Exchange Scheme with the University of Denver

Where is 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 2017/18.
- This will replace your 2nd year of study at York for integrated 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 department webpage to see if your subject is eligible for exchange. [https://www.york.ac.uk/students/study-abroad/opportunities/](https://www.york.ac.uk/students/study-abroad/opportunities/)

Courses

- Students will be expected to take **36 credits** during their year at Denver (over three semesters so 12 credits per semester). All 32 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 can be accessed via [http://www.du.edu/registrar/course/scheduleofclasses.html](http://www.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.
- 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

1) **Tuition Fees**: Students will pay no tuition fees to Denver and in 2016/17 their University of York fees were reduced to 15% of the full academic fee.

2) **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.)

3) **Medical insurance and waiver**: Students are required to participate in the DU Student Health Insurance Plan or provide proof of other adequate health insurance coverage. For more information visit: [http://www.du.edu/health-and-counseling-center/coveragecosts/fees.html](http://www.du.edu/health-and-counseling-center/coveragecosts/fees.html)
Students are automatically enrolled in and expected to pay for University of Denver health insurance, but if proof of other adequate health insurance coverage can be provided, the insurance can be waived. For more information visit: http://www.du.edu/health-and-counseling-center/coveragecosts/ship.html

4) **Health and Counselling Fee**: Students are expected to pay the Health and Counselling fee 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 as is a required fee for all students.

5) **Additional costs to consider**: flights, accommodation, travel insurance, living costs (food, books, money for additional travel/activities)
A list of the costs for 3 quarters (a full academic year) can be found here: https://abroad.du.edu/_customtags/ct_FileRetrieve.cfm?File_ID=982

**Visa**
- 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.

**Where will I live?**

DU cannot guarantee on-campus housing. Exchange students can choose to stay in either on campus (if available) or off-campus housing. However, if you sign up for housing and are given a space, this is a contract that you will be expected to fulfil for the duration of time you attend DU and you are subject to DU housing cancellation policies.

**On-Campus Housing:**
- Be aware that on-campus housing is extremely limited and may not be available. More information concerning Housing Application deadlines will be provided after acceptance as an Exchange student.
- The limited on-campus housing is mainly for students between ages of 16 and 21. The Housing Office may not able to accommodate on-campus housing for students over age of 25.
- You can learn more about each on-campus residence hall by going to this website: http://www.du.edu/housing/buildings/index.html.
- Charges are per quarter and costs vary based on the room and meal plan requested.
- Past exchange students have found housing in Centennial Towers (double rooms are available) or Nagel Hall Apartments (single rooms in a suite) as these rooms have kitchens, and remain open during university breaks.
- 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.
- Most bedrooms on campus are “double rooms” within a suite. This means that two students share one bedroom (with two beds). You do have options to request a single bedroom, but you need to understand that a single bedroom is not guaranteed and you will have to work with the Housing Office individually.

**Off-Campus Housing:**
- DU’s Housing and Residential Education department does not provide off-campus housing, but still try to help connect students to resources for living off campus.
- More information can be found on their website at: http://www.du.edu/housing/resources/offcampus.html including information on DU’s preferred off-campus housing option for interested students.
Contact details at Denver

Your principal source of general advice at Denver will be Program Coordinator – Stephanie Roberts. Address: Office of International Education, University of Denver, 2200 South Josephine Street, Denver, CO 80208 – 8600, USA. Email stephanie.roberts@du.edu

Useful web links:
Main Denver site - http://www.du.edu/
Incoming Exchange Students - http://www.du.edu/abroad/exchange-students.html
Visa application - http://j1visa.state.gov/participants/how-to-apply/
Third Year Abroad - http://www.thirdyearabroad.com/
Foreign Commonwealth Office - https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice/usa

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