabroadandexchange/incomingexchange/howtocreateyourstudyplan/)**

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.

The courses will have a value of 15 or 30 UK credits, so you can choose exactly how to make

up your required credits. 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.

## One Semester Students

You need to choose courses which total 60 UK credits to include the compulsory British Life course which is worth 15 credits.

You can choose any combination of courses you like up to 60 UK credits.

## Double Semester Students

You need to choose courses that total 60 UK credits in the Fall Programme, to include the compulsory British Life course which is worth 15 credits, plus 60 credits in the Spring Programme (you do not repeat the British Life course).



## 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

When you have approval from your home university for your chosen courses, you can complete the online Course Selections form - we will send the link when we are ready to receive your course selections.

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.

## Applying for the Study Abroad Programme

1. Contact the Study Abroad Coordinator/Advisor at your University and ask them to nominate you for the Liverpool Hope Programme. Please ensure that the courses you need are listed in the Study Abroad/Exchange Catalogue course listings before applying
2. The Co-ordinator will nominate you to us and we will send you the link to the application form
3. Please provide any supporting documents we have requested
4. Liverpool Hope will send you an offer letter showing the programme details
5. Agree your course choices with your home University and complete/submit the Course Selection Form within the deadline

6. Apply for a room in Halls at [www.hope.ac.uk/halls](http://www.hope.ac.uk/halls)

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.

## Applying for the International Exchange Programme

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.

We can only accept nominations from our Exchange Partner Universities in line with current agreements – please ask your home University if there is an agreement in place with Liverpool Hope.

Please note that if you are nominated and accepted, the Fee Package is non-negotiable unless you live off campus, in which case, no fees are payable to the University.

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## Visa

If you are a Non-Visa National (EU/EEA, USA, Mexico, Japan), you do not need a visa to study in the UK for less than six months. If you are a Visa National, you need to apply for a Standard Visitor Visa well in advance of travel - allow three months.

All students wishing to study for longer than six months need a Student Route Visa - do not apply until you have received a CAS letter from the University. We will confirm this in your Offer letter.

## Further Information

If you have any questions or need any help, please see the website [www.hope.ac.uk/international/studyabroadandexchange/](http://www.hope.ac.uk/international/studyabroadandexchange/)

or email the Global Centre at [globalcentre@hope.ac.uk](mailto:globalcentre@hope.ac.uk)

We will be happy to help you with any aspect of our Study Abroad or International Exchange programmes.





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