

# Enhance your future



A  
**TOP 15**  
UK UNIVERSITY

Guardian University Guide 2024

**12<sup>TH</sup>** | **6<sup>TH</sup>**  
IN THE WORLD | IN THE UK  
for international outlook

Education World University Rankings 2024



# 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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# TOP 10

IN THE UK

*for student satisfaction  
for three years running*

National Student Survey 2021-2023

# 5

NOBEL  
PRIZE WINNERS

*including the fields  
of Chemistry  
and Physics*

IN THE

# TOP 20

UK UNIVERSITIES

*for 8 categories  
based entirely on  
student reviews*

StudentCrowd UK University Awards 2023

OVER

# 130

NATIONALITIES

*represented  
on campus*



*"Aberdeen is one of the safest cities in Scotland and in the UK in general. That's an important thing for me since my parents didn't want to put me in a place that's really difficult to live in. The quality of life here is really good because of the weather and it's on the sea, which I'm used to because back home I was living near the sea too."*

**Faisal from Jordan**

Studied Undergraduate Foundation Programme

**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 10th year  
running, recognising  
Aberdeen's safety*

Managed by the Association of Town  
& City Management, May 2023

**2<sup>ND</sup>**  
IN THE UK  
*for value for money,  
based entirely on verified  
student reviews*

StudentCrowd UK  
University Awards 2023

# 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, means that you can maintain your health and wellbeing while you study with us.

### Accommodation

We offer student accommodation in partnership with Student Roost, offering an array of exciting facilities that you can experience alongside living your best student life in a studio or en-suite room.

Our accommodation options are perfectly located and surrounded by everything you will need whilst studying at the International Study Centre.

Your accommodation 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 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)







**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.

<b>By train to:</b>	<b>By flight to:</b>
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 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 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.

## 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.

**97%**

**OF INTERNATIONAL STUDY CENTRE STUDENTS**

*who completed their course were offered a place to study at the University of Aberdeen in 2023.*

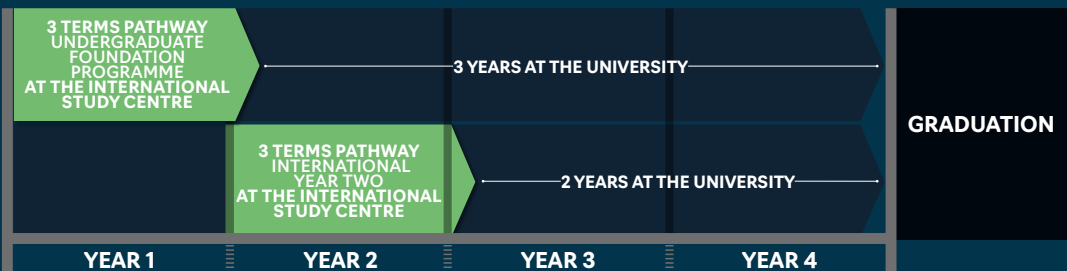


*"I gained a lot of study skills while I'm here, how to do the research, how to read and do the notes... They [the teachers] have been very supportive. Every time I have a question about my assignment, I always come to them and they always give me feedback really fast."*

**Jensen from China**  
Studied Pre-Masters Programme



### UNDERGRADUATE STUDY PLAN OPTIONS



### POSTGRADUATE STUDY PLAN



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

# 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 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.

**1<sup>ST</sup> IN THE UK**  
**for Anatomy and Physiology**

*The Times and The Sunday Times  
Good University Guide 2024*

**10<sup>TH</sup> IN THE UK**  
**for Chemical Engineering**

*Guardian University Guide 2024*

## Progression degrees<sup>^</sup>

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
- 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 - Pharmacology BSc
- Environmental Science BSc
- Genetics BSc
- Neuroscience with Psychology BSc
- Pharmacology BSc
- Psychology BSc

### **Physical Sciences and Engineering**

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

<sup>^</sup> 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](http://aberdeen-isc.ac.uk/ug-pathways/ug-foundation-programme)





# International Year Two

This programme provides a **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 routes, depending on your intended progression degree:

## | Business Management and Finance

## | Computing Science

## 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.

### 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

## 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<sup>^</sup>

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

**Age:** 17+

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



<sup>^</sup> For the Computing Science route, further study must include Maths or Computing Science.

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

**7<sup>TH</sup> IN THE UK**  
**for Accounting & Finance**

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**Combined visa available**  
See page 9 for more information.

# 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 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.

## Progression degrees<sup>^</sup>

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

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

**7<sup>TH</sup> IN THE UK**  
*for International Relations*

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For full details please visit  
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pg-pathways/  
pre-masters](https://aberdeen-isc.ac.uk/pg-pathways/pre-masters)



**Combined visa available**  
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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.

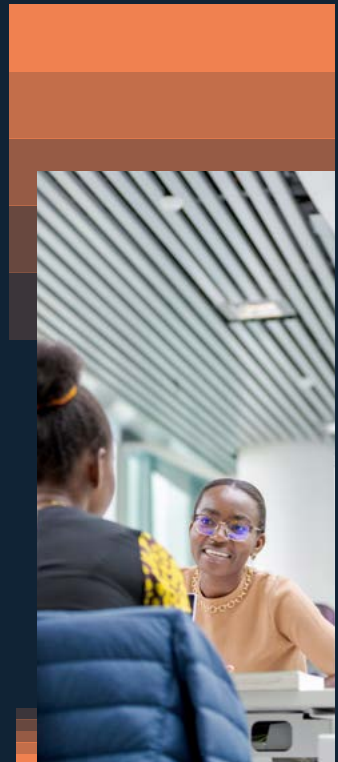
# How to apply

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 [aberdeen-isc.ac.uk/how-to-apply](https://www.aberdeen-isc.ac.uk/how-to-apply)



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