



### **GPA Admissions Prerequisites Policy**

For all visiting undergraduate students, the minimum grade entry requirement to a Visiting Student Programme at the University of Edinburgh is a **3.0 cumulative GPA on a 4.0 scale** (or equivalent B grade average). This requirement must be met at point of application.

It is, however, possible that a very rare exception be made to reduce the entry requirement to an absolute minimum of 2.85 but only with the following conditions:

- The student provides a statement as to why the GPA is below 3.0 and why they believe they are still suitable for study abroad at Edinburgh.
- The sending institution provides a supporting statement on a headed document and signed by a member of staff, which explains why the GPA is below 3.0 and that despite this, they still support the application.
- The student may still not be accepted if it is felt that their reasoning doesn't fall within our list of 'reasonable justifications'. For example, a bereavement, mental or physical health issues would be considered but social and extracurricular activities would not.
- A conditional offer may be made to students applying to start in September. The minimum required as a condition is for the student to achieve a 3.0 GPA in the Spring semester, prior to the University of Edinburgh session start. Conditional offers are not available for students starting in January.
- The student is only eligible for level 8 (1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> year) courses. There is no exception to this, the student will be asked to confirm in writing that they accept this condition.
- If a student is admitted into the University of Edinburgh College of Science and Engineering with a GPA lower than 3.0, but wishes to switch to the College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences, the above conditions will still apply, i.e. anything less than 2.85 will not be accepted, their justification will have to be considered and they will only be able to take level 8 (1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> year) courses.

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