

Enhance your future



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UK'S MOST
*affordable city for
students*

QS Best Student Cities Rankings 2026

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Discover the University of Aberdeen

Founded in 1495, the University of Aberdeen is the UK's fifth oldest university and one of the most internationally distinguished universities in the UK.

Aberdeen is defined by a long history of **academic success and research excellence** combined with a modern approach to teaching a wide range of degrees across twelve schools.



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A **TOP 20** UK UNIVERSITY

Guardian University Guide 2026

5 NOBEL
PRIZE WINNERS
*including the fields
of Chemistry
and Physics*

8TH | 19TH
IN THE UK | IN THE WORLD
for international outlook

Times Higher Education World University
Rankings 2025

IN THE
TOP 5
UK BEST UNIVERSITIES
for Value for Money

StudentCrowd UK University Awards 2025



"Everything about Aberdeen is really good. The modules offered at the University of Aberdeen are both theoretical and practically-oriented, which is the fun part because you get to practice whatever you learn in the classes in the practical sessions. This helped me acquire the essential practical skills for my future career."

Faizan from Pakistan

International Year Two

Graduated with a First Class Honours in
Computing Science BSc

Completed internships with Redearth Education
(UK & Uganda) and the Net Zero Technology Centre
(Aberdeen)

**FREE
BUS TRAVEL**
ACROSS SCOTLAND
*for young people
under 22 years old*

Transport Scotland

**THE
ONLY CITY**
IN SCOTLAND
*with a Purple Flag
status for the 12th year
in a row, recognising
Aberdeen's safety*

Managed by the Association of
Town and County Management,
September 2025

**SCOTLAND'S
3RD**
LARGEST CITY,
*Aberdeen is known for
its sparkling granite
architecture and its
beautiful coast*

Aberdeen your new home

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 accessible 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 campus, helps you stay healthy and maintain your wellbeing during your studies.

Accommodation

Finding the right accommodation can be challenging, especially with many factors to consider such as location, price and convenience.

To help you navigate this process, we have partnered with Amber, a trusted platform designed to make booking accommodation easier for students.

You can expect:

- A variety of accommodation options – Choose from a broad range of accommodation options to suit all budgets.
- Different room types – Choose from several room types including standard, en-suite and studio rooms (subject to availability).
- Prime locations – Locations convenient to your campus and local amenities.

If you are under 18, we strongly recommend arranging accommodation via Amber.

Arranging your own accommodation independently

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

For more information
about accommodation,
please visit
**[aberdeen-isc.ac.uk/
accommodation](https://aberdeen-isc.ac.uk/accommodation)**



"Actually transportation is one of the things that I really love about living in Scotland, you could apply for a Young Scot Card, which allows you **free transportation all across Scotland**. You could just hop on the bus, go from Aberdeen to Edinburgh to Glasgow, all over Scotland."

Aylin from Iran
Undergraduate Foundation Programme



International reach

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:	By flight to:
Glasgow: 2.5h	London: 1.5h
Edinburgh: 2.5h	Manchester: 1.25h
	Newcastle: 55m
	Amsterdam: 1.5h



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 an undergraduate or a postgraduate degree in a range of subject areas. With us, you can build your subject knowledge, while also improving your academic 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 education and student experience at the International Study Centre, followed by your progression to the University of Aberdeen, will equip you to emerge as a well-rounded individual ready to tackle whatever the future holds.

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 degree study. 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.

Pre-courses

Prepare for Success

Join our **free online preparation course** to improve your expectations, skills and readiness ahead of starting your academic pathway programme. The course is designed to provide you with practical advice, guidance and support, so that you are ready to succeed from day one of your academic programme.

November start (Enhanced Induction)

If you want to **settle into your new environment and become familiar with the International Study Centre** prior to starting your academic pathway programme in January, the Enhanced Induction starts in November and consists of three additional weeks of life, learning and language skills, at no additional tuition fee.

Progression scholarships

Once you successfully complete your pathway programme at the International Study Centre, you'll be granted access to University of Aberdeen's scholarships to assist with financing your degree study.

For more information about the scholarships, please visit aberdeen-isc.ac.uk/how-to-apply/scholarships



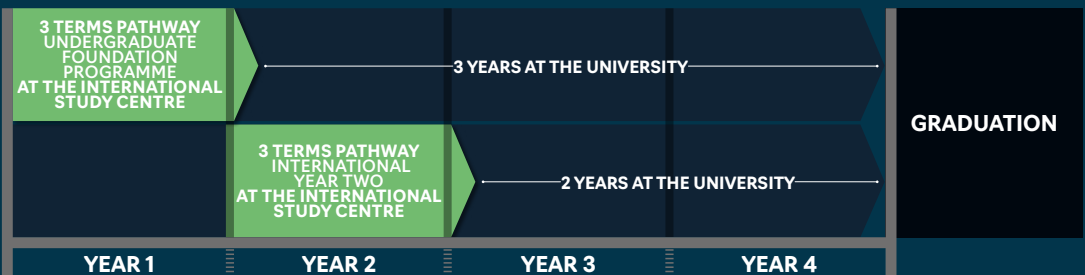


"I gained a lot of study skills while I'm here, how to do the research, how to read and do the notes... They [the teachers] have been very supportive. Every time I have a question about my assignment, I always come to them and they always give me feedback really fast."

Jensen from China
Pre-Masters Programme



UNDERGRADUATE STUDY PLAN OPTIONS



POSTGRADUATE STUDY PLAN



Note: This is an example timeline, some exceptions apply e.g. LLB degrees.

100%
OF INTERNATIONAL STUDY CENTRE STUDENTS
who completed their course
were offered a place to
study at the University of
Aberdeen in 2024.

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 academic English language skills you need for degree success at the University.

You have four routes 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: Three terms

Entry dates: September, November (Enhanced Induction) 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 other skills)

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

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

TOP 20 IN THE UK
for Business, Management & Marketing, and Civil Engineering

The Times and The Sunday Times Good University Guide 2026

TOP 100 IN THE WORLD
for Petroleum Engineering

QS World University Rankings by Subject 2025

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 **nearly 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
- History 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 BSc
- Biotechnology - Genetics BSc
- Environmental Science BSc
- Neuroscience with Psychology BSc
- Pharmacology BSc
- Psychology BSc

Physical Sciences and Engineering

- Chemical Engineering BEng
- Civil Engineering BEng
- Computing Science BSc
- Engineering (Electronic and Software) BEng
- Engineering (Mechanical with Oil and Gas Studies) BEng
- Petroleum Engineering BEng

[^] 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/
ug-pathways/
ug-foundation-
programme](https://aberdeen-isc.ac.uk/ug-pathways/ug-foundation-programme)



International Year Two

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

The International Year Two provides an **intensive combination of academic tuition, English language and study skills**. 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 three routes, depending on your intended progression degree:

| **Business Management and Finance**

| **Computing Science**

| **Medical Sciences**

Key facts

Programme length: Three 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+

* September intake only for Medical Sciences.

[^] For the Computing Science route, further study must include Maths or Computing Science. The progression to Medical Sciences requires Mathematics, Biology and Chemistry or combined/integrated science with evidence of Biology and Chemistry at highest level available in high school. Biology and Chemistry must also be studied in a further year of study.

[†] Alternatives to Academic IELTS for UKVI accepted as proof of your English language level.

Progression degrees[^]

Once you complete the International Year Two and achieve the required grades, you can start the third year of your undergraduate degree at the University. Choose from **over 20 progression degrees**, including:

Business Management and Finance

- Business Management MA
- Business Management and Finance MA
- Business Management and Information Systems MA
- Business Management and Politics MA
- Finance MA

Computing Science

- Business Management and Information Systems BSc
- Computing Science BSc
- Computing MA

Medical Sciences^{*}

- Biochemistry BSc
- Biomedical Sciences (Developmental Biology) BSc
- Biomedical Sciences (Molecular Biology) BSc
- Biomedical Sciences (Pharmacology) BSc
- Biomedical Sciences (Physiology) BSc
- Biotechnology - Developmental Biology BSc
- Biotechnology - Genetics BSc
- Biotechnology - Immunology BSc
- Biotechnology - Immunology and Pharmacology BSc
- Biotechnology - Microbiology BSc
- Biotechnology - Pharmacology BSc
- Exercise and Health Science BSc
- Neuroscience with Psychology BSc
- Pharmacology BSc
- Physiology BSc

[^] Some degrees may have further conditions for entry and progression.

* Please note that Medical Sciences progression degrees are subject to change. Visit our website for the most up-to-date list.

6TH IN THE UK
for Accounting & Finance

Guardian University Guide 2026

10TH IN THE UK
for Biomedical Sciences

Complete University Guide 2026

For full details please visit
**[aberdeen-isc.ac.uk/
ug-pathways/
international-year-two](http://aberdeen-isc.ac.uk/ug-pathways/international-year-two)**



Combined visa available
See page 9 for more information.

Pre-Masters Programme

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

Our Pre-Masters Programme **deepens your subject knowledge and improves your academic 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 routes, 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.

6TH IN THE UK
for Politics and
International Relations

The Times and The Sunday Times
Good University Guide 2026

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

Science and Engineering

- Advanced Mechanical Engineering MSc
- Artificial Intelligence MSc
- Biomolecular Archaeology MSc
- Cybersecurity MSc
- Data Science MSc
- Financial Technology MSc
- Global Energy Transition Management MSc
- Information Technology MSc
- Oil and Gas Engineering MSc
- Petroleum Engineering MSc
- Renewable Energy Engineering MSc
- Sustainable Energy Geoscience MSc

[^] 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/
pg-pathways/
pre-masters**



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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.

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 **abdn.ac.uk/how-to-apply**



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