Copenhagen (KU & DTU), Ecole Polytechnique, Edinburgh, Melbourne & UCL (U Chicago covered in the U Chicago session)
Requirements for All Programs

• Students must take a minimum of 18 units (2 to 4 classes based on credit/unit system of partner university) in the department closest to their STEM option at the host university – can be for required, equivalent, elective credit, broadening, etc. Must be a STEM class.

• If you have a double option, then the 18 credits will be in your primary STEM option. Can’t split 9 & 9.
Requirements for All Programs

Must take at least 36 Caltech units and minimum of 4 classes with max of 5.

(6 sometimes allowed where classes are offered that are less than 9-unit equivalents, e.g., 3 or 6 – primarily occurs at Cambridge in certain subjects such as CS or physics to achieve the 36 unit minimum.

No need to get professor/instructor’s approval for courses at this point. (This happens after selection into a program.)
### GPA

Need stable or rising GPA & Minimum GPA for each program must be met. No exceptions.

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Degree Structure-UK

- All English degrees are 3 years long – only 3 years of classes. UCL are all 3 years long, but some have add-on “integrated” master’s – Master’s classes not open to affiliate students.
- Cambridge – all biology subjects only 3 years, math only 3 years, CS 3 years, all other NatSci subjects and Engineering, include Chem Eng are 3 undergrad plus 1 master’s. Caltech students can take 4th year classes.
- Scotland (Edinburgh) – all degrees are 4 year plus have a 5th year is master’s (not open to visiting students.)
- Finals in the UK take place in their 3rd term for both 1st & 2nd term classes. The 3rd term is NOT taught. It is review and exams. Edinburgh & UCL do fall term exams. Cambridge does not. UCL & Edinburgh allow visiting students to take classes outside their major/admitting subject. Cambridge has few exchanges. All are college run and they are exclusive and not interested in university wide exchanges.
Degree Structure - Denmark

- Denmark (U. Copenhagen & DTU) – first 3 years are undergrad. Last 2 master’s. 4\textsuperscript{th} year coursework for master’s. 5\textsuperscript{th} year thesis. Can take 4\textsuperscript{th} year master’s classes. No PhD classes.

- UCPH) — natural sciences and computer science. Can take 4\textsuperscript{th} year master’s classes.

- DTU — engineering science, but also space sciences, computer sciences, physics, chemistry, math, management engineering, energy, bio-sustainability and bioinformatics, etc.
Degree Structure French Grande Ecoles

- Ecole Polytechnique – 4 years (3 to get degree + 1 required year away from the Ecole in France or abroad.
- Can only take classes ONLY from **Year 3** of curriculum (only Year with exams in Dec.) and ALL 4 of classes in your area of specialization the *programme d'approfondissement & French*. Will take either a French language or lit class based on your skill level. If there is no schedule conflict can take an elective in the humanities/soc sci IF your schedule allows. 3 HSS units. After admission might be allowed to switch one class to another specialization.
Degree Structure Melbourne

- Melbourne Science — B.S. has over 41 majors (subjects) in science and engineering fields
- 3 Year Degree, option to extend for 4th year
- Go to this link for majors: https://coursesearch.unimelb.edu.au/undergrad/1510-bachelor-of-science
- If you have an official option in HSS you can apply in that option to Melbourne
Need to have background for classes

• In most universities abroad students are admitted IN a specific subject.
• They are not required to take HSS classes and HSS students don’t take STEM classes
• Universities abroad have DEPTH study & their curricula does not aim to make students WELL-ROUNDED, i.e., Breadth Study like US.
• This means students have much more content background their field.
• Prerequisites are usually not listed as it is presumed students have taken the needed classes in the previous year.
Course Background Continued

• STEM classes – need to look carefully at previous year’s classes.
• For example, you won’t be allowed by our partner universities to take a 3rd year class on Emotional Themes in Victorian Literature, unless you have a general British lit survey class & a specific survey class on Victorian Lit. Upper-level classes may require 2 to 4 graded (not frosh hum) classes – depends on program.
• BEM/Econ classes – need not only EC 11 & Accounting – 3rd year business or econ students will have 8 to 12 classes in their major.
Copenhagen: DTU & KU aka UCPH
Copenhagen: DTU & KU)

• Students are admitted to either DTU or KU, and take all science or engineering classes at admitting university – can’t mix

• DTU students choose 1 Danish Culture at KU plus 3 to 4 DTU classes. **DTU has a Danish class conversation class not taught for credit.**

• At KU take two Block 1, one Block 2 classes in primary STEM option plus 2 Danish Culture classes.

• Cannot do Econ/BEM at KU. If BEM is a primary option or secondary option, DTU works for electives in BEM.

• E means autumn (efterår) and F means spring (forår). Be sure you are in the correct semester!
Danish Culture Classes at KU
Can get 9 Hum credits & may get advanced

- Course in Danish Culture
- Sustainable Development of Denmark in the World (could be SS units)
- Danish Architecture and Urban Design
- Danish Design
- Danish Film, Television, and Streaming
- Nordic Mythology
- Søren Kierkegaard and the Challenge of Existence
- Gender & Sexuality Studies
KU Equivalent Option Subjects

• KU Subjects: Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science, Environmental Sciences, Geological Sciences, Mathematics, Physics (Nils Bohr Institute)

• NO ENGINEERING!
DTU Subjects

Copenhagen: DTU & KU Credit

• ECTS = European Credit Transfer Credits
• DTU: classes are usually 5 or 10 ECTS. Both = 9 Caltech unit unless you are trying to get credit for a 12-unit CIT equivalent class.
• KU: classes are 7.5 or 15 ECTS. Only take 7.5 classes to reach required min of (3 STEM + 2 Danish Culture classes)
• Both universities have something called a Block System, but that means something different at each...
KU: Block System

• KU semester in science is composed of 2 teaching blocks:
  Block 1, Sept – mid Nov.
  Block 2, Mid Nov.- January with 1 week break.
• Exams are given at the end of each block.
• Students choose **two** 7.5 classes in Block 1 and **one** 7.5 class in Block 2. At least two classes (18 CIT units) must be in option subject & qualify for option elective or requirement credit. (Why ONE class only in Block 2? - due to exam issues & finishing class without being there.)
• Students also take 2 Danish Culture courses: [https://danishculturecourses.ku.dk](https://danishculturecourses.ku.dk)
DTU: Block System

• The weekly schedule is composed of ten teaching blocks.
• Each block is 4 hours long 8am to noon or 1pm to 5pm: Lecture/coffee break/lecture & discussion/break/problem or project session with faculty member attending
• Each 5 ECTS class is taught in one 4-hour block.
• Each 10 ECTS class is taught in two 4-hour blocks, but not on the same day.
Bachelor’s vs Master’s Classes

• Bachelor’s classes are first 3 years of program. Most Danish students opt to do two additional years to get a master’s with the 2nd year for a thesis.

• The 4th year classes are master’s level and open to qualified Caltech students.

• When choosing classes pay attention to the term taught (fall only) and to the level of class, e.g., Bachelor’s or Master’s.
Questions?

• Please ask – we know this is complicated.
Ecole Polytechnique
Ecole Polytechnique

• Need to speak good Intermediate French minimum!
• Can only do 3rd year of engineering cycle:
• Must take 4 classes in their Programme d'Approfondissement (PA) (Area of Scientific Specialization.)
  https://programmes.polytechnique.edu/en/ingenieur-polytechnicien-program/program-details/year-3-of-the-ingenieur-polytechnicien-program
• Must take French Language-placement test is given & take for 3 units
• Can take hum or social science depending on offerings and schedule – 3 units
• Cannot do Bachelor’s classes. Not at the Caltech rigor level.
• Some PA’s are primarily taught in French like Physics and some like CS primarily in English. Good French is needed to engage fully in the social experience.
Ecole Polytechnique

• Programme d’Approfondissement (PA)
• (36 blocs, 144 h of teaching, 20 ECTS)
• Biologie
• Bio-Informatique
• Chimie
• Économie
• Electrical engineering
• Énergies du 21st siècle (Energies for the 21st Century Engineering)
Ecole Polytechnique
Programme d’Approfondissement (PA)

• Informatique (CS)
• Innovation technologique (Innovation Technologies)
• Mathématiques
• Mathématiques appliquées
• Mécanique
• Physique
• Sciences pour les Défis de l’Environnement
• Space Sciences
• YOU TAKE 4 CLASSES IN ONE PA/Area of Scientific Specialization PLUS FRENCH LANGUAGE
Avez-vous des questions?
Edinburgh
Edinburgh

- Has 3 Colleges
- College of Science & Engineering (CSE) This is your admitting College.
- College of Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences (CAHSS)
- College of Medicine & Veterinary Medicine (CMVM)
- Visiting students cannot be admitted to or take classes in this CMVM even if the class says open to all students – they mean students in CMVM not exchange students.
Edinburgh

- Each College is made up of Schools.
- A School is equivalent to a department & can have more than one “option” or track.
Edinburgh

- **Schools – College of Science & Engineering**
- Biological Sciences
- Chemistry
- Engineering – ME, Chem E, EE, Civil, etc.
- GeoSciences – Geology, Ecology, Environmental Science, Geography, which has some Social Sciences classes
- Informatics (Computer Science)
- Mathematics
- Physics and Astronomy
Edinburgh

- **College of Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences**
- Art & Art History (Limits on what visitors can take, but offer art history/gallery & a few studio classes to visiting students)
- Divinity
- Economics
- Education
- Health in Social Science
- History
Schools: College of Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences continued

- Classics and Archaeology
- Law
- Literatures,
- Languages and Cultures
- Music (some limitations)
- Philosophy
- Psychology and Language Sciences
- Social and Political Science
Edinburgh

• Admitted to College of Science and Engineering (CSE)
• Max of 40 credits in College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences (CAHSS)
• MUST HAVE 40 CREDITS IN CSE to take 40 CAHSS
• Take minimum of 4 classes and minimum of 60 Edinburgh credits. Take max of 80 credits & 4 to 5 classes from all Colleges.
Edinburgh

• Some CSE subjects are 20 credits per class, while some are 10, e.g., engineering-all get 9 CIT units except 12-unit equivalent classes
• Can only choose Semester 1 classes – not Semester 2 or full year classes because you can’t take the exam!
• Check Availability in course description: must say Open to All Students and be Semester 1.
• Check prereqs! Not always obvious. Need to look at classes the level under.
• Must be SV1
Meaning of the availability codes

• **SV1** – available to all students including visiting students – *check semester class is taught* – MUST BE SEMESTER 1 & has Dec. Exam or assessment. April/May exam diet classes NOT allowed.

SV1 are taught in Semester 1 or 2. Only Sem 1 = fall.

• **SS1** means that visiting students **cannot** take an SS1 class – usually field classes, project, limited enrollment, or year-long classes.

• **VV1** – Available to visiting one term students only – check to make sure class is taught Semester 1 *AND has Dec. Exam*. This could be a special section of a class is reserved for visiting students for examination purposes.
Edinburgh

- Courses are designated by level: 8, 9, 10, 11
- For HSS courses, choose level 8 (intro) unless you have significant background in the specific subject
- Courses taken by 3rd and 4th year students are usually level 9 and above.
- PREREQUISITES – Noted on each class description. When prereq indicates visiting students not required to have the prereq – This ACTUALLY means you need to have taken a similar class at Caltech. You are NOT exempt!
Credit Codes

• SCQF = Scottish Credit and Qualification Framework (Look for SCQF 10 or 20)

• **CAUTION** – do not pay attention to the ECTS credit code, applies only to European visitors.

• For example, could see SCQF 20 and ECTS 10, or SCQF 10 and ECTS 5.

• Look ONLY AT THE SCQF. All classes = 9 CIT units
School of Biological Sciences

- Biochemistry
- Biology
- Biotechnology
- Cell Biology
- Developmental Biology
- Ecology
- Evolutionary Biology
- Genetics
- Immunology
- Molecular Biology
- Molecular Genetics
- Plant Science
- Zoology
School of Biological Sciences

• Some subjects do not have intro levels, e.g., Biochemistry starts at level 10.
• 10 is the top level for undergrad classes – you cannot take postgraduate classes
• You must have the prerequisites to take level 10 classes
• Not all level 10 classes are available to visiting students
School of Chemistry

- Chemistry
- Chemical Physics
- Levels are 8, 9, 10 & 11
- Some level 11 classes are available to all students, but must be taught in Semester 1 and have a December exam or assessment. Always check the exam diet date and it must say December!
School of Engineering

• **Classes are 10 or 20 credits.** *9 Caltech units are given to both 10 and 20*

• Chemical Engineering (levels 8-11)- level 8 only 2nd Semester as students take core science Semester 1.

• Civil – level 8-11 & SV1 level 11 are available

• Electronics – (EE) levels 8-11

• Management only a few of these 8-10 and Level 11 in 2nd Semester

• Mechanical has levels 8-11 and level 11 available

• School of Engineering – redundant name – has year-long project classes visitors **cannot** take. But also has semester project classes you **can** take.
Engineering Class Choice Factors

• ME Subject has sustainable energy classes & lots of fall project and design classes
• School of Engineering has a few group design project classes, e.g., Design of Microsystems
• Chem Eng has design and project classes open to fall exchange students
• Electronics (EE) 8 to 11 and several design and project classes open to visitors, e.g., Electronic Product Design and Manufacture
School of Geosciences

- Earth Science
- Ecological Science
- Environmental Courses
- Geography
- Geosciences
- Meteorology
School of Geosciences

• Very broad department, encompassing human geography, economics-oriented classes, environmental science, and geology/geochemistry

• Geography has Social Science-type classes, e.g., Economic & Political Geography

• Postgraduate classes may be available to visiting students – depends on your background
School of Informatics

- Informatics 8-11
- *Dozens* of classes taught each semester!
- Can take classes at level 11.
- Many classes are 10 Edinburgh credits = 9 CIT units
- Classes in design, machine learning, human-computer interaction, robotics, etc.
School of Mathematics

• Mathematics 8-11
• Both pure and applied math
• Most level 11 classes are not open to visitors as they are only open to students in the graduate program, i.e., MIGSAA = Maxwell Institute for the Mathematical Science
School of Physics & Astronomy

- Levels 8 through 11
- Level 11 classes are usually open to undergraduates.
- Astronomy can work well for GPS Planetary Science option students
Edinburgh Points to Remember

• Classes must be SV1 and Open to All Students (NOT SS1 or VV1)
• Classes must be taught in Semester 1
• Class must have a December Exam Diet (date)
• Can take up to 40 Edinburgh Credits in the College of Arts Humanities and Social Science-40 allowed as long as you have 40 in CSE & meet minimum of 18 CIT option school credit
• Take min. 4 classes & max 5/60 credits (max of 80 credits)
• Must take 40 credits in CSE. Can elect to take 1 or 2 20 credit classes in CAHSS based on credit & class total
George Square Campus

George Square (central) campus
Questions?
(King’s Buildings- STEM campus 114 acres)
Melbourne
Melbourne

• All subjects (classes) are 12.5 points each
• Can take max of 50 points – no more! At least 50% (18 credits min) of classes in option
• Can do 25% of classes as research class & Melbourne offers topics so easy to arrange
• Up to 50% in other subjects in science/eng or in humanities or social – your choice.
• Choose Semester 2 subjects (classes) only
Melbourne Subject Handbook

• REMEMBER that SUBJECTS = Classes
• Courses = Degree program & not a class!
• Choose **Semester 2** Choose Undergraduate Subjects
• Choose Subject Study Area, Faculty & Depts.
Questions?
(Yarra River - CBD)
University College London
UCL

- No course catalog have to search by **Subjects**:
- Admitted to one department (Admitting Dept.) MUST TAKE 50%
- In Science, Engineering, Humanities and Social Sciences 15 credits is one class
- Restriction on which subjects admit fall only students
UCL Science Subjects Allowed

- UCL **SCIENCE** departments that **ACCEPT** fall students- **minimum** required cum GPA noted:
  - Biomedical Sciences- **3.5** GPA & have extensive background, but we have found a 3.9 plus extensive background is needed
  - Molecular Biosciences- **3.3**
  - Biological Sciences- **3.5**
  - Global Health- **3.3**
UCL Science Subjects Allowed

- Chemistry-3.3
- Earth Sciences-3.3
- Geography-3.3
- Infection and Immunity-3.3 (Need background)
- Linguistics-3.3
- Neuroscience-3.7
- Psychology or Psychology & Language Sciences-3.3
Engineering/Applied Science Subjects

admitting fall students

- Computer Science 3.3, but experience shows you need a 3.9 to be admitted & need strong refs

- Civil, Environmental and Geomatic Engineering - 3.3

- Mechanical Engineering - 3.3 (Check if class is fall only or yearlong and allows a fall exam.)
UCL Subject Restrictions

• Departments you **CANNOT** be admitted to for fall only:
  • Biochemical Engineering
  • Chemical Engineering *(BioE students-Molecular Biosciences & Chem E enter Chemistry or a Bio Department)*
  • Electrical Engineering
  • Mathematics
  • Physics & Astronomy
  • Statistics
Humanities & Social Sciences

• **Most** allow "affiliate" students to take fall classes. Usually level 1 or 2 only. Check offerings.

• Anthropology & Archaeology

• Economics – level 1 only

• Education

• European Languages, Culture & Society—lit classes

• European Social & Political Studies (has law & econ classes you can take)
HSS allowed subjects cont’d

- Geography (physical & human)
- Global Health
- Greek & Latin – Classics/Ancient World-**lit classes**
- Hebrew & Jewish Studies-**lit classes**
- History
- History & Philosophy of Science
- History of Art – very popular gallery classes
- Linguistics
HSS allowed subjects cont’d

• Liberal Arts & Sciences (has some hidden gems, e.g., Science Meets Religion in the Global Community, Creative Writing, Migration & Health, etc.)

• Philosophy

• Planning

• Political Science & International Relations

• Population Health & Global Health
HSS allowed subjects cont’d

• Psychology
• Psychology & Language Studies
• Slavonic and East European Studies (SSEES) – has econ classes.
Restricted HSS Subjects

Cannot take classes in these departments

- Architecture
- English Literature
- Fine Art
- Law
- UCL Centre for Languages (Can take lit classes in a foreign language or in translation in many of the area studies departments.)
Literature Class Options

- Students **cannot** take English literature classes, but can take classes in other literature departments of which there are many including the Classics, e.g., Roman Poetry, or Spanish literature, etc.

- *Go to Edinburgh if you want to take English lit classes!*

- Reminder – can take Econ in SEES & European & Political Studies
UCL & Econ Classes

- The **Slavonic Studies** teaches many econ classes, e.g., *Topics in Financial Management* or the *Economics of Entrepreneurship*
- In Economics Dept. Restricted to LEVEL 1 classes. Cannot take Level 2 or 3!
Credits Continued

• Students will take four 15 credit classes

• EXPRESS CLASSES IN UCL CREDITS NOT ECTS CREDITS! Ignore the ECTS and US unit translation. Only list 15 UCL credits.

• Pick Fall only classes, not Year or Spring

• Some subjects have fall classes, but do not give fall exams: math, stat sci, physics, etc.
Questions?
How to get find classes

- U Copenhagen: [http://kurser.ku.dk](http://kurser.ku.dk)
- DTU: [http://www.kurser.dtu.dk/](http://www.kurser.dtu.dk/)
- Choose current academic year & 3A for class level
- UCL: [https://www.ucl.ac.uk/prospective-students/study-abroad-at-ucl/subjects](https://www.ucl.ac.uk/prospective-students/study-abroad-at-ucl/subjects)
Course List & Proposal Examples

• Examples in FASA Library-make Doodle reservation for library time. Doodle is posted by month at fasa.caltech.edu. You can look at examples by option & university

• Remember that you always need to check the course catalog of the host university as offerings change

• After program selection you are allowed to change classes via a petition/ approval process
Questions

• Har du et spørgsmål om disse oplysninger? *(Danish)*
• Avez-vous une question à propos de cette information? *(French)*
• G’day, mate, do you have a question? *(Australian)*
• Do you, per chance, have a question about what we have discussed thus far? *(Real English)*
• Dae ye hae a quaistion aboot this? *(Scots)*