Exchange Scheme with the University of Denver

Where is University of Denver?

Founded in 1864—just a few years after the city of Denver itself was founded—the University of Denver is one of the USA’s premier private universities, located at the foot of the Rocky Mountains, the 125-acre campus is a few miles south of downtown Denver, and is home to around 12,000 students.

Who can go?

- One place will be made available to York undergraduate students in 2019/20.
- This will replace your 2nd year of study at York for credit-replacing programmes (or the 2nd/3rd year of study if you’re on a 4 year programme). Please speak to your department about the availability of extended degrees that allow you to take an additional year to study abroad.
- Please consult the Opportunities by Subject webpage to see if your department is eligible for exchange.

Courses

- Students will be expected to take 36 credits during their year at Denver (over three semesters so 12 credits per semester). All 36 credits should be taken in the student’s degree subject in order to achieve the equivalent of 120 York credits.
- If a student wishes to take extra courses in other non-degree related subjects, they should limit this to an additional 3 credits per semester.
- At Denver as a general rule—1000 level= 1st year; 2000=2nd year, 3000=3rd and 4th year. Classes at the 4000 level or above are considered graduate level classes and students would need special permission from the department to take those courses.
- The course catalogue serves as a general guide to the courses available. However, not all courses may be available in each semester and some may be restricted. You should check the Denver scheduling for a directory of courses available in the following academic year.
- Most courses are open to exchange students although some may require prerequisite confirmation.
- The course catalogue for the 2018 courses can be accessed here as a general guide: du.edu/Registrar/course/scheduleofclasses.html

How will my marks be assessed/converted?

- Grade Conversion Tables for each institution will be made available to successful applicants.
- University of York staff can access Grade Conversion Tables here: york.ac.uk/students/study-abroad/accepted/#tab-5
- Please ensure that you are fully aware of how your grades will be converted on your return to York. Students on additional years will have different arrangements to those on integrated study.

Costs

Please note that the costs below are based on previous years and are provided for guidance only. Exact costs may vary due to exchange rates, inflation, personal circumstance and/or other reasons.

- Tuitions Fees: Students will pay no tuition fees to Denver and in 2018/19 their University of York fees were reduced to 15% of the full academic fee.
- Visas: There are two fees associated with the visa application. The application fee itself is approximately $160. There will also be a $180 (J-1 and F-1 students) SEVIS Fee payable in advance of the visa application.
SEVIS is the US immigration system that tracks foreign and exchange students. (Further information below.)

- Medical insurance and waiver: Students are automatically enrolled in and expected to participate in the DU Student Health Insurance Plan (SHIP) but if proof of other adequate health insurance coverage can be provided, the insurance can be waived.
- Health and Counselling Fee: Students are expected to pay the Health and Counselling Fee (HCF) every quarter as this fee is not covered by the exchange. (Note: the Student Activity fee and the Technology fee are covered by the exchange and will not be billed to the student). Note this fee is separate from Medical Insurance listed above and is a required fee for all students. For more information visit: du.edu/health-and-counseling-center/coveragecosts/fees.html
- Additional costs to consider: flights, accommodation, travel insurance, living costs (food, books, money for additional travel/activities)

Financial Assistance

- There is funding available for some students on North America exchanges through the US Alumni Connection Award Bursary. More information on this and other funding can be found on our Exchange Finances and Funding webpage.

Visa

*Please be aware that Centre for Global Programmes staff are not qualified to offer consultations or in-depth advice regarding visa applications. Immigration laws are complex and subject to frequent changes. Therefore if you do have any further questions about the process of applying for your visa you will need to contact the appropriate Embassy directly. The information below is intended as guidance only and unless otherwise stated applies only to UK citizens without exceptional circumstances.*

- Denver will ask you to complete an application form for the Certificate of Eligibility (Form I-20 or DS-2019) which, together with your passport and other supporting documentation including the letter from Denver offering you a place and a photocopy of your completed financial resources form, will enable you to obtain a visa from the United States Embassy in London (or the United States Consulate General in Belfast).
- You will be required to go to the US embassy in London (or your home country) in order to process your visa application, which you are responsible for organising.
- International students going on exchange are advised to apply for a US visa in their home country and not in the UK.
- In order to receive a visa you must show that you have sufficient funds available in your bank account, or are able to supply details of a third person who will support you.

What’s it like to study there?

“My first impression of Denver was how flat it was, driving up to the city it stood out on the otherwise completely flat landscape... a bit of a surprise given I’d just landed in a state most famous for its mountains and ski resorts. Arriving at the University, the mountains stood out to one side and the city extended to the other- with red brick buildings and open green spaces the campus was beautiful. My first impression was no doubt helped by a clear blue sky and what seemed to be extensive landscaping.”

“Arriving a week before term started all the international students were thrown together on one floor, and sent to meetings and introductory lectures together; this certainly helped to bring us together and was a good way to get to know people, in a totally new environment.”

Aisling, Environment Student, Year Abroad 2016/17

“I am now in a position where I have become more acclimatised to my surroundings. Every second I am feeling more comfortable, and feeling more relaxed. As a person I have definitely felt myself grow, my confidence, and my self-responsibility. I have enjoyed every second so far, and continue to experience new moments and places which I will not take for granted. A trip to California throughout the winter with some of my fellow exchange students was an incredible experience, one I will never forget.”
No doubt the event which made me feel most like a local was spending New Year in the mountains at Colorado, this was fantastic and I was surrounded by numerous new friends. I am definitely enjoying my time in Denver, and would recommend the University and the place to anyone. Indeed, I have fallen in love with Colorado.

Thomas, Politics Student, Year Abroad 2016/17

Where will I live?

- For the 2018-2019 study year, DU was able to guarantee incoming exchange students housing (generally a single bedroom/studio apartment but subject to housing options available) for their term at DU so long as they complete housing application steps on time (generally May 1 deadline, instructions sent after acceptance as exchange students). Students who miss the housing deadline are not guaranteed an on-campus option. Regardless of on or off-campus housing, students are responsible for housing costs and cost of living expenses.

On-Campus Housing:

- You can learn more about each on-campus residence hall by going to this webpage: du.edu/housing/buildings/index.html
- Charges are per quarter and costs vary based on the room and meal plan requested.
- On-campus apartment housing at DU is gender neutral. If you have a strong preference for a single sex apartment, please let DU know at your earliest convenience and they will do their best to accommodate it. While these buildings are not single sex buildings, individual bedrooms and suites are single sex.

Off-Campus Housing:

- Students interested in off-campus housing are responsible for making their own arrangements and can find further resources here: du.edu/housing/resources/offcampus.html

Is it the right choice for me?

- When thinking about choosing your destination for studying abroad please look through the Considerations Checklist on our web pages.
- This will help you find the best opportunity for your degree and personal circumstances.

Contact details at Denver

- Your principal source of general advice at Denver will be Exchange Program Manager – Levi Lindsay
  Levi.Lindsey@du.edu
- Address: Office of International Education, University of Denver, 2200 South Josephine Street, Denver, CO 80208 – 8600, USA.

Useful web links

- Main University of Denver Site
- Incoming Exchange Students
- International Students at Denver
- Denver Insurance Requirement Attestation Form
- American J1 Visa Application
- Global Graduates
- Foreign Commonwealth Office Advice
- Denver Tourism Information

Please note: The websites listed here are not intended to represent a comprehensive list. The Centre for Global Programmes cannot be held responsible for the content of external websites.
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Students are responsible for researching their own exchanges and making sure that they have considered all costs and the compatibility of the overseas programme to their own degree, in discussion with their departments and supervisors. The Centre for Global Programmes are here to offer support.