

WELCOME WEEK AGENDA – ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY



The following events have been organised to welcome you to the School of GeoSciences.

The events coloured blue are university wide events. We have selected a few that may be of interest to you. There are many more. Details of all University wide Welcome Week events can be found at:

<https://guidebook.com/app/UoEEvents/guide/sdyqzht/>

Monday 14th September	
9.15am – 10.00am <i>(other times available – please see additional events and information)</i>	<p>University Card Collection for New Students</p> <p>Main University Library, George Square - University Card Collection event. Please see the website for when is it the best time for you to collect your card.</p> <p>http://www.ed.ac.uk/schools-departments/information-services/help-consultancy/card/first-student-card</p>
9am - 5pm	<p>Student Information Point (SIP)</p> <p>During Welcome Week and throughout your time at the University of Edinburgh the staff at the Student Information Point are happy to help you with advice or guidance relating to your student experience. We also provide a range of documents, including but not limited to, Bank Letters, Council Tax exemption certificate, and certificates of Matriculation. A full list of the documents that we can provide can be found on our website: http://www.ed.ac.uk/schools-departments/student-administration/student-info-points</p>
10am – 12pm	<p>Introduction to the MSc Environmental Sustainability programme <i>(strongly recommended)</i></p> <p>With Programme Directors, Dr Marc Metzger and Dr Simon Allen includes overview of the programme and information on courses.</p> <p>Venue: Crew, Room 4</p> <p>http://www.ed.ac.uk/maps?building=crew-building</p>
12pm – 1 pm	<p>Lunch</p>

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<p>2.15pm - 3.15pm</p>	<p>Principal's Welcome Ceremony This traditional University ceremony welcomes new students to the University community. The Welcome Ceremony is the University's official welcome address. The Principal and Vice-Chancellor, Professor Sir Timothy O'Shea, will officially welcome you to the University. You will also get the opportunity to hear from a number of student Office Bearers, including the President, and Senior members of University staff. This is a very high demand event, please arrive by 2pm to maximise your chance of gaining entry: doors open at 1.30pm and the ceremony commences at 2.15pm. There are limited seats so if the Assembly Hall has reached capacity you can still experience this inspirational event through a live stream at Lecture Room 1, New College or back in the Central area in George Square Lecture Theatre.</p> <p>Venue: Assembly Hall, New College</p>
<p>4pm-5pm <i>(other times available – please see additional events and information)</i></p>	<p>TEAM (Test of English at Matriculation) is used to assess whether international students would benefit from free, non-credit English language courses and materials (EL SIS). You do not need to register for these TEAM sessions, so simply attend the session that best suits your schedule.</p> <p>These sessions are for UG, PGT, and PGR international students with Overall IELTS scores of 6.5 or lower (or the equivalent on another English test).</p> <p>Venue: Lect Thtr 2, Appleton Tower</p>
<p><u>Tuesday 15th September</u></p>	
<p>9am-1pm</p>	<p>Individual interviews with Personal Tutor, Dr Marc Metzger and Dr Simon Allen (<i>strongly recommended</i>)</p> <p>All new students will meet with their Personal Tutor for approximately 20 minutes to discuss their goals for the year and choice of optional courses. A schedule of interview times will be arranged for this purpose. Please sign up for a time during Monday meeting.</p>
<p>9.15am – 4.30pm</p>	<p>University Card Collection for New Students</p> <p>Main University Library, George Square - University Card Collection event. Please see the website for when is it the best time for you to collect your card.</p> <p>http://www.ed.ac.uk/schools-departments/information-services/help-consultancy/card/first-student-card</p>
<p>9.15am -4.30pm</p>	<p>Welcome to the Library</p> <p>Main University Library, George Square - Come meet members of the Library Staff to learn about the range of services and resources that the Library has to offer. With staff on hand to answer questions! We're located on the 1st Floor Landing in the Main University Library</p>

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2.15pm-4:30pm-	<p>Welcome and introduction to GeoSciences for new MSc students <i>(strongly recommended)</i></p> <p>14:15 - Head of School Welcome, Professor Sandy Tudhope 14:30 - Director of Postgraduate Teaching Welcome, Dr William Mackaness 14:45 - Facilities, Faten Adam, Karolina Galera, Alice Heatley 15:00 - Careers, Matt Vickers 15:15 - IAD, Frances Parry 15:30 - Work Based Projects, Neil Flemming Challenges Worldwide 15:45 - Library and Data Library Introduction, Angela Nicholson 16:00 - Health and Safety, Richard Chalkley 16:15 - Marketing, Alison Barnett</p> <p>Venue: T250 Joseph Black Building, King's Building Campus</p>
4.30pm – 6pm	<p>School of GeoSciences Postgraduate Welcome Drinks Reception <i>(strongly recommended)</i></p> <p>Venue: The Arcade, Peter Wilson Building, King's Buildings</p>
<p><u>Wednesday –Friday Field Trip</u> <u>Wednesday 16th September 2015</u></p>	
10am–1pm	<p>Introduction to the GeoSciences Computing Environment <i>(strongly recommended)</i></p> <p>This session will explain how to access and use the student computer systems.</p> <p>[Please be sure to bring your university username and initial password]</p> <p>Location: Room 2.02, Institute of Geography, Drummond Street</p>
2pm	<p>Departure of field trip to Aviemore and Findhorn <i>(strongly recommended)</i></p> <p>The coach will depart at 14:00 from in front of the main entrance of the Institute of Geography, Drummond Street. For location, see: http://www.ed.ac.uk/maps/buildings/institute-of-geography</p>
4pm-5pm	<p>Blair Athol Distillery, Pitlochry</p> <p>A chance to see how Scotland's most famous drink (whisky) is manufactured and to try a wee glass. See: http://www.discovering-distilleries.com/</p>
6.30pm	<p>Arrive at accommodation in Aviemore</p> <p>We will stay overnight in Aviemore, the gateway to the Cairngorms National Park, with the Scottish Youth Hostels Association, see: https://www.syha.org.uk/where-to-stay/highlands/aviemore.aspx</p>

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8pm	Dinner at the Old Bridge Inn , Aviemore http://www.oldbridgeinn.co.uk (to be confirmed)
<u>Thursday 17th of September 2015</u>	
8.15am	Depart SYHA Aviemore for Findhorn
9.30am	Visit to the Findhorn Foundation Ecovillage Findhorn is Scotland's longest established ecovillage. It has successfully reduced its environmental impact through many interesting ecological design features and innovative demonstration projects. It is widely considered an exemplar of sustainable living and is active in education for sustainable development. http://www.ecovillagefindhorn.org/
5.30pm	Depart Findhorn for Aviemore
6.45pm	Arrive at Aviemore SYHA
7.30pm	Dinner at the Cairngorn Hotel , Aviemore http://www.cairngorm.com (to be confirmed)
<u>Friday 19th September</u>	
9am	Depart Aviemore for Edinburgh
12pm	Arrive back at Institute of Geography, Drummond Street
3pm -5pm	Postgraduate Taught Student Welcome (<i>strongly recommended</i>) This is the University's formal Welcome for all Postgraduate Taught students. This includes hearing from and talking to different services, networking with fellow students and hearing about the different opportunities available to you. Please arrive at this event for 2:45m to sign in. This event is ticketed, please register via the EventBrite Link. https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/postgraduate-taught-welcome-event-option-4-tickets-17581589006 Venue: Swann Lecture Theatre, Michael Swann Building
<u>Friday 25th September</u>	

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5pm – 7pm	Global Environment and Society Academy (GESA) Welcome Drinks Reception for MSc students Showcasing GESA, its calendar of events, Masters Network, the University's Sustainability Office and student societies. Location: ECCI Sign up link: http://global-environment-society-academy.eventbrite.com/
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Additional Information

- **Health Service**

All students on a full-time course of studies in Scotland are eligible for National Health Service (NHS) treatment.

This includes international students and any dependants with you in the UK.

The University Health Centre

The University Health Centre provides comprehensive medical care for those who wish to register as patients of the practice, and who live within the practice area.

The practice is located at the Richard Verney Health Centre at 6 Bristo Square.

Registering during Welcome Week

They will be accepting new registrations during Welcome Week (14-18th September). Times for registering each day are 09:00am- 4:00pm.

Though queues may be long, it is strongly recommended that new students register that week to ensure that you can register with the Richard Verney Health Health Centre (if you live within their practice area).

More information

For more information about Registering with a GP including what items to bring with you when you register, please see the New Students' web information:

<http://www.ed.ac.uk/staff-students/new-students/health-insurance/nhs-treatment>

- **Details of further Induction Week events across the university can be found at:**

<https://guidebook.com/app/UoEEEvents/guide/sdyqzht/>

<http://www.ed.ac.uk/staff-students/new-students/events/overview>

- **International Student Centre:**

<http://www.edinburghisc.com/>

ES Programme Specific – Strongly Recommended

Recommended Times/Events

University Wide - Optional Events