

Dear Erasmus exchange partners

As you look ahead to 2014/15 we believe you will find the information below useful.

1. The 2013/14 application pack is now open from 31st January: [www.stir.ac.uk/study-abroad-exchanges/how-to-apply/](http://www.stir.ac.uk/study-abroad-exchanges/how-to-apply/) [[www.stir.ac.uk](http://www.stir.ac.uk)]

We do not require for you to nominate students to us before they apply but you are welcome to email us their name and email addresses and we will send the students this link above with everything they need to apply.

1. The 2014/15 Study Abroad Course Catalogue [[www.stir.ac.uk](http://www.stir.ac.uk)] should be updated and published at some point this spring. In the meantime we suggest your students either wait to apply or use the reasonably accurate 2013/14 catalogue. The catalogue lists all classes/modules open to incoming students and any prerequisites required for each module.

1. From the beginning of academic year 2014/15 (beginning in September 2014) the definition of full time will be three full modules (66 SCQF credits), normally equal to 15 US credits or 30 ECTS credits. In the past full time status was defined as only two or two and a half modules. What this means is that students will be required to take three modules to be registered full time even if they would prefer to only study two or two and a half modules. This may also have an effect on students qualifying for financial aid and scholarships.

1. Accommodation for 2014/15: our Residential Services team are currently working on finalising the specific university buildings to be open to incoming study abroad and exchange students: [www.stir.ac.uk/campus-life/accommodation/visitingstudents/](http://www.stir.ac.uk/campus-life/accommodation/visitingstudents/) [[www.stir.ac.uk](http://www.stir.ac.uk)]

1. We would like to welcome our new Admissions Officer, Ms Lisa Bettaney she will be your new contact for all student applications. Please contact her on [study-abroad@stir.ac.uk](mailto:study-abroad@stir.ac.uk).

1. Lastly, the University has changed some of the semester start and end dates for the 2014/15 academic year. The latest dates can be found at this

address: [www.stir.ac.uk/campus-life/semester-dates/](http://www.stir.ac.uk/campus-life/semester-dates/) [[www.stir.ac.uk](http://www.stir.ac.uk)]

The Autumn Semester dates remain largely unchanged. The most notable change is the start of the Spring Semester, which has been moved up by about one month, to Monday, 12th January 2015 from mid-February in years past. We are still working through the ramifications of this change but at this point we expect we will ask students to arrive on the corresponding previous Saturday, 10th January. Please note the Spring Semester 2015 end date has remained unchanged. The additional month will be filled by an extended mid-semester reading week and extended exam revision period in mid to late April.

We also have a new Fact Sheet link for current information about working with us:

[www.stir.ac.uk/media/wwwstiracuk/studentrecruitment/documents/Incoming-SA-EXC-Fact-Sheet.pdf](http://www.stir.ac.uk/media/wwwstiracuk/studentrecruitment/documents/Incoming-SA-EXC-Fact-Sheet.pdf)  
[[www.stir.ac.uk](http://www.stir.ac.uk)]

Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best regards Sterling Yates