

Furman University Study Away Program: Program Expectations

Program Title: Edinburgh Internship Program

Locations: Edinburgh, Scotland

Dates: Approximately January 15, 2026-May 16, 2026

Program Description: The Edinburgh Internship Program offers students a semester-long academic and internship experience in the capital city of Scotland. Students will take two elective courses offered by Edinburgh Napier University and two courses taught by the Furman faculty director of the program. As part of their coursework, students will complete a semester-long internship during their residency in Edinburgh. Edinburgh Napier University offers a full range of courses that can satisfy any student's interests. Internships may include experience in government (Scottish Parliament), media, museums, non-profits, start-ups, academic research, and business operations as best aligns with each student's area of interest and plan of study. As one of the great cosmopolitan capitals of Europe, Edinburgh offers students a unique and fascinating local culture with historical sites of global importance.

Academic, Environmental, Physical & Health Expectations for Participation

Below is a list of academic, environmental and physical expectations and requirements for participation in this study away program. The list captures most, but not all, requirements. If you have questions about the expectations and requirements, please check with the study away office or the program directors. Students requiring a physical or academic accommodation should contact the Student Office for Accessibility Resources (SOAR) no less than 4 months prior to the start date of the program.

	Frequency		Frequency
ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS	Always, Sometimes, Never/ Required or Optional	STUDY AWAY ENVIRONMENT	Always, Sometimes, Never/ Required or Optional
Course work in a foreign language	Never	Foreign Language Environment	Never
Course work in English	Always	Terrain (Mountains, Tropical, Forest, Desert, Hilly, Flat)	Edinburgh is hilly.
Laptop Required	Yes	Population: Rural, Urban, Remote, etc.	Urban
Smart phone required (videos, photos, blogs)	Yes	Environment (high altitude, air pollution, dusty, sandy, humid, dry, hot, cold)	Be prepared for cool to cold temperatures and frequent rain. Bring a waterproof jacket and waterproof shoes.
Traditional Classroom	Yes	Mosquito Borne Risk of Illness	No
Group Work	Sometimes	Is tap water safe to drink	Yes
Academic Assessments (tests, journals, presentations, essays)	Less frequent graded assignments (tests, papers, presentations) will determine the grade in Napier University Edinburgh. The Furman-taught courses will include homework, tests, quizzes, journals, and discussion).	Other Risks (natural disasters, crime, pickpocketing, etc.)	Exercise vigilance in urban settings to avoid pickpocketing. Avoid demonstrations and politically charged events.
Interactions with local residents	Yes, especially in shared apartments and internship	Cultural Dress Code	Professional attire required for workplace.
Field Work/Research	No	Curfew	No
Internship/ Volunteer Work	Yes, ~20 hours per week. Professional attire required.	Motion Sickness	Unlikely

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PHYSICAL EXPECTATIONS	Always, Sometimes, Never, / Required or Optional	HEALTH & DIET	Frequency
Lifting/Carrying Own Luggage	Yes	Vegetarian and Vegan Options Available at all meals	Yes
Carrying equipment or program supplies	No	Food Allergy Accommodations	Yes
Standing 60+ minutes	Yes during site visits and excursions	Group Meals	Infrequent.
Ability to walk up one or more flights of stairs (elevators may not be available)	Yes, with luggage. Carry own groceries.	Cooking for oneself	Yes, students will be expected to use the kitchen in their shared apartments to prepare meals, or they can eat at restaurants.
Hiking (easy to strenuous; frequency; miles)	During excursions some additional walking (maybe 2-3 miles will be required)	Host family prepares meals	No
Walking 3+ miles per day	On average, probably 2-3 miles per day	Healthcare easily accessible	Yes
Use of public transportation (buses, trams, trains, subways)	Buses are the primary means of public transportation in Edinburgh.	Quality of Healthcare	High quality
LIVING ARRANGEMENTS	Always, Sometimes, Never, / Required or Optional	WATER ACTIVITIES	Always, Sometimes, Never, / Required or Optional
Host Family	No	Swimming	No
Roommate	Single room in shared apartment	Snorkeling	No
Shared Apartment	Yes, shared apartment style living with other students	SCUBA	No
Dormitory	No,	Boat, canoes or other water activities	No
Camping	No	Sea sickness	No
Hotel	On excursions - double occupancy rooms	Other	
Cell phone signal available	Yes	<p>Center for Disease Control Recommendations: Be up to date with routine vaccinations and the COVID vaccination and booster(s).</p> <p>https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/traveler/none/united-kingdom</p>	
Internet signal available	Yes		
Refrigerator Access	Yes		
Air Conditioning	Yes		
Other			