



## Direct Exchange Programs in Forest Resources Bangor University

# WALES

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### Direct Exchange Programs – Bangor University

Located in Wales, Bangor University was founded in 1884, making it one of the oldest and most prestigious degree awarding institutions in the United Kingdom. The University has an impressive range of library, IT and subject specific learning resources and facilities, as you would expect from a high quality institution. Bangor has a vibrant research community, conducting internationally recognized research programs which you could be part of. With students from over 79 countries world-wide, the city has a thriving international community, and provides a welcoming and supportive learning environment for international students who wish to develop their full potential through our range of high quality, well-founded and established study programs.

### United Kingdom

England, Scotland and Wales, make up Great Britain, along with Northern Ireland come together to form the United Kingdom.



Wales is the most mountainous country, with Northern Ireland known for its lush green landscape and rolling hills. From temperate to oceanic climates of frequent rainfall, winds, and winter snows, the United Kingdom sees a variety of temperatures and has, overall, enjoyable weather.

### Bangor, Wales



Situated on the North Wales coast, the city of Bangor is easy to reach from any part of the UK. Manchester International Airport is only a two-hour train journey away and London is only a four-hour train journey away. A cathedral city, Bangor is set between the Snowdonia Mountains and the sea and is a beautiful and spectacular place to study. With miles of beautiful coastline and the nearby Snowdonia National Park, the area boasts some of the most beautiful and spectacular scenery in the country. Mount Snowdon – England and Wales’ highest peak is only a half hour journey from Bangor. It’s a compact city – university buildings, accommodation and city center are all within safe walking distance.

### Areas of Study

The School of Forest Resources supports student exchange with Bangor University. Students will be able to take classes in Wales and transfer the credit back to UMaine that will meet graduation requirements.

### Requirement

Minimum overall GPA 2.75

## Calendar

### Fall semester:

Arrival date: September second week (Manchester airport pick-up available only on this date)

Orientation: September third week

Classes start: September fourth week

Exams end: January third week (students may make arrangements to take their final exams earlier)

### Spring semester:

Arrival date: January second week (Manchester airport pick-up available only on this date)

Orientation: January third week

Classes start: January fourth week

Exams end: June first week

### Grading Scale:

Bangor grade	ECTS grade	UMaine grade
70-100%	A	A
65-69%	B	A-
60-64%	B	B+
55-59%	C	B
50-54%	C	B-
40-49%	D	C
0-39%	F	F

## Academics

Exchange students can take a combination of modules from different schools, regardless of their course of study at home. Students are strongly advised to research online for the choice of modules available and create a draft timetable well before arriving in Bangor. Module (course) registration takes place during Welcome Week and further guidance is provided during the Welcome & Orientation Meetings each semester.

Exchange students are required to enroll in a full load of credits. Full-time enrollment is 60 credit units per semester (or 120 credits for an academic year), with most individual modules, or courses, valued at 20 credits. Generally, students enroll in 3 modules per semester. It is not possible to enroll in more than 60 credits in a single semester. Some modules (courses) may not be available to exchange students:

### Full-time enrollment:

UMaine students must be registered for 50-60 Bangor credits each semester.

### Transfer credit information:

20 credits at Bangor University = 10 ECTS credits = 5 UMaine credits

10 credits at Bangor University = 5 ECTS credits = 2.5 UMaine credits

Undergraduate programs at Bangor University are made up of three levels:

Level 1 – first year introductory modules (100- and 200-level courses at UMaine)

Level 2 – second year intermediate modules (300-level courses at UMaine)

Level 3 – final year advanced modules (400-level courses at UMaine)

## Housing

On-campus housing is guaranteed for UMaine exchange students. Students will receive a housing application once they are accepted as an exchange student by Bangor University. Accommodation at Bangor University is within walking distance of the city center, the libraries, lecture theaters, seminar rooms and other academic buildings.

University accommodation is of a basic nature: single-study bedrooms equipped with bed, desk, chair, and wardrobe. Standard rooms in self-catered blocks have shared bathrooms and kitchen facilities, and all halls are mixed-sex. Most upperclassmen, and many international students, choose to live in privately owned accommodations in the city, making individual arrangements with landlords after arrival in Bangor. The Student Housing Office maintains a list of hotels and guesthouses for temporary accommodation.



## Direct Exchange Programs in Forest Resources Universidad de Santiago de Compostela

# SPAIN

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### Direct Exchange Programs - University of Santiago de Compostela



University of Santiago de Compostela (USC) was founded in 1495 and it recently celebrated its 500th birthday. It is located in buildings throughout the impressive surroundings of the city of Santiago de Compostela. Its faculties are divided between the north, south and central campuses. It is one of the top academic institutions in Spain and is a major research institution. It is home to 35,000 students and hosts more than 1,500 international students each year. It has two campuses: the Santiago de Compostela campus and the Lugo campus, which is located 90 km (60 miles) northwest of Santiago. Both cities have been declared world cultural heritage site by UNESCO.

### Spain

Spain is a diverse country located in Mediterranean Europe and is the second largest country in Western Europe (behind France). With great beaches, fun nightlife, many cultural regions and historic cities, Spain makes a great destination for any kind of trip. Spain has hundreds of interesting cities. Some of the major travel destinations include the capital Madrid, Barcelona, Seville, Cordoba, Granada and Valencia. Some of the important historical sites include the Alhambra, Granada, the Guggenheim Museum, Bilbao, or the Roman Aqueduct of Segovia. There is everything from lush meadows, snowy mountains, huge marsh and salines, and some desert zones in east Andalusia. Spanish music is often considered abroad to be synonymous with flamenco, an Andalusian musical genre, which, contrary to popular belief, is not widespread



outside that region. Alongside music, art is also very culturally influenced as well as the architecture, food, and literature.

### Santiago de Compostela



The city of Santiago de Compostela lies in the northwest corner of Spain in the autonomous region of Galicia. It is well known as the destination of many religious pilgrims who follow the road to Santiago that ends at the

impressive Obradoiro Square in front of the Cathedral, which boasts an impressive Baroque facade. The city itself is very much a university city, with nearly a fourth of its population of 150,000 made up of college students. The old city is an enchanting maze of narrow cobblestone streets. Santiago is also less than an hour from the Galician coast and beautiful port cities of La Coruña, Pontevedra and Vigo. The region of Galicia, with its rolling hills and fertile lands, is extremely green and enjoys a steady share of rain year-round.

### Areas of Study

USC offers a degree in "Technical Forest Engineering Specialist in Forest Holdings". Courses are taught in Spanish, and many are equivalent to required courses for UMaine degrees in Forestry and Forest Operation, Bioproducts, and Bioenergy.

## Requirements

- Minimum overall GPA 2.75
- A minimum 5 semesters of Spanish language study is required for this exchange program.

## Language Instruction

Free intensive language courses, true language immersion are available to improve competency in Spanish. In this way students have the opportunity to take part in linguistic immersion in the two official languages of the USC.

## Calendar

Fall Semester:

- September first week to January third week

Spring Semester:

- January third week to May fourth week

In university courses, final exams are scheduled after the term ends, and can run through early February and early July. Students who intend to study in Spain for one semester should plan to apply for the spring semester.

Interested students should meet with [Prof. William Livingston](#) who can advise them on the Forestry courses offered at USC.

## Academics

Students enroll in regular university courses. Most classes are taught in Spanish. While some courses are taught in the regional language of Galician, exchange students can find a full load of courses taught in Spanish.

Full-time enrollment: UMaine students must be registered for at least 24 ECTS credits each semester. Students are not encouraged to register for more than 30 ECTS credits each semester.

Transfer Credits:

2 ECTS credits = 1 UMaine credit

Language courses 15 contact hours = 1 UMaine credit

Language Courses and Levels:

A 1 and A 2= 100 level

B 1 = 200 level

B2 = 300 level

C 1 and C 2 = 400 level

## Grading Scale:

Letter Grade	Number Grade	UMaine Grade
Sobrasaliente	9-10	A
Notable	7.0-8.9	B
Aprobado	5.0-6.9	C
Suspenso	0-4.9	F
No Asistencia		L
Asistencia		Audit

## Housing

Student housing is scattered throughout the city of Santiago de Compostela in publicly and privately owned student residences. The SUR (Servicio Universitario de Residencias) maintains a listing of available housing. Meals may be taken at reduced rates at one of the student cafeterias throughout the city, eaten at local restaurants, or cooked for oneself. Bus service throughout the city is excellent. The University has an active student life with regularly scheduled concerts, lectures, and movies; opportunities for involvement in sports; and a whole variety of student clubs and organizations. Accepted students may apply for housing in the residence halls. Other housing options are available.



## USC Web Site

<http://www.usc.es/gl/perfis/internacional/index.html>

## Student Voice

*My study abroad experience was absolutely worthwhile. My command of the Spanish language is one hundred times better than before I left. I also met wonderful and interesting people from all over the world, and I wouldn't trade that cultural exchange for anything. I lived in an on campus dorm first semester and then moved into an apartment for the second semester. I traveled all over while, both in Spain and out of Spain: Morocco, Belgium, London, Budapest, Valencia, Seville, The Canary Islands, Portugal, and others. In addition to all of this, I just enjoyed participating in the local cultural events in Santiago.*

*I could practice the language with everyone I encountered, even with international students. Even though we were from all different countries and spoke all different languages, Spanish became our common language (even though most people did speak some English). I used Spanish every day in all of my interactions: with professors, with storekeepers, with bank tellers, with whomever. I only ever spoke in Spanish.*

~Karin Beard, Spanish major



## Direct Exchange Programs in Forest Resources - HFR Rottenburg

# GERMANY

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### Direct Exchange Programs - HFR Rottenburg

The [University of Applied Forest Sciences Rottenburg](#) (HFR – [Hochschule für Forstwirtschaft Rottenburg](#)) is modern, innovative and practically oriented.



The HFR offers multidisciplinary solutions for development in the areas of forestry, timber industry, nature and environmental protection, landscape planning and water management. The material and energetic utilization of (forest-) biomass, dealing with

water as a limited resource, as well as taking part in international development collaborations are all of fundamental importance. The aim of every study program is the acquisition of knowledge and competency in relation to the responsible and sustainable utilization of natural resources. The HFR has been awarded several times for its future oriented education by UNESCO and it won the university competition 'Excellent Strategies' held by the Foundation for German Sciences.

### Germany

Germany is a beautiful country that has terrain ranging from the mountains of the Alps in the south to the shores of the North Sea in the north-west and the Baltic Sea in the north-east. Between lie the



forested uplands of central Germany and the low-lying lands of northern Germany which are traversed by some of Europe's major rivers such as the

Rhine, Danube and Elbe. Along with being a prominent member of the EU, Germany has the third largest economy in the world.

Germany is the most populated European country with 82 million people. It is often called the "land of poets and thinkers" and has had a great influence on European writers, musicians and thinkers. Three of the most famous composers have been of German descent; Beethoven, Bach, and Mozart. One of the most notable researchers and thinkers of time, Albert Einstein, was also from Germany. The Berlin Wall Museum, the actual remains of the Berlin Wall, and the Jewish Museum, are very notable historical sites that hold great significance to the history of Germany. Another popular stop for tourists is in Munich. The Staatliches Hofbrauhaus is a famous beer hall that was founded in the 16th century and provides tourists with a great look at traditional German culture and beer. Germany also hosts Oktoberfest which is known as the Largest People's Fair in the World.

### Rottenburg



Rottenburg is located in the center of the state Baden-Württemberg in Southwest Germany, about 30 miles southwest of Stuttgart and about 8 miles west of Tübingen. The distance to Switzerland is about 80 miles and to France 55 miles.

### Areas of Study

The HFR offers courses in Forestry in German language. The School of Forest Resources supports student exchange with Bangor University. Students will be able to take classes in Wales and transfer the credit back to UMaine that will meet graduation requirements.

### Requirements

- Minimum overall GPA 2.75
- German language proficiency at the intermediate level (at least GER 101 and GER 102 completed prior to departure).

### Calendar

#### Fall Semester

- Orientation: late September
- Semester: October 1 through February 15

#### Spring Semester

- Orientation: March 1 (tentative)
- Semester: March 10 through July 30

## Academics

Interested students should meet with [Prof. William Livingston](#) who can advise them on the Forestry courses offered at HFR.

- [Course Information in English](#)
- [Forestry](#)
- [Renewable Energy](#)
- [Forest Products](#)
- [Natural Area- and Regional Development](#)
- [Water Resource Management](#)
- [Sustainable Energy Competence](#)

Full-time enrollment:

UMaine students must be registered for at least 30 ECTS credits each semester.

Transfer credits:

2 ECTS credits = 1 UMaine credit

Grading Scale:

HFR grade	Percent	Descriptor	ECTS grade	UMaine grade
1.0 – 1.5	10	Excellent	A	A
1.6 – 1.9	35	Very Good	B	A
2.0 – 2.3	65	Good	C	B
2.4 – 2.7	90	Satisfactory	D	C
2.8 – 4.0	100	Not Sufficient	E	F
Bestanden (mit Erfolg)		Passed (successfully)		P
Besucht (regelmäßig)		Attended (regularly)		Audit

## Language Support

Students need at least the equivalent to 1 year of college level, introductory German language instruction. Students can then enroll in intensive language courses that are offered in August at nearby Tübingen University and in September at HFR for all incoming exchange students.

## Health Insurance

Health insurance is mandatory. Either students contract a health insurance in Germany for their stay or they have to provide proof of an health insurance for that term contracted in USA.

## Housing

HFR does not have on-campus housing but a student residence hall is available about one mile from the campus. Housing cost is \$350/month. The HFR International Office also has a list of private housing options and assists exchange students with looking for housing.

## Dining

The campus cafeteria is opened from 9am to 4pm. Lunch is offered five times per week from Monday through Friday. Students usually prepare breakfast and dinner in their residence halls. Common kitchens are available.

## Public Transportation

Students can buy a semester ticket at the current price of € 145 (\$190) for unlimited public transportation in the greater Rottenburg area.