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UNIVERSITY OF
ABERDEEN

INTERNATIONAL STUDY CENTRE

ENHANCE YOUR FUTURE

A TOP
15
UK
UNIVERSITY

Guardian University Guide 2023

IN THE TOP
200
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IN THE WORLD

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THE UNIVERSITY
OF ABERDEEN

4th
IN THE UK
*for overall
student
satisfaction*

5th
OLDEST
UNIVERSITY
in the UK

5
*Nobel Prize
winners*
INCLUDING THE
FIELDS OF CHEMISTRY
AND PHYSICS

10
subjects
RANKED IN THE
UK TOP 10
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Over
130
nationalities
REPRESENTED
ON CAMPUS



THE INTERNATIONAL STUDY CENTRE

THE PATHWAY TO YOUR FUTURE

Gain the academic, language, study and social skills you need to succeed at the University of Aberdeen and in your future career.

UNIVERSITY PREPARATION

Our pathway programmes, designed especially for international students, will prepare you for a Bachelors or Masters degree in a range of subject areas. With us, you can build your subject knowledge, while also improving your English language skills in a supportive specialist environment. The International Study Centre is based on campus, allowing you to become a part of university life from day one.

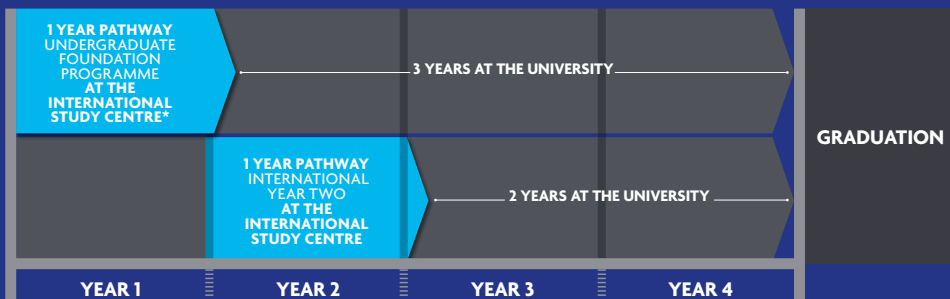
Your learnings and student experience at the International Study Centre, and once you progress to the University of Aberdeen, will help you to become a well-rounded individual ready to face the future.

EXCEPTIONAL SUPPORT

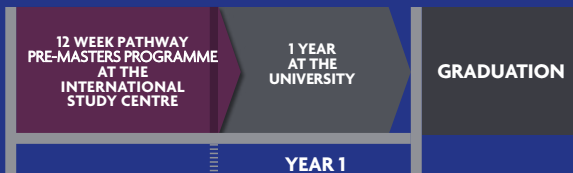
When you join us at the International Study Centre, you will be welcomed into the Aberdeen Family – a friendly and supportive network of staff and students. Our team at the International Study Centre can help you with any problems you may have.

You will learn from our experienced tutors, who are experts in preparing international students for university. We will monitor your progress through regular assessments and support sessions, making sure you're on the right track to progress to your degree. By the end of your programme, you will feel confident about joining the University of Aberdeen.

UNDERGRADUATE STUDY PLAN OPTIONS



POSTGRADUATE STUDY PLAN



93%
OF INTERNATIONAL STUDY CENTRE STUDENTS WHO COMPLETED THEIR COURSE WERE OFFERED A PLACE TO STUDY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ABERDEEN IN 2022

* This journey is not applicable to Undergraduate Foundation Programme in Life Sciences – Pathway to Medicine or for progression to LLB degrees.

ABERDEEN

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City Management,
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IN THE UK

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Rankings 2022

LOCATION

Aberdeen is a historical city on the north-east coast of Scotland. Known for its unique culture and distinct granite buildings, there is plenty to see and do while you are a student here.

You could explore the special nearby natural beauty – and you can occasionally even see the Northern Lights. Water sports, beach trips, hikes by local lochs and skiing are all doable in and around Aberdeen.

As a student in Aberdeen, you can experience famous traditional Scottish culture, with opportunities to explore the UK – London Heathrow is only a 1 hour and 30 minute flight away.

UNIVERSITY FACILITIES

The University boasts impressive facilities inside and outside the classroom.

The University is based across two campuses, Europe's largest health campus Foresterhill, and Old Aberdeen, where you can find the International Study Centre and the award-winning Sir Duncan Rice Library.

Wherever you go, at Aberdeen, you can see the result of multimillion pound investments.

The Aberdeen Sports Village, based on the University's campus, means that you can keep up your physical health while you study with us.

ACCOMMODATION

We offer student accommodation in partnership with Student Roost. You can experience the best of student living across en-suite or studio flats. These accommodation options are perfectly located and surrounded by everything you will need whilst studying in Aberdeen.

Your halls will have plenty of benefits, such as games room, study and social spaces, high speed Wi-Fi, and on-site staff available 24/7.

If you are younger than 18 at the start of your programme, you will be required to live at one of our approved accommodations.

Arranging your own accommodation privately

If you are over 18, you are able to organise your own accommodation. If you choose to do this, it is important that you let us know where you are staying and you are living within a 60-minute commute of the International Study Centre.



For more information about accommodation, please visit aberdeen-isc.ac.uk/about/accommodation

UNDERGRADUATE FOUNDATION PROGRAMME



A pathway to the second year* of a four-year undergraduate degree at the University of Aberdeen.

Across three terms, you'll develop the subject-specific knowledge and English language skills you need for success at the University.

You have four pathways to choose from, depending on your intended progression degree:

- **Business, Economics, Accounting and Real Estate**
- **Humanities, Law and Social Science**
- **Life Sciences**
- **Physical Sciences and Engineering**

KEY FACTS

Programme length: 3 terms

Entry dates: September or January

Entry requirements:

Academic: Good high school graduate grades or equivalent†

English language: Academic IELTS for UKVI 4.5 (minimum 4.5 in writing and 4.0 in all other skills)

Age: 17+



PROGRESSION DEGREES[^]

Once you complete your pathway programme and achieve the required grades, you can start the second year* of your undergraduate degree at the University. Choose from over 150 progression degrees, including:

BUSINESS, ECONOMICS, ACCOUNTING AND REAL ESTATE

Accountancy and Business Management MA
Accountancy and Finance MA
Business Management MA
Economics MA
International Business MA

HUMANITIES, LAW AND SOCIAL SCIENCE

English MA
International Relations and Legal Studies MA
Law LLB
Philosophy and Psychology MA
Politics and International Relations MA

LIFE SCIENCES

Biological Sciences BSc
Biomedical Sciences - Pharmacology BSc
Environmental Science BSc
Genetics BSc
Pharmacology BSc
Psychology BSc

PHYSICAL SCIENCES AND ENGINEERING

Chemical Engineering BEng
Civil Engineering BEng
Computing Science BSc
Mechanical Engineering BEng
Petroleum Engineering BEng

* With exception of the LLB programmes which offer first year entry only.

† For our Life Sciences pathway, you will also need to have studied Chemistry and one other Science or Maths subject. For the Physical Sciences and Engineering pathway, Maths and/or Physics may also be required.

[^] There is a wide range of progression degrees available. Some degrees may have further conditions for entry and progression.



For full details please visit aberdeen-isc.ac.uk/programmes/ug/undergraduate-foundation-programme

UNDERGRADUATE FOUNDATION PROGRAMME IN LIFE SCIENCES — PATHWAY TO MEDICINE

This programme is designed to prepare you for a medicine degree at the University of Aberdeen†.

Once you complete your pathway programme and follow a highly-competitive selection process*, you will then begin the first year of a five-year Medicine MBChB at the University.

KEY FACTS

Programme length: 3 terms

Entry dates: September

Entry requirements:

Academic: Good high school graduation grades (including Chemistry plus two other sciences from either Biology, Maths or Physics)

English language: Academic IELTS for UKVI 6.0 (5.5 in reading and 6.0 in other skills)

Age: 17+

PROGRESSION DEGREES

Medicine MBChB

† Each year there are up to 20 places available for this programme at the International Study Centre. Offers will be made on a first-come-first-served basis, subject to you meeting the English language requirements and being on track with your predicted grades/school report to meet the academic entry requirements.

* Due to the popularity of the MBChB degree, progression is competitively awarded and is dependent on achieving the required academic and English grades, as well as performance in the online University Clinical Aptitude Test (UCAT) and at multiple mini-interviews. You will also be required to write a personal statement as part of the application, as well as submit an academic reference from your Personal Academic Tutor. If you do not gain a place following the selection process, you will be able to select an alternative degree in the area of Life Sciences (subject to achieving the required grades).



For full details please visit aberdeen-isc.ac.uk/programmes/ug/subjects/medicine



INTERNATIONAL YEAR TWO

This programme provides an accelerated route to the third year of a four-year undergraduate degree at the University of Aberdeen.

You will join the second year of your degree at the International Study Centre. By completing this three-term programme and achieving the required grades, you are able to progress to the University of Aberdeen and complete the final two years of your undergraduate degree.

You can choose from two pathways, depending on your intended progression degree:

- **Business Management and Finance**
- **Computing Science**

KEY FACTS

Programme length: 3 terms

Entry dates: September or January

Entry requirements:

Academic: Good high school graduation grades or equivalent plus one year of further study[^]

English language: Academic IELTS for UKVI 5.5 (minimum 5.5 in all skills)*

Age: 17+

PROGRESSION DEGREES

BUSINESS MANAGEMENT AND FINANCE

Business Management MA

Business Management and Finance MA

Business Management and Politics MA

Finance MA

COMPUTING SCIENCE

Computing Science BSc

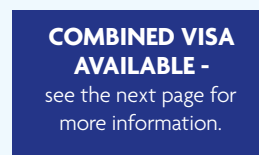
Computing MA

[^] For the Computing Science pathway, further study must include Maths or Computing Science.

* Alternatives to Academic IELTS for UKVI accepted as proof of your English language level.



For full details please visit aberdeen-isc.ac.uk/programmes/ug/international-year-two



PRE-MASTERS PROGRAMME

A fast-track, twelve-week programme designed to prepare you for postgraduate study at the University of Aberdeen.



Our Pre-Masters Programme deepens your academic knowledge and improves your English language skills through university-style tuition. You'll also improve your career skills, gain international experience, and develop practical tools for professional success.

You can choose from two pathways, depending on your intended progression degree:

- **Business and Law**
- **Science and Engineering**

KEY FACTS

Programme length: 12 weeks

Entry dates: May (to start your degree in September) or September (to start your degree in January)

Entry requirements:

Academic: Recognised degree in a related field

English language: Academic IELTS for UKVI 6.0 (minimum 6.0 in writing and no skills below 5.5)*

Age: 20+

* Alternatives to Academic IELTS for UKVI accepted as proof of your English language level.

^ There is a wide range of progression degrees available. Some degrees may have further conditions for entry and progression.



For full details please visit aberdeen-isc.ac.uk/programmes/pg/pre-masters

PROGRESSION DEGREES[^]

Following successful completion of the programme and achieving the required grades, you can progress to your chosen postgraduate degree at the University. Choose from over 60 progression degrees, including:

BUSINESS AND LAW

Accounting and Finance MScEcon
Finance and Investment Management MScEcon
Intellectual Property and Information LLM
International Business and Finance MSc
International Business Management MSc
International Commercial Law (with Professional Skills) LLM
International Human Resource Management MSc
International Relations and Management MSc
International Trade Law and Treaty Negotiation LLM
Marketing Management MSc

SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING

Advanced Mechanical Engineering MSc
Artificial Intelligence MSc
Biomolecular Archaeology MSc
Data Science MSc
Financial Technology MSc
Information Technology MSc
Oil and Gas Engineering MSc
Oil and Gas Enterprise Management MSc
Petroleum Engineering MSc
Renewable Energy Engineering MSc
Safety and Reliability Engineering MSc

Benefit from...

ENGLISH LANGUAGE PREPARATION

If you meet the academic entry requirements for our **Pre-Masters Programme** but need help with your English language, you can join our English Language Preparation programme delivered fully **online** first. The programme is designed to develop your English language skills and introduce you to essential academic and study skills before travelling to the International Study Centre to begin your Pre-Masters Programme.

COMBINED VISA

Save time and money, and experience a seamless transition to graduate success by studying the **International Year Two** or **Pre-Masters Programme** and your University degree with one visa.

Doing this means you will benefit from the following:

- Just **one visa required** for the whole length of your study
- **Alternatives to Academic IELTS for UKVI** can be used to join the pathway programme
- **Work up to 20 hours** per week
- **No visa requirement to return home** between the courses.

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How to apply

If you would like to apply to study at the University of Aberdeen International Study Centre, you will need to complete an application form and submit the relevant documentation.

You can apply through your local education agent. Alternatively you can apply directly via our website and one of our dedicated Student Enrolment Advisors will be happy to provide support through every step of the application process.



For full information on how to apply, fees, entry requirements and more, visit aberdeen-isc.ac.uk/admissions/apply

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Regular trains link Aberdeen to key hubs within the UK. A variety of domestic and international flights make Aberdeen easily reachable, wherever you're travelling from in the world.

By train to:

Glasgow: 2.5h

Edinburgh: 2.5h

By flight to:

London: 1.5h

Manchester: 1.25h

Newcastle: 55m

Amsterdam: 1.5h

Paris: 2h

