Exchange Scheme with the University of Pennsylvania

Where is UPenn? — Located in Philadelphia and founded in 1740 by Benjamin Franklin—the private, Ivy League university ranks fourth in the US league tables and with a campus which spans a huge 1,094 acres, it is home to 24,876 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 (or the 2nd/3rd year of study if you’re on a 4 year programme) for integrated programmes. 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/

Courses

- Students will be expected to take **8 courses** during their year at UPenn (i.e. 4 courses per semester). All 8 courses should be taken in the student’s degree subject in order to achieve the equivalent of 120 York credits.
- Exchange students are not eligible to take graduate classes (level 500+).
- 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 UPenn scheduling for a directory of courses available in the following academic year
- The course catalogue can be accessed via
  https://srfspdf.apps.upenn.edu/srfsPdf/jsp/fast.do?fastStart=courseRegister
- Please note that the departments of Math and Economics are in the College of Arts & Sciences, while Statistics is in the Wharton Business School, which often have high demand.
- See the links below for prerequisites for specific classes within each department:
  Mathematics: http://www.math.upenn.edu/ugrad/CourseDescrPage.html
  Economics: http://economics.sas.upenn.edu/undergraduate-program/course-information
  Statistics: https://statistics.wharton.upenn.edu/programs/undergraduate/course-descriptions/

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 UPenn 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. For more information visit: https://global.upenn.edu/isss/new (Further information below)

3) **Medical Insurance**: All students must fill in the immunisation and health record before they arrive. Students are advised to take out a comprehensive policy before leaving the UK that must meet UPenn criteria. If you fail to
do this, you will automatically be billed for Penn Student Insurance Plan. For more information visit: 

4) Additional costs to consider: flights, accommodation, travel insurance and visas (see below), living costs (food, books, money for additional travel/activities)

Visa
● UPenn 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 UPenn 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?
All exchange students at UPenn must live in campus accommodation and take out a meal plan. For more information on housing and meal plans please refer to the following website: http://www.upenn.edu/life-at-penn/housing_dining

Contact details at UPenn
Your principal source of general advice at UPenn will be Enrolment Coordinator (inbound exchange) – Mackenzie Weiler.
Address: Penn Global,
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Philadelphia, PA 19104 USA.
Email mweiler@upenn.edu

Useful web links:
Main UPenn site: http://www.upenn.edu/
International Applicants: http://www.admissions.upenn.edu/apply/international-applicants
Visa application: http://j1visa.state.gov/participants/how-to-apply/
Third Year Abroad: http://www.thirdyearabroad.com/
FCO advice: https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice/usa

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